



# Local Knowledge, Traditional Knowledge, and Subsistence Taskforce

March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

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# Agenda

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## Expected outcomes from this meeting:

At this meeting, the Local Knowledge (LK), Traditional Knowledge (TK), and Subsistence Taskforce will finalize its work products, namely the LKTKS Protocol and onramp recommendations for Council review at the April 2023 Council meeting.

### DAY 1

1. Introductions, welcome, and review agenda (Taskforce)
2. Summary of Taskforce work to-date (Kate Haapala)
3. Changes to materials since December 2022 (Kate Haapala)
4. Review and finalize the LKTKS Protocol (Taskforce)
5. Public comment (Public)

### DAY 2

1. Introductions, welcome, and review agenda (Taskforce)
2. Review and finalize LKTKS onramp recommendations (Taskforce)
3. Review and finalize LKTKS Policy statement (Taskforce)
5. Public comment (Public)
6. Reflections and final recommendations (Taskforce)

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### Day 1

#### Introductions, welcome, and review agenda

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#### Summary of Taskforce work to-date

#### Changes to materials since December 2022

#### Review and finalize the LKTKS Protocol

Attachments:

[LKTKS Protocol\\_Mar2023](#) -Uploaded: 02/20/2023 10:26 AM AKST

### Day 2

#### Introductions and welcome

#### Review and finalize onramp recommendations

Attachments:

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# Objectives for the March meeting

- 1. Reach consensus on the LKTKS Protocol**
  - April Council meeting
  - Minimal editing time post Taskforce meeting
- 2. Reach consensus on the onramp recommendations**
- 3. Reach consensus on the LKTKS Policy Statement**
  - Time to discuss each day of the meeting
- 4. Receive input from members on major points of emphasis for April presentations to Council**



# Welcome and Introductions!

Mr. Toby Anungazuk Jr. (Golovin)  
Dr. Rachel Donkersloot (Coastal Cultures Research)  
Dr. Kate Haapala (NPFMC staff)  
Ms. Bridget Mansfield (NMFS, AKRO)  
Dr. Robert Murphy Jr. (Alaska Pacific University)  
Ms. Darcy Peter (Woodell Climate Research Center;  
Beaver)  
Dr. Julie Raymond-Yakoubian (Kawerak)  
Mr. Richard Slats (Chevak)  
Mr. Simeon Swetzof (St. Paul)  
Ms. Alida Trainor (ADFG Subsistence Division)  
Dr. Sarah Wise (AFSC)





A dark, atmospheric photograph of a coastal area. In the foreground, a paved road curves to the right. A chain-link fence runs across the middle ground. In the background, there are snow-capped mountains under a grey, overcast sky. On the right side, a signpost is visible with some text and logos, including 'Space For', 'Build the', 'This Space F', and a website URL 'www.com'.

# Summary of Taskforce Work

# Taskforce Goals:

1. To create processes and protocols through which the Council can identify, analyze, and consistently incorporate TK and LK, and the social science of TK and LK, into Council decision-making processes to support the use of best available scientific information in Ecosystem-based Fishery Management.
2. To create a protocol and develop recommendations through which the Council can define and incorporate subsistence information into analyses and decision-making.



# Work to achieve the Council's goals

Goals	Deliverables
<p>To create processes and protocols through which the Council can identify, analyze, and consistently incorporate TK and LK, and the social science of TK and LK, into Council decision-making processes to support the use of best available scientific information in Ecosystem-based Fishery Management.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ LKTKS search engine</li><li>✓ LKTKS Protocol</li><li>✓ Analytical template (onramp recommendation)</li></ul>
<p>To create a protocol and develop recommendations through which the Council can define and incorporate subsistence information into analyses and decision-making.</p>	





# Taskforce objectives

- Create a glossary of terms to be included in the Taskforce's workplan
- Identify potential "onramps," or points of entry, within the Council process (e.g., public testimony or analyses) for the Taskforce's work
- Develop a protocol outlining the best practices for soliciting LK and TK, and a protocol for the Council to identify, analyze, and incorporate TK and LK into the Council decision-making documents as appropriate
- Develop guidelines or protocols for Council staff for soliciting/identifying, analyzing, and using subsistence data and information in analyses
- Prepare a final report for the Council



