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Agenda B-2: NMFS Tribal Engagement Report

Pre-Council Meeting Tribal Consultation Invitations and Newsletter

On April 21, 2025, NMFS sent an [invitation for Tribal consultation](#) on the June North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) meeting agenda items. NMFS did not receive any requests for Tribal Consultation. Alaska Native Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations may request tribal consultation on agency actions or policies with tribal implications at any time.

On May 19, 2025, NMFS released the [May/June Tribal Newsletter](#). NMFS was unable to host a tribal engagement session for the June Council meeting due to limited staff resources.

Fisheries Tribal Engagement & Consultation

Cook Inlet Tribal Salmon Fishery Consultation: In April 2025, the Council initiated a discussion paper evaluating potential options, alternatives, and legal considerations for a tribal salmon fishery in the Cook Inlet EEZ Area in response to a proposal brought by the Tikahtnu Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. NMFS staff will be meeting with Commission staff to gather information to develop the discussion paper over the summer.

Tribal Cooperating Agencies Bering Sea Chum Salmon Bycatch Management and Coordination: NMFS is working with Council staff to finalize the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Both Tribal cooperating agencies, the Kuskokwim River Intertribal Fish Commission and the Tanana Chiefs Conference, provided information and knowledge on areas within their special expertise to the preliminary DEIS presented to the Council at its February 2025 meeting. NMFS and Council staff continue to work with both Tribal cooperating agencies to incorporate additional information and knowledge into the DEIS.

General Information

This report does not include Tribal consultations and engagements on marine mammal issues or Marine Mammal Protection Act co-management meetings. These are coordinated with our Protected Resources Division. Please contact Anne Marie Eich (annemarie.eich@noaa.gov) if you have any questions.

