

Executive Director's Report

Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization

As most of you know, the House Resources Committee released HR 5018 (the Pombo bill) recently, which contains a number of provisions which would directly or indirectly affect how we do business. Chief among the provisions which would affect us are: limited access program development; observer program funding; and, reconciliation of NEPA and MSA. Copies of the bill can be provided. We have provided numerous comments on this bill over the past several months, as reflected in written testimony provided by myself and Ms. Madsen, and much of our input seems to have been taken into serious account.

SB 2012, on the Senate side, is still in Committee and may be out sometime this week. That bill contains many provisions similar to those in HR 5018. When these bills will go to conference is still uncertain, but we could still possibly see a reauthorization pass this fall.

CCED meeting

The annual Council Chairs and Executive Director's (CCED) meeting was held May 23-25 in Philadelphia, hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. Ms. Madsen and I represented the NPFMC, and the meeting was also attended by Dr. Hogarth, Dr. Balsiger, and other high-level NMFS personnel including Ms. Salveson from the NMFS Alaska Region. Per usual, major issues discussed included MSA reauthorization, NMFS and Council budget issues, and regulatory streamlining/NEPA issues. We did reiterate, or adjust slightly, our collective position on a few key MSA reauthorization issues, and that update is being prepared by MAFMC staff at this time. I will be sure and distribute that in the next week or so when complete. We also got a commitment from Dr. Hogarth to pursue discussions with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regarding regulatory streamlining and the closely related NEPA issues we have been testifying to. These discussions are intended, essentially, to find a better way to address NEPA requirements, recognizing that pending legislation could guide the approach taken.

We also spent considerable time discussing the recent GAO report on stakeholder participation in developing quota-based programs (distributed this spring in a Council mailing). A recent NOAA response to the GAO report (B-1(a)) commits NMFS and the Councils to establish a more formal policy and framework to enhance stakeholder involvement. The Councils expressed some concerns with this response given the open, public process we already employ, while recognizing that NOAA does need to respond to recommendations from the GAO. We will be involved in the development of this formal policy and I assure you that we will be tracking it very closely. I will update you further at our October meeting.

The full agenda for the CCED meeting is attached for your information under B-1(b), and I would be glad to provide further details on our discussions of any particular issues, either now, later in the meeting, or outside the meeting.

Upcoming Communities Conference

B-1(c) contains general information, registration, and the agenda for the “Alaska’s Fishing Communities – Harvesting the Future” conference to be held at the Anchorage Hilton on September 21 – 22, 2006. NOAA Fisheries and Alaska Sea Grant are sponsoring this follow-up forum to last year’s conference, and some of our staff are on the steering committee and will also participate. Website:<http://seagrant.uaf.edu/conferences/fish-com2/>

30th Anniversary in December

We are progressing on our plans for a 30th anniversary celebration this December 9. We have extended written invitations to our Alaska Congressional delegation, and hope to have Senator Stevens as our keynote speaker at this event. We also intend to invite previous Council members and put together some kind of ‘discussion forum’ to trace key Council milestones over the years, and we are putting together a brochure reviewing the past 30 years, including stories and anecdotes from a number of key figures. The evening will run from 6 to 10 pm, starting with a social hour followed by a sit-down dinner, followed by ceremonies. The After Six Orchestra will be playing during portions of the evening, up to about 10 pm. We have not finalized the menu or all of the details, but we do expect that registration and ticket purchase will be necessary to plan and pay for the event.

Functions this week

We can get an update from the USCG folks, who have been planning a number of events this week here in Kodiak, but I know we are on for the Fishery Training Center dedication/reception tonight, from about 6 to 8 pm. Transportation will be provided. Tours of the USCG facilities, including the USCG Air Station, cutter in port, base, and fish school, will be provided on Thursday and Friday, beginning at 4 pm, with transportation provided. A C-130 enforcement flight is scheduled for 6:30 pm Thursday for those Council members who have signed up for that.



AGENDA B-1(a)
JUNE 2006
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
1315 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

THE DIRECTOR

APR 28 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR: Regional Administrators, FMC Executive Directors

FROM: *William T. Hogarth*
William T. Hogarth, Ph.D.

