

E1 Outreach and Engagement Considerations on the Chum Salmon Bycatch Action

Kate Haapala, October 2024



Summary of Recent Action



April 2024 Council received the Initial Review analysis, modified its alternatives, and requested additional analysis



Next review is scheduled for **February 3 – 10, 2025**



Aiming to post the analysis **December 20, 2024**



Council may identify a **Preliminary Preferred Alternative**, but not required to do so

Purpose of the Outreach and Engagement Paper

- **Does the Council want to provide input** at this time on how to move forward with outreach and engagement?
- Provides a means of public input and discussion
- No specific course of action is required



Categories of Outreach and Engagement

Informal

Dialogue	Staff answer questions, have meetings, and engage with the public
Communication Tools	Staff update webpages, create flyers, or FAQs

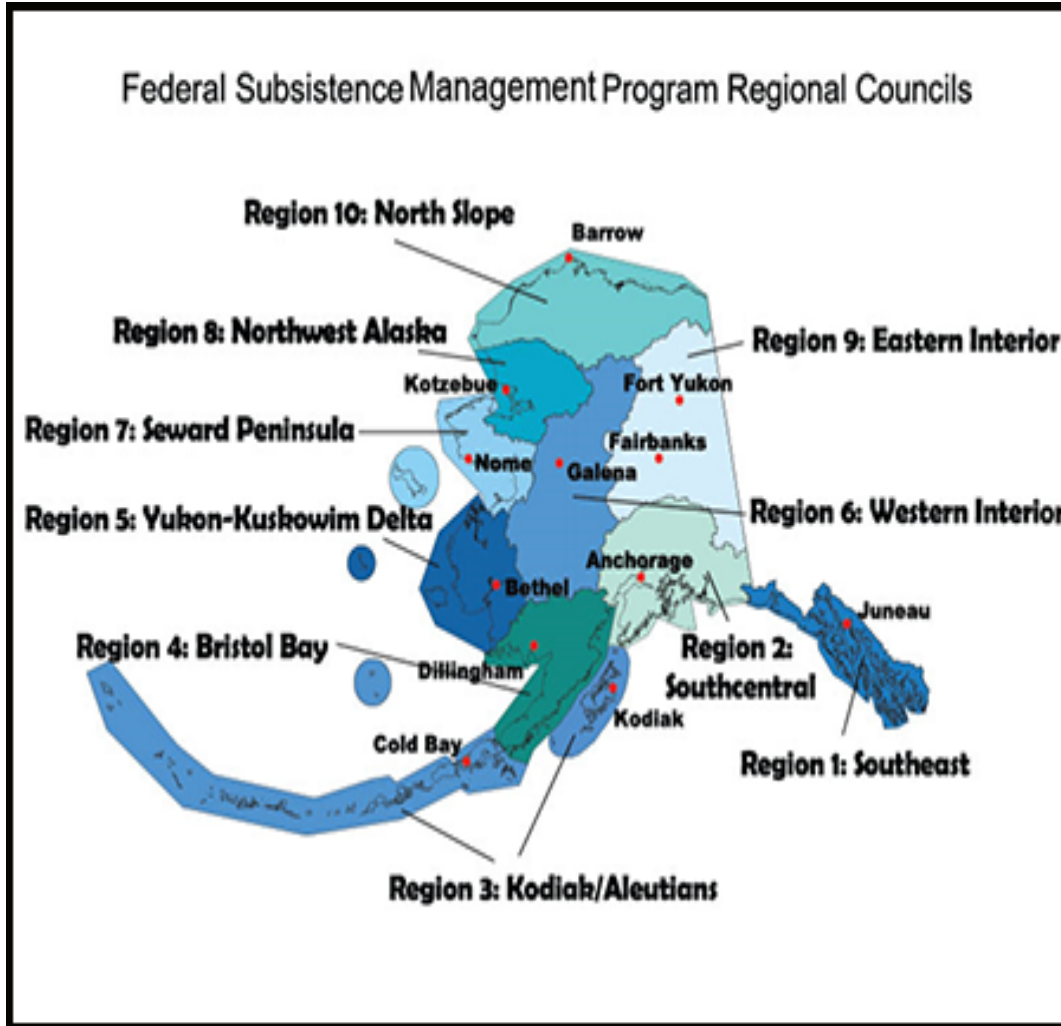
Formal

Presentations	Staff provide presentations to management bodies or participate in events, when invited
Community Visits	Staff and Council members travel to communities, when invited

