

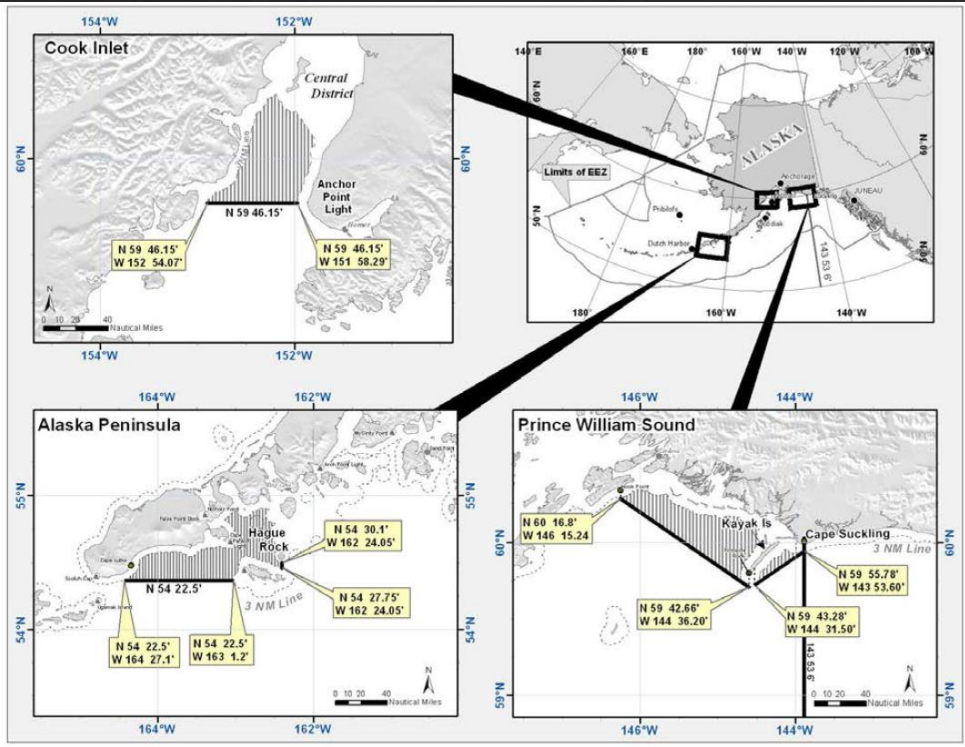
Council Action on the Salmon FMP

Joint Protocol Committee

October 17, 2018

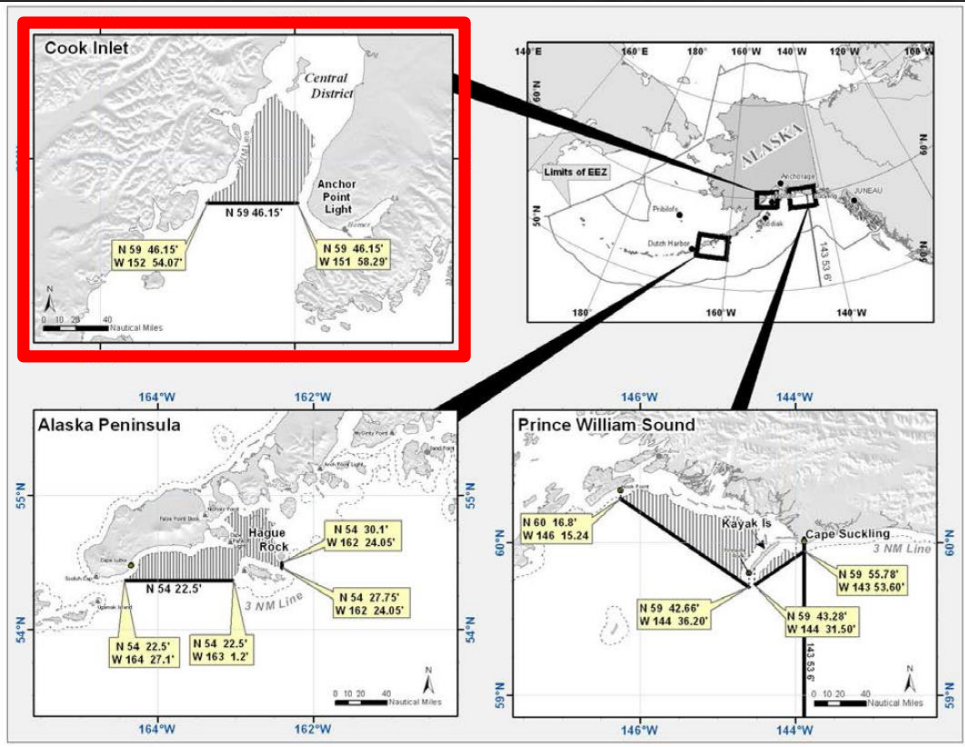
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- ◆ Call for Proposals (Oct 2017)
- ◆ Review (Apr 2018)
- ◆ Call for Nominations (Apr 2018)