SUBJECT: Implementing GAO Recommendations Regarding
Stakeholder Participation in Developing Quota-Based
Programs, GAO Report No. GAO-06-289

Last fall the GAO investigated stakeholder participation in Council development of quota-based programs. In a report, published in February, the GAO found that Councils are working in compliance with all laws related to public involvement. However, despite our strong work with stakeholders, I do agree with the GAO's finding that "opportunities exist for more strategic and effective stakeholder involvement that could lead to a more inclusive decision-making process on what are frequently controversial issues."

Overall, I think NMFS and the Councils do a good job at the monumental task of engaging widely dispersed stakeholders. However, the commitment we have made to develop new dedicated access programs (DAPs) will require us to do more to involve and inform stakeholders. For most constituents, a DAP is not business as usual, and we must commit to preparing them for the new concepts and issues surrounding market-linked fisheries management.

The GAO made three recommendations to enhance stakeholder involvement in the development of DAPs.

- Establish a formal policy, adopting a set of core principles to guide stakeholder participation activities,
- Provide guidance to the Councils and train NMFS staff, Council staff, and Council members on developing and using a strategic approach to stakeholder participation; and
- Ensure the Councils develop and implement a framework for stakeholder participation.

Communication strategy.

The first challenge is to form a NMFS policy on stakeholder involvement that will ultimately be put into action by the Councils. The greatest assurance that the policy will be practicable and effective will be realized if current Council practices and limitations inform its development. I request that each Council and Regional Office (RO) assign a staff member to this project. Involvement in this project will require review of the GAO report and some staff work and several conference calls in advance of a two day meeting



some time during the early summer. Over the last several years, an informal National Communications Team, consisting of RO and Council outreach staff, has formed to work on issues of common concern. Though I leave it to your discretion whom to tap for this assignment, it seems those staff currently on the team would be best prepared for this project.

A copy of the GAO report and our draft plan of action for implementation of its recommendations are attached. Please send the name of your staff who will participate in this project to Daniel.Morris@noaa.gov by May 12, 2006. If you have any questions about the GAO report and our responses to it, contact Alan Risenhoover, 301.713.2334. I appreciate your support of this initiative, and I expect this to be topic for discussion at the CCED meeting in May.

Attachments

**NOAA Comments on the Draft GAO Report Entitled
"Core Principles and a Strategic Approach Would Enhance
Stakeholder Participation in Developing Quota-Based Programs"
(GAO-06-289/February 2006)**

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) made three recommendations to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding stakeholder participation in the development of quota-based fishery management programs.

Recommendation 1: Establish a formal policy for stakeholder participation, including adopting a set of core principles to guide stakeholder participation activities.

NOAA Response: NMFS agrees with this recommendation. The core principles of participation noted by GAO are embodied in the various statutes governing Council and NMFS proceedings. But nowhere are principles of participation for NMFS articulated in a single, concise format. Therefore, the Assistant Administrator for NMFS will request input from outreach professionals from the NMFS headquarters and regional offices to develop a draft policy for stakeholder participation. NMFS will also work closely with the Regional Councils and will seek recommendations from individual Council staff members to develop the draft policy. The input will be used to refine the core principles listed in this report for application within the context of Council operations, to draft the policy, and to describe the NMFS and Council-specific activities that may be necessary to put the policy into practice. The stakeholder participation policy will form an integral part of a larger, broader NMFS outreach and education policy that is currently in development.

Actions

(1) NMFS will contact outreach professionals from headquarters, the regional offices, and the Councils to gain their perspectives and input for consideration in the development of a draft policy on stakeholder participation in Council processes with special attention paid to the issue of dedicated access programs (DAPs). The policy will include core principles that have been adapted from the GAO report for specific application in Council processes, and it will include a descriptive list of NMFS and Council-specific activities that may support implementation of the new policy and enhance stakeholder involvement.

< *Deliverable:* A draft NMFS policy on stakeholder involvement in Council processes, with special emphasis on the development of DAPs.

Target completion date: 29 September 2006

(2) After internal review of the draft policy and consultation with Council leadership, the draft policy will be finalized by NMFS staff and, with the approval of the NMFS Assistant Administrator, will be entered into the NMFS Policy Directive System (PDS).

Deliverable: Final clearance of the policy and incorporation into the NMFS PDS.

Target completion date: 31 December 2006

Recommendation 2: Provide guidance to the Councils and train NMFS staff, Council members, Council staff on developing and using a strategic approach to stakeholder participation.

