## **Social Science Planning Team**

**Purpose:** Improve the quality and application of social science data that informs management decision-making and program evaluation.

## Community Engagement Committee

**Purpose:** Identify and recommend strategies for the Council to provide effective community engagement with rural and Alaska Native communities.

## **LKTKS Taskforce**

**Purpose:** Develop protocols for Council, staff, and agency partners to identify, analyze, and include LK, TK, and subsistence experts and information into the Council's process.



- Strategize improvements in data collection and methodology
- Identify data needs
- Make recommendations regarding research priorities
- Advise analysts in efforts to improve analytical frameworks when possible



- Develop tools and processes to improve communication and understanding between the Council and rural communities
- Final report given in February 2021
- Reconstituted as a permanent committee



- Action Module under Bering Sea Fishery
  Ecosystem Plan
- Identify and define sources of LKTKS information
- Provide guidance for analyzing LKTKS information
- Identify 'onramps' or pathways for including expertise and information

	Social Science Planning Team	Community Engagement Committee	Local Knowledge, Traditional Knowledge, Subsistence Taskforce
Developing engagement strategies	×	<b>✓</b>	(But focused on relationship building with knowledge holders)
Improving the quality and application of social science	<b>~</b>	×	(As it relates to LK, TK, and subsistence)
Giving guidance for identifying and including LK, TK, and subsistence	Work is encouraged as identified in data gaps analysis	×	<b>✓</b>
Membership has LK, TK or subsistence expertise	Some SSPT members may have expertise related to the social science of LK or TK	While some CEC members reside in rural communities or are Alaska Native, its membership has not been surveyed for LK, TK or subsistence expertise	<b>~</b>
Geographic scope specific to Bering Sea Aleutian Island Region	X Statewide focus	X Statewide focus 2	<b>✓</b>