Tribal Relations Update
B2 Management Report

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting
June 8, 2023
Meeting Outline/April Meeting Recap

- Tribal Engagements
- Tribal Consultations
- Tribal Newsletter
Tribal Engagements

➔ Yakutat Tlingit Tribe
- AKR met with program leads on May 5, 11 and 24th
- Concerns: impacts of cruise ship vessels on subsistence harvest of marine mammals and seaweed, Chinook salmon and steelhead declines, and low dungeness crab population

➔ Chickaloon Traditional Village Council (CVTC)
- NMFS AKR, NOAA Restoration Center and WCR staff met on May 17 to discuss eligibility of the CVTC for NOAA grant funding
- NOAA confirmed eligibility of CVTC to apply for funding to improve subsistence fisheries despite not meeting state eligibility as a rural subsistence area

➔ Southeast Alaska Commercial Troll Fishery
- AKR met with Southeast Alaska Tribal Leaders on June 2 regarding impacts of Wild Fish Conservancy litigation on tribal communities
Tribal Invitations & Consultations

➔ Sunflower Sea Star Proposed Listing & Public Hearings
➔ Bering Sea Aleutian Islands crab harvest specifications (Yearly Report)
➔ Observer reports (Yearly Report)
➔ Bristol Bay Red King Crab closure areas (Initial Review)
➔ Crab C share recent participation requirement (Initial Review)

➔ Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Management Plan Secretarial Amendment Tribal Consultation & Public Hearing
  ◆ Consultation with Salamatof Tribe held on May 22
    • Concerns: proposed fishery timing/closure dates, declining Chinook salmon populations, salmon ecosystem balance & wastewater impacts
    • Request for NMFS to support tribal subsistence rights and funding for hatchery/fish enhancement
Tribal Engagement Newsletter

- Tribal feedback received Spring 2023
- Feedback incorporated into NMFS May Tribal Newsletter
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Thank you for your time