

Alaska Salmon Research Task Force

Presentation to the
Alaska Bycatch Advisory Council

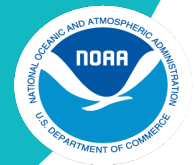
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Reference: S.3429 An Act



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Purposes of the Act

1. to ensure that Pacific salmon trends in Alaska regarding productivity and abundance are characterized and that research needs are identified;
2. to prioritize scientific research needs for Pacific salmon in Alaska;
3. to address the increased variability or decline in Pacific salmon returns in Alaska by creating a coordinated salmon research strategy; and
4. to support collaboration and coordination for Pacific salmon conservations efforts in Alaska.



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