# Work to achieve the Council’s objectives

Objective	Deliverable
Create a glossary of terms to be included in the Taskforce’s workplan	✓ Finalized workplan with a glossary of terms, November 2020
Identify potential “onramps,” or points of entry, within the Council process (e.g., public testimony or analyses) for the Taskforce’s work	✓ Eleven onramp recommendations developed for Council consideration
Develop a protocol outlining the best practices for soliciting LK and TK, and a protocol for the Council to identify, analyze, and incorporate TK and LK into the Council decision-making documents as appropriate	✓ Developed LKTKS Protocol
Develop guidelines or protocols for Council staff for soliciting/identifying, analyzing, and using subsistence data and information in analyses	✓ Eight primary guidelines in LKTKS Protocol
Prepare a final report for the Council	TBD



# Summary of Taskforce meetings

2020

- January
- April
- November

2021

- March
- ~~November~~ (postponed due to Covid)

2022

- January
- December

2023

- January
- **March**



# January 2023 meeting outcomes

## **Extended public review period**

- Consensus among Taskforce members to recommend an extended public review period
  - 45-day (April 14– May 26)
  - If the Council moves forward with that approach, Taskforce convene for a one-day virtual meeting to review comments

## **Policy Statement**

- Consensus to incorporate a policy statement based on the Protocol's 8 guidelines





# Overview of edits since December 2022



# Primary edits and changes to Protocol

- Protocol and onramps are two separate documents
- Added acknowledgment statement up front
- LKTKS Policy Statement is in Section 5 of the Protocol
- Identified ways the Council's process could change if it adopts the Protocol at the close of the Introduction and in the LKTKS Policy Statement
- Added Guideline 8
- Clarified the difference between LK holder and LK expert
- Reordered the guidelines based on December meeting recommendations



# Primary edits and changes to onramp recommendations

- Overall, a lot of context added to the onramps
- Removed the numbering to not suggest a prioritization
- Removed recommendation to support liaison, covered in guideline discussion.
- Added onramp to adopt the Protocol
- Added onramp to continue support for search engine maintenance over time



A photograph of a construction site. In the foreground, a paved road curves to the right. In the middle ground, a large, rectangular structure made of metal mesh cages is under construction. The cages are arranged in a long, low wall. To the right of the cages, a wooden signpost stands with several signs. The top sign says "Space For Build to". Below it is a logo for "ARC" and another sign that says "This Space For" followed by a logo and the website "www.comish". In the background, there are snow-capped mountains under a grey, overcast sky.

# LKTKS Protocol

# Plan for the section

- Walk through each section of the LKTKS Protocol on the screen
- Facilitate in-meeting edits due to time constraints and increase transparency/clarity
- Want to ensure there is consensus before presenting in April



# A reminder on the LKTKS Policy

- If the Council adopted the LKTKS Protocol, Taskforce envisions:
  - 8 guidelines would form an LKTKS Policy to guide and define the Council's approach to working with these knowledge systems
  - LKTKS Policy would be available on the Council's Management Policies webpage <https://www.npfmc.org/how-we-work/management-policies/>
- **By adopting the Protocol, envisioned the Council would be committing itself to the eight guidelines via the LKTKS Policy.**
- Full Protocol would be the foundational reference tool for the Council, staff, advisory bodies, and public
  - Context for understanding the LKTKS Policy





A photograph of a coastal area, likely a fishing harbor or processing plant. In the foreground, a paved road curves to the right. A long, low wall of metal cages, possibly for fish, stretches across the middle ground. To the right, a signpost with several signs is visible. The background features a large, snow-dusted mountain under a heavy, overcast sky. The text "Public comment" is overlaid in white on the lower half of the image.

# Public comment

Final reflections and  
recommendations to be included in  
the minutes





# Questions?

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