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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

HATCHERY COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, October 14, 2023, 8:30 a.m.
Egan Civic and Convention Center, Anchorage

TENTATIVE AGENDA

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NOTE: This tentative agenda is subject to change throughout the course of the meeting.

This Tentative Agenda is provided to give a general idea to the public of the board's anticipated schedule. The board will attempt to hold to this schedule; however, the board is not constrained by this Tentative Agenda. Note: As per the *Joint Protocol Salmon Enhancement* document, "...These salmon enhancement meetings will not be open for regulatory actions and no hatchery-related petitions or agenda change requests (ACRs) will be considered as action items".

OPENING BUSINESS

Call to Order; Introductions of Board Members and Staff.

Review the Joint Protocol on Salmon Enhancement, Finding/Policy (#2002-FB-215).

STAFF REPORTS

1. Current staff reports relating to "management, production, and research relating to Alaska's salmon enhancement program", to include permitted versus actual production level by species and facility, management issues, updates on Alaska hatchery research project, wild and hatchery stock interactions, straying issues, cost recovery, funding and corporate structure, and biological considerations. Indicate how the Department implements the SSFP precautionary approach and the wild fish priority.



2. Department of Law briefing on BOF extent of authority and ADF&G's extent of authority related to hatcheries.

Afternoon

OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION

Open forum discussion, moderated by a BOF Member, to be held similar to a Committee of the Whole process, wherein members of the public in attendance are called upon for the BOF to hear a range of opinions. No public sign-up required. Open Forum Subjects are limited to the topics indicated below.

- Should independent research be conducted to ascertain what, if any, impact the hatcheries' release of pink salmon may have on other species?
- Is a precautionary approach being implemented when managing hatcheries? If so, is it working?
- Should the Alaska salmon fishery enhancement program be used to rehabilitate depleted king salmon runs across Alaska?
- How can the Department better communicate accurate information about the Alaska Salmon fishery enhancement program?

BOARD DISCUSSION

- How or at what point do we conclude that the goals of the salmon fishery enhancement program have been met or exceeded? How is "enhancement" assessed or quantified?
- Is the Hatchery Committee effectively implementing the Joint Protocol on Salmon Enhancement?
- Should the board limit the call for proposals related to the salmon fishery enhancement program?

Schedule next Hatchery Committee meeting

Adjourn