NOAA Response: NMFS agrees with this recommendation. Current bills under consideration in the Congress to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) include amendments that would require NMFS to establish a training program for new and existing members of the Councils. NMFS will ensure that stakeholder participation and DAPs are components of any training plan mandated by the reauthorized MSA.

The recommendation to “provide guidance to the Councils” will be addressed under recommendation #3. NMFS staff and Council staff are the principal agents of outreach and the facilitating of stakeholder participation. The actions below focus on providing training and outreach tools to the staffs, but the tools will be available also for use by Council members and the general public.

Actions

(1) Using the Policy on Stakeholder Participation as a basis, NMFS will develop an internet-based clearinghouse for information and training materials related to stakeholder participation and DAPs. The webpage will include the GAO report, the NMFS policy, each Council’s framework for implementing the policy on stakeholder participation, a toolkit for Council and regional staff engaged in outreach, and primers on various subjects related to DAPs. The website, though targeting NMFS and Council staff will be available to Council members and the general public and may support industry collective initiatives related to DAPs.

Deliverable: An internet website that will serve as a clearinghouse for information and training materials related to stakeholder participation and DAPs.

Target completion date: The website should be established by 17 November 2006.

(2) The NMFS Office of Sustainable Fisheries will designate a training coordinator, who, among other duties, will be responsible for supporting the training efforts of NMFS regional and Council staffs, especially as they relate to stakeholder involvement in the development of DAPs and implementation of new training requirements under the reauthorized MSA.

Deliverable: A staff member in the NMFS Office of Sustainable Fisheries with training responsibilities and with specific tasking related to implementing the NMFS policy on stakeholder participation.

Target completion date: 29 September 2006

Recommendation 3: Direct the Councils to develop and implement a framework for stakeholder participation that includes core principles and a strategic approach.

NOAA Response: Stakeholder participation is the shared concern of NMFS and the Councils. NMFS will collaborate with Council staffs and members to implement a framework for stakeholder participation that includes the jointly developed core principles. The national dialog that will inform the stakeholder participation policy will be the first opportunity for outreach professionals from the NMFS regions and Councils to collaborate on this effort, to explore outreach and participation ideas, and to set priorities for future activities to enhance stakeholder participation.

Actions

(1) The NMFS Assistant Administrator will issue a letter directing the Council Chairs and Executive Directors and the Regional Administrators to develop and implement a framework for stakeholder participation, which shall be discussed at the a subsequent Council meeting. The letter will follow completion of actions under recommendation #1 and will distribute the policy, draft framework, and report of the working group discussed above.

Deliverable: Letter from the NMFS Assistant Administrator to all Regional Administrators, Council Chairs and Executive Directors on the subject of stakeholder participation in the development of market-based fishery management programs.

Target completion date: 31 December 2006

(2) Stakeholder participation, especially as it relates to the development of dedicated access programs, will be a subject on the agenda at least one of the two Council Chair/Executive Director (CCED) meetings convened semi-annually by the NMFS Assistant Administrator. The meeting will be used to discuss implementation of the framework for stakeholder participation, resources for outreach, common concerns, and success stories. Because such meetings are not Council meetings under section 302(g) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, NMFS will ensure that the participants provide their individual views and not consensus advice.

Deliverable: Inclusion of this subject in one of the two semi-annual CCED meetings.

Due date: 31 December 2006. NMFS will include stakeholder participation at the upcoming fall meeting of the CCED (yet to be scheduled) and will ensure that the stakeholder participation is a standing agenda item, but will not report on this action item further.

**COUNCIL CHAIRMEN AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
MEETING AGENDA
May 22-25, 2006
Sheraton Society Hill, One Dock St., Philadelphia, PA 19106
Telephone 215-238-6000**

