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# Tribal Relations Update

## B2 Management Report

**National Marine Fisheries Service**  
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North Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting  
June 8, 2023



# Meeting Outline/April Meeting Recap

- ◆ Tribal Engagements
- ◆ Tribal Consultations
- ◆ Tribal Newsletter



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# 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



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# 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



## Tribal Engagement Newsletter

This newsletter serves as an information source for NOAA Fisheries contacts, job postings, grants, educational opportunities available throughout Alaska, and upcoming North Pacific Fishery Management Council issues.

### North Pacific Fishery Management Council

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC, also referred to as Council) was established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA, also referred to as the Magnuson-Stevens Act) to manage fisheries off the coast of Alaska. The NPFMC meets five times per year and consists of the Science and Statistical Committee (SSC), the Advisory Panel (AP), and the Council. This newsletter includes information about the upcoming June Council meeting and is adapted from the [three meeting outlook](#) (Council schedule for the next three meetings). Visit the NPFMC webpage for the [upcoming meeting schedule](#), which includes a detailed breakdown of the upcoming Council meeting by agenda item. **If you wish to consult on any of the Council topics below, please contact Tribal Relations Coordinator Amilee**

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