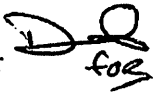


MEMORANDUM

TO: Council, SSC and AP Members

FROM: Chris Oliver
Executive Director 

DATE: March 28, 2013

SUBJECT: Cooperative Reports and Salmon PSC

ESTIMATED TIME 6 HOURS (All C-6 a, b, c d, e)

ACTION REQUIRED

Industry Progress report on BSAI Salmon Bycatch (Chinook IPA, Chum progress and A-84 RHS)

BACKGROUND

Under Amendment 91 to the BSAI Groundfish FMP, AFA sector representatives are now required to provide an overview of their Chinook salmon bycatch reduction efforts under individual incentive program agreements (IPAs). Representatives will provide their IPA reports from the 2012 fishing year at this meeting. Written copies of these reports are not due until April 1, however some sectors have submitted those and are attached as Item C-6(d)(1) and posted on the web. Additional reports from other sectors will be provided at the meeting as received. In conjunction with initial review of the Chum PSC management measures EA/RIR/IRFA in December 2012, the Council requested that each sector provide a proposal detailing how they would incorporate a western Alaska chum salmon avoidance program within their existing Chinook IPA for Council review. The Council motion from December is attached as Item C-6(d)(2). At this meeting in conjunction with reports on their Chinook IPA performance in 2012, sector IPA representatives are requested to provide a progress report toward meeting the Council intent of proposed program inclusion by the October 2013 meeting. Representatives from the Inter-cooperative Agreement (ICA) for chum bycatch avoidance will also provide a report on bycatch avoidance measures under the rolling hot spot (RHS) program in 2012. This report is a requirement of the status quo chum bycatch avoidance program implemented under Amendment 84 which conveys an exemption to the current Chum salmon savings area (CSSA) closure in the Bering Sea.