Monday, May 22

*****Travel Day*****

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception, Suite TBA

Tuesday, May 23

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

COUNCIL SESSION

- 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. **Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistical Survey (MRFSS) (Tab 1)**
Implications and outcome of National Academy of Sciences' (NAS) / National Research Council's (NRC) draft report
- Discuss impact and effect of report's conclusions and recommendations regarding use of historical MRFSS data to establish recreational sector share in quota managed fisheries; state-by-state sub-allocations
 - Discuss impact and effect of report's conclusions and recommendations regarding use of current MRFSS data to establish specifications for coming fishing year
 - When using MRFSS data what is the appropriate resolution level, i.e., state, region, coastal, to satisfy National Standard 2 considerations
 - Should for-hire operators be required to adopt mandatory logbook reporting
- 10:30 - 12:00 p.m. **Stakeholder participation in developing quota-based programs (Tab 2)**
Review highlights of General Accounting Office (GAO) report
- Discuss implications regarding need to better engage, inform, and solicit public feedback in Council process
 - Are GAO's report findings more a function of outcome rather than process
 - Review Councils' current outreach / public affairs programs / efforts
- 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. **National Fish Habitat Initiative (Tab 10)**
How does this fit with:
- Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) requirements
 - Identify and describe essential fish habitat (EFH)
 - Minimize adverse effect of fishing gear
 - Encourage conservation and management of EFH
 - Ecosystem based approach to fishery management
 - Discuss current and future status of ecosystems approach to fisheries (EAF)

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

General Discussion

- Status Update on MSA Reauthorization (Tab 3)
 - Highlights of Pombo (HR 5018) and Gilchrest (HR 5051) Bills ... what do we support / oppose
- Availability of fishery sociological resources and Council access thereto (Tab 4)
 - Review needs for sociology in Fishery Management Plan (FMP) process
 - Determine Council and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) capabilities to meet MSA requirements
 - What resources are available from NMFS that can be incorporated into Council products
- Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM) (Tab 5)
 - Have you adopted such reporting methodologies
 - "Yes" - How were they developed and how do they operate
 - "No" - What are you doing to adopt such a reporting system
- Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) (Tab 6)
 - Status update on VMS program and associated funding
- Status Update of Councils budget (Tab 7)
 - FY 2007 status
 - Hearing schedule
 - FY 2008 status
 - Where are we in the NMFS / NOAA / DOC / OMB review of internal estimates
 - FY 2009 status
 - How do we more effectively communicate our needs to NMFS / NOAA
- NEPA (EIS and EA) and its role in development of Council documents (Tab 9)
 - FMPs
 - Amendments
 - Frameworks
 - Specifications
 - Grants
- Regulatory Streamlining (Tab 9)
 - Cooperative agreements amongst Regional Offices, Science Centers, and Councils
 - Who "owns" which documents (or parts thereof), and how are they provided to respective units
- Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Management - Atlantic Coast (Tab 11)
 - How do Councils introduce views on proposed Secretarial plans / amendments so as to engage in more meaningful dialogue

NMFS SESSION

8:30 - 5:00 p.m.

To Be Determined

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

New Jersey Aquarium Tour (light hors de oeuvres) - transportation provided

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Call to Order
- Opening remarks, Regional Councils - Ron Smith
 - Opening remarks, NMFS - Dr. Bill Hogarth
- 8:45 - 10:00 a.m. National Academy of Sciences' National Research Council's Draft Report on Recreational Fisheries Survey Methods - Dr. Steve Murawski (Tab 1)
- Discuss implications of report's conclusions and recommendations
 - Discuss report's impact regarding use of historical MRFSS data to establish recreational sector share of quota managed fisheries; state-by-state sub-allocations
 - Discuss policy regarding use of current MRFSS data to establish specifications for coming fishing year
 - Does MRFSS data pass the "red-face test" for meeting National Standard 2
 - Should for-hire operators be required to adopt mandatory logbook reporting
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Government Accountability Office (GAO) Report - Dan Morris (Tab 2)
- Review GAO report on: "Core Principles and a Strategic Approach Would Enhance Stakeholder Participation in Developing Quota-Based Programs"
 - Are the GAO's report findings more a function of outcome rather than process
- 11:00 - 12:00 p.m. MSA Reauthorization Update - Dr. Bill Hogarth / Alan Risenhoover (Tab 3)
- Status of House Bills . . . the good, the bad, the challenges
 - Dedicated Access Privileges / Limited Access Privileges . . . are we ready
 - Predictions
- 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. Economic and Sociological Resources for Fishery Management - Rita Curtis (Tab 4)
- Review needs for sociology in FMP process
 - Determine Council and NMFS capabilities to meet MSA requirements
 - What resources are available from NMFS that can be incorporated into Council products
- 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology - Galen Tromble/Pat Kurkul (Tab 5)
- Have you adopted such reporting methodologies
 - "Yes" - How were they developed and how do they operate
 - "No" - What are you doing to implement such a reporting system
- 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Federal Law Enforcement Issues - Captain Scott Genovese, USCG / Dale Jones, NMFS (Tab 6)
- US Coast Guard Annual Report on Fisheries Law Enforcement Activities
 - Status Update on Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) program and associated funding
 - Enforcement's role in public meetings
- 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. Status of Councils budget - Gary Reisner / Galen Tromble (Tab 7)
- FY 2007 status
 - Hearing schedule
 - FY 2008 status
 - Where are we in the NMFS / NOAA / DOC / OMB review of internal estimates
 - FY 2009 status
 - How do we more effectively communicate our needs to NMFS / NOAA
- 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Cruise of the Philadelphia Waterfront (heavy hors de oeuvres) aboard the USCG Buoy Tender WILLIAM TATE - Commanding Officer LT Brian Huff (Tab 8)