Focused here



Staff Recommendation for Action-Specific Outreach and Engagement

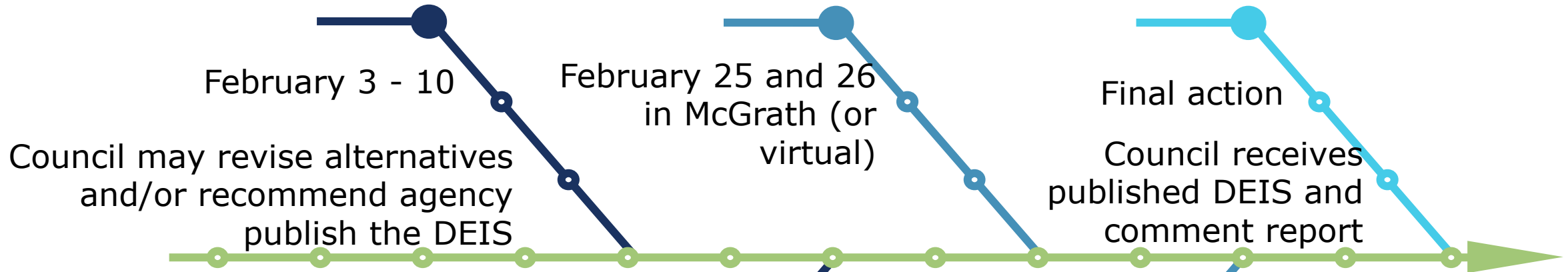


Regional Subsistence Advisory Councils (RACs)

- 10 RACs
- Prioritize: Western Interior, Eastern Interior and Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta
- Approach used when developing Chinook salmon hard caps (Amendment 91)
 - Shared information on alternatives, impact analysis to-date, answered technical questions, and listened to input from RACs and residents

Staff Recommendation to Participate in Winter 2025 Meetings

Next Review of DEIS Western Interior RAC October or December 2025 (T)



February 19 and 20 in Fairbanks (or virtual)

March 4 and 5 in Bethel (or virtual)

Eastern Interior RAC

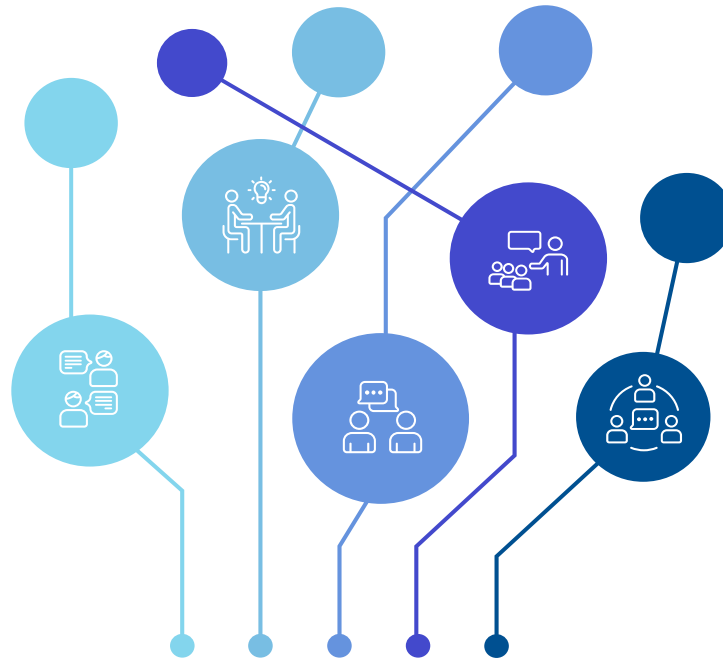
Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta RAC



Tradeoffs of RACs as Forum for Outreach and Engagement on this Action

PROS

- Existing relationships
- Familiarity with the issue
- Established venues and locations



CONS

- RACs are not Tribal governments
- RACs do not represent all communities
- Schedule leaves little flexibility



Points for Consideration

- Any outreach and engagement efforts **must be balanced with staff analytical workloads and funding constraints**
- Staff would contact RAC coordinators about their interest and scheduling, if the Council would like to pursue this option
 - If no input is provided, staff would proceed “as normal”
 - Would not inherently limit consideration of other options



QUESTIONS?

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