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Alaska Regional Office & Alaska Fisheries Science Center Alaska Equity & Environmental Justice Implementation Plan

NOAA Fisheries released its National Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy May 22, 2023. The EEJ Strategy guides us to serve all communities more equitably and effectively. It reflects input we received as part of an extensive public outreach and engagement process.

Now, NOAA Fisheries is working to advance equity and environmental justice through our marine conservation and management work in Alaska. The Alaska Region and Alaska Fisheries Science Center have formed an EEJ Working Group. The Group's charge is to solicit public input to be incorporated into an Alaska Equity and Environmental Justice Implementation Plan.

This will be accomplished in two phases:

EEJ Engagement Phase 1

Begin conversations on

- How we can improve fairness and equity in our science, services and stewardship?
- Identify preferred methods for obtaining feedback (best season/timing, best locations, best ways to solicit feedback, etc.)

**Include initial feedback in the Plan
by December 31, 2023**

EEJ Engagement Phase 2

Expand conversations

- Potentially hold Hub meetings in key locations
- Gather community feedback
- Compile/document EEJ concerns

**Incorporate additional feedback into the
Implementation Plan by December 31, 2024**

Find out more:

Alaska EEJ Implementation Plan:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/about-us/alaska-equity-and-environmental-justice-implementation-plan>

NOAA Fisheries Final EEJ Strategy:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/fature-story/noaa-fisheries-releases-final-equity-and-environmental-justice-strategy>

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Already we have held three Telephone Town Hall Information Meetings: October 17, October 25, and November 17, 2023.

We hope to learn from you...

- How can we improve science and management for sustainable fisheries, protected resources, and marine ecosystems to better serve communities?
- What types of information regarding our science and management are you interested in receiving from us?
- How can we best provide that information to you (e.g., emails, publications, in person presentations)?

We would like to hear from you!

EEJ feedback form link:
<https://forms.gle/b7xEsSmf5UvmzCDB8>

