



## Community Engagement Committee REPORT

20 March, 2019 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM  
Anchorage Hilton

The Community Engagement Committee held its first meeting on 20 March, 2019 at the Anchorage Hilton hotel. The purpose of the meeting was to review the draft Terms of Reference and Standard Operating Procedures, review the purpose and charter of the committee, and develop tentative plans for the committee to meet its objectives.

Committee Members in attendance:

Simon Kinneen (Co-chair)	Becca Robbins-Gisclair	Nicole Kimball
Theresa Peterson (Co-chair)	Marissa Mercurieff	Robert Keith (teleconference)
Jennifer Hooper	Tom Panamaroff	
Mellisa Heflin	Rob Sanderson, Jr.	

Members absent: None

Others in attendance:

Diana Evans	Brendan Raymond-Yakoubian	Raychelle Daniel
Diana Stram	Julie Raymond-Yakoubian	Anne Henshaw
Elizabeth Figus	Art Severance	Lenora Dushkin
Ernie Weiss	Jason Dinneen	Sally Bibb

### Terms of Reference and Committee meeting schedule

The committee reviewed the draft Terms of Reference and Standard Operating Procedures and recommended some changes. Paragraph 1 was modified to note that the committee will not provide fishing management policy advice to the Council. Paragraph 3(a) (and subsequent) were modified to reflect that the committee's ~~Co-chairmen~~ chairs are appointed by the Council chair. Paragraph 3(d) was modified to reflect that committee co-chairs will maintain final approval of ~~minutes~~ the committee report. Paragraph 4(a) was modified to reflect that Committee members are ~~expected~~ highly encouraged to attend all committee meetings in person. Paragraph 4(c) was modified to reflect that committee members are ~~expected~~ highly encouraged to engage stakeholders. Paragraph 5 was revised to reflect that the committee may select proposals for committee consideration directly related to the Committee's purpose. If the Committee solicits formal proposals, proposals must be submitted ~~to the Council~~ via the Council's online agenda system.

The committee noted, with respect to proposals, that committee members can engage with their communities to identify potential strategies for committee consideration, and that it may not be necessary to solicit formal proposals from individuals or organizations not involved in the committee process.

The committee tentatively identified a schedule of approximately one year for the committee to develop recommendations for Council consideration. The suggested schedule includes a total of four in-person

meetings and at least one teleconference. The teleconference is scheduled for April 29, 2019 from 2-4 PM. The next in-person meeting is proposed for June 3 or 4, 2019 in association with the June Council meeting in Sitka, AK. Other meetings will be scheduled for fall 2019 and spring 2020, potentially in association with meetings of other rural or tribal organizations that occur outside of Anchorage. However, committee members were explicit that the purpose of committee meetings is to develop strategies for the Council to engage rural communities, and that purpose should not be confounded by holding meetings in association with other organizations with other purposes.

### **Information requests**

The committee requested that staff provide a list of communication, outreach, and engagement tools that are currently in use by the Council. The committee felt that a comprehensive list of the tools currently in use would better enable them to identify potential gaps or deficiencies in the Council's engagement strategies and identify strategies and tools to address them. Staff will provide the list in time for a teleconference on 29 April 2019.

The committee discussed NMFS Tribal Consultation and general co-management efforts and thought there may be lessons learned from these other processes that may help in the development of recommendations for the Council. The committee also was explicit that the purpose of the request was to examine the tools these programs utilize to engage communities. It is not the purpose of the committee to review NMFS consultation or co-management procedures. Sally Bibb (NMFS) indicated that someone from NMFS would be available to provide information to the committee regarding NMFS' tribal consultation procedures at the June committee meeting. The committee requested that report by consensus and noted that the tribal perspective brought by several members on the committee would provide a useful contrast to the NMFS perspective.

The committee noted that there may be other organizations, such as the US Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Advisory Councils or other fishery management Councils that may also have unique tools for community engagement that the Council could consider. The committee requested that Council staff and the co-chairs investigate other organizations and their availability to speak with the committee.

The co-chairs requested, in response to public comment, that letters previously submitted to the Council relative to suggested improvements in rural outreach and communication be made available to the committee.

Opportunity for public comment was provided at several points during the meeting. Public comment was provided by Raychelle Daniel (Pew Charitable Trusts), Julie Raymond-Yakoubian (Kawerak), and Art Severance (Coastal Villages Region Fund).

### **Summary**

- The committee reviewed and suggested several changes to the Terms of Reference and Standard Operating Procedures.
- The committee scheduled a teleconference for 29 April from 2-4 PM to discuss the list of current engagement tools employed by the Council.
- The committee tentatively scheduled the next meeting to coincide with the Council's June meeting in Sitka, AK. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for 8 hours, depending on space availability.
- The committee requested information from NMFS regarding tribal consultation tools and procedures.