Committee

Committee Members:

- John Jensen, **Chair**
- Jim Armstrong, **Coordinator** (NPFMC)
- Dan Anderson (Homer)
- Mark Casseri (Kasilof)
- Hannah Heimbuch (Homer)
- Erik Huebsch (Kasilof)
- Dino Sutherland (Eagle River)

- ◆ Required (Judgement)
- ◆ Scope of Work (Apr 2018)
- ◆ Appointment (Jun 2018)
- ◆ Chair (Oct 2018)
- ◆ Meeting (Dec 2018)

Scope of Work

- ◆ MSA 303(a) requirements, focusing on;
 - ◆ A description of the fishing sectors.
 - ◆ Standardized bycatch reporting methodology.
 - ◆ Social, economic, and community impacts of management measures.
- ◆ Any analytical documents prepared by Council and NMFS staff.

Alternatives

- ◆ 1. No Action
- ◆ 2. Coop Management with State
- ◆ 3. Solely Federal Mgmt

Alternative 2

- ◆ Crab and Scallop FMPs

- ◆ Tier System

- ◆ Tier 1: Salmon stocks with escapement goals and stock-specific catches.

- ◆ Tier 2: Salmon stocks managed as a complex.

- ◆ Tier 3: Salmon stocks with no reliable estimates of escapement.

Alternative 3

- ◆ Groundfish FMPs
- ◆ Option 1 - Council's review process including recommendations of OFL/ABC by a Salmon Plan Team, and subsequent approval by the SSC/Council.
- ◆ Option 2 - Prohibit salmon harvest in Federal waters of Cook Inlet.

Discussion Paper Development

- ◆ MSA § 303 compliance
- ◆ Description of Fishery
- ◆ Essential Fish Habitat
- ◆ Fishery Impact Statement
- ◆ Status Determination Criteria
- ◆ MSY/OY
- ◆ Annual Catch
Limits/Accountability Meas.
- ◆ Bycatch

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Other Issues

- ◆ Sportfishing
- ◆ Over-escapement
- ◆ Invasive Species

December Committee Meeting

- ◆ Agenda available by Nov 9
- ◆ Orientation to the Council process
- ◆ Scope of Work
 - ◆ Description of the fisheries.
 - ◆ Bycatch.
 - ◆ Social, economic, and community impacts
- ◆ Current set of analytical documents
 - ◆ Discussion Paper
 - ◆ Sportfishing
 - ◆ Overescapement
 - ◆ Invasive species

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management

- ◆ Alternative 2 (coop)
 - ◆ Option 1- Salmon Plan Team
 - ◆ Option 2- Existing peer review process
 - ◆ Triennial BOF Regulatory Review Meetings
 - ◆ Escapement Goal review

- ◆ Alternative 3 (federal)
 - ◆ Minimal

Timeline

- ◇ Dec 4
 - ◇ Committee Meeting
- ◇ Dec 8
 - ◇ AP review
- ◇ Dec 9
 - ◇ Council review
 - ◇ Determination of next steps
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- ◇ Final action 1 year from the Council meeting at which the Council takes final action