Thursday, May 25, 2006

- 7:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. **NEPA (EIS and EA) and Regulatory Streamlining - Galen Tromble / Pat Kurkul / Dan Furlong (Tab 9)**
- Who "owns" which documents (or parts thereof), and how are they developed and coordinated with respective units
 - FMPS
 - Amendments
 - Frameworks
 - Specifications
 - Grants
 - Discuss status of implementation of cooperative agreements amongst Regional Offices, Science Centers, and Councils
- 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. **National Fish Habitat Initiative - Pat Montanio (Tab 10)**
- Discuss opportunity to build partnerships with non-government organizations (NGO)
- 11:00 - 12:00 p.m. **Atlantic Coast HMS Management - Alan Risenhoover / Margo Schulze-Haugen (Tab 11)**
- How do East Coast Councils introduce views on proposed Secretarial plans / amendments so as to engage in more meaningful dialogue
- 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. **Open Discussion on any Outstanding Issues or Items**
- Future CCED Meetings - Ron Smith (Tab 12)**
- Closing comments - Dr. Bill Hogarth / Ron Smith**
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- If Needed-----
- 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. **Executive Directors Meeting**
- Review summary of meeting outcomes and determine appropriate follow-up actions

The above agenda items may not be taken in the order in which they appear and are subject to change as necessary. Other items may be added and listed items may be deleted. The meeting may be closed to discuss internal administrative matters.



Alaska's Fishing Communities ~ Harvesting the Future

September 21-22, 2006 Anchorage, Alaska

Hilton Anchorage Hotel

Anchorage, Alaska, USA

September 21-22, 2006

Steering Committee

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Gale K. Vick
Executive Director, Gulf of Alaska
Coastal Communities Coalition

This conference is a forum for coastal residents, fishermen, and seafood processors; and federal, state, municipal, and tribal representatives to work together in support of Alaska's coastal fishing economy.

Topics for discussion include:

- The Value of Fishing to Your Communities
- Reaching Consensus—Identifying Your Community's Fishing Goals
- How Fishing Communities in Alaska Are Changing
- Strategies for Preserving Fishing for the Second Generation and Maintaining a Community's Fishing Economy—Ensuring Access, Maintaining the Resource, Financial Strategies

Afternoon breakout sessions both days will allow for participant discussion.

The conference seeks posters for presentation as well, based on the above topics. Please submit poster abstracts online at seagrant.uaf.edu/conferences/fish-com2/poster-form.html, no later than July 14, 2006.

"Fishing Communities in Alaska: Harvesting the Future" is a follow-up meeting to the conference "Managing Fisheries—Empowering Communities," held in April 2005. Conference proceedings are available from Alaska Sea Grant, and some PowerPoint presentations may be viewed as well, all at the Web site listed below.

Contact: Sherri Pristash at fyconf@uaf.edu or 907-474-6701

Web site: <http://seagrant.uaf.edu/conferences/fish-com2/>
Includes call for posters, agenda, and online registration



Day I—September 21, 2006

8:15 – 9:00 am

Opening remarks

- Paula Cullenberg, Alaska Sea Grant, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- Doug Mecum, Acting Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NOAA Fisheries

Keynote: Rural communities in a global marketplace—can fisheries be a part of community sustainability?

- Chandrika Sharma, Executive Secretary of the International Collective in Support of Fishworkers, Chennai, India

9:00 – 10:30 am

The value of fish, fishing and seafood to your community

Moderator: Mark Fina, North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Economic multiplier—how do Alaska's coastal communities benefit from their local fishing and seafood industries?

Panel 1: State and federal management view

- McKie Campbell, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Fish & Game
- Alan Austerman, Office of the Governor, and McDowell Group, *Overview of the Alaska Seafood Development Strategy*.
- Stephanie Madsen, Chair, North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Panel 2: Local community view

- Bruce Jones, Petersburg City Manager
- Jerome Selby, Mayor of Kodiak
- Freddie Christiansen, Old Harbor/Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition

10:30 – 10:45 am

Break

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

How are Alaska's fishing communities changing?

Moderator: Sue Aspelund, Alaska Department of Fish & Game

Panel 3: Synthesis of current research on cumulative impacts of fisheries management and lessons for the future

- Frank Homan, Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, *Permit ownership, changes over time, demographics of those fishing*.
- Dan Robinson, Alaska Department of Labor, *Employment in Alaska fisheries, changes over time in both seafood/fishing values and incomes, changes to data collection*.
- Marie Lowe, Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska Anchorage, *Social and economic impacts of crab rationalization in the Aleutians East Borough*.

- Courtney Carothers, University of Washington, *Impacts of halibut IFQs on Kodiak fishing villages and the potential of community quotas.*
- Steve Langdon, University of Alaska Anchorage, *Community-based fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska: Status and issues.*

12:15 – 1:30 pm

Lunch (no host)

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Defining your community's goals for fish/fishing/seafood

Moderator: Nicole Kimball, North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Speaker: John Kearney, John F. Kearney & Associates, Nova Scotia, Canada, *Process for communities to use in defining goals.*

Panel 4: Models for community organization

- Torie Baker, Cordova Fish Committee
- Julie Decker, Southeast Conference
- Fred Pike, Mayor of Naknek/Bristol Bay Borough
- Jill Klein (or rep), Executive Director, Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association

3:00 – 3:15 pm

Break

3:15 – 4:45 pm

Working group session

Break into small group sessions with a moderator to discuss the following issues:

- How valuable is fishing to your community? What are your community's assets, needs, strengths, weaknesses?
- What are your community's goals? Are they realistic? Are you willing to change to reach those goals?
- How can collective goals for a community be balanced with individual residents' goals?
- Is intergenerational transfer of assets and access important and how can it be facilitated?
- Is some form of local management feasible in your community? What kind of organizational group would represent the community?
- What common goals can be identified to use in developing strategies to ensure fishing is a part of your community's future economic development?
- How can those goals be developed and shared within your community?

4:45 pm

Wrap up groups

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Reception and poster session

No-host bar and appetizers

Day 2—September 22, 2006

8:30 – 10:00 am

Working group reports

The spokesperson from each working group presents a brief summary (and/or PowerPoint presentation) of the working group issues or conclusions from Day 1.

10:00 – 10:15 am

Break

10:15 am – 12:00 pm

Strategies for the next generation: Fishing as a long-term economic source for Alaska's coastal communities

Moderator: Kris Norosz, Icicle Seafoods

How can a community encourage individual fishing families to pass on their business locally? How can a community provide the tools to enable young people to make a living from fishing, processing, guiding, or otherwise benefiting from local fish resources? Are young people interested in fishing and seafood businesses as a career choice? What types of fishing-related employment opportunities are available?

Panel 5

- Alice Ruby, Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation, *Keeping permits in your region—BBEDC operates a permit brokerage service and makes loans to local residents to purchase permits.*
- Al Burch, Kodiak, *Graying of the fleet—community impacts from asset transfers.*
- Rachel Donkersloot, Naknek resident and master's student, University of Montana, *Social change and the lifepaths of young Alaskans.*
- Linda Behnken, Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association, *Designing limited-access commercial fishery management programs.*

12:00 – 1:15 pm

Lunch (no host)

1:15– 2:30 pm

Financial strategies for the future

Moderator: Gale Vick, Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition

What tax incentives and strategies can communities use to encourage fish processing? What loan programs are available for individuals or communities to purchase quota share or permits? How to manage a fishing business? How can communities invest in infrastructure to support fishery-related businesses?

Panel 6

- Greg Winegar, Alaska Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development
- Marvin Adams, Native American Bank

2:30 – 2:45 pm

Break

2:45 – 4:30 pm

Working group session

Break into small group sessions with a moderator.

4:30– 5:00 pm

Wrap up, next steps and plans for proceedings

- Paula Cullenberg, Alaska Sea Grant, University of Alaska Fairbanks

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Registration on-site only

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