

Salmon FMP Outreach meeting, Thursday, October 5, from 5:30 to 7 pm

In response to a Ninth Circuit ruling, the Council is considering how to revise the FMP to manage the salmon fisheries that occur in Federal waters of Cook Inlet, Prince William Sound, and the South Alaska Peninsula. The Council is considering new management measures in these three areas that comply with Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements, such as status determination criteria, annual catch limits, accountability measures, and monitoring measures for these three fisheries.

At its April 2017 meeting, the Council explained that, after receiving the preliminary analysis, it intends to form a stakeholder workgroup comprised of stakeholders from Cook Inlet, Prince William Sound, and the South Alaska Peninsula, as well as the East Area, to ensure that the affected public has appropriate input in the development of a new Salmon FMP amendment. The Council will determine the composition, scope, and schedule for a stakeholder workgroup. We are conducting this Salmon FMP outreach meeting to assist the Council in forming a stakeholder workgroup.

We would like to hear from the interested stakeholders on the appropriate scope of a workgroup that would provide input into the development of a Salmon FMP amendment that addresses the salmon fisheries in the Federal waters of Cook Inlet, Prince William Sound, and the Alaska Peninsula. We are interested in hearing from stakeholders on—

- What specific issues should the workgroup consider to be most effective?
- What is the appropriate composition of the stakeholder workgroup?
- How often should the workgroup meet?
- When and how would the workgroup provide its recommendations to the Council?