

Salmon Bycatch Outreach

The Council is current involved in outreach activities to western and interior Alaskan communities on the forthcoming Bering Sea Chinook and Chum Bycatch Management Measures analysis, slated for final action in April 2015. Council members David Long and Simon Kinneen, together with Council staff Diana Stram and Steve MacLean participated in an outreach meeting in Nome on January 22nd. Council staff conducted a Statewide Teleconference on January 29th to provide an overview of the Council's upcoming action and to answer questions and listen to and document concerns from interested participants. ADF&G staff Nicole Kimball and Katie Howard also participated in the call. Additional outreach meetings will be conducted in February and March in conjunction with the Subsistence Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meetings. The meetings and Council members who will participate in each meeting are listed below. Materials presented by staff at the meetings are located on our website. A report summarizing the results of the outreach meetings including comments and concerns voiced at each meeting will be provided to the Council in conjunction with final action in April.

Meetings:

- January 22: Nome, Kawerak; Council members: Long, Kinneen
- January 29: Statewide teleconference
- February 24: Bristol Bay RAC, Naknek; Council members: Hyder, Dersham
- February 25/26: Yukon Kuskokwim RAC, Bethel; Council members: Hull, Cross
- March 4: Eastern and Western Interior RACs; Council members: Kimball, Tweit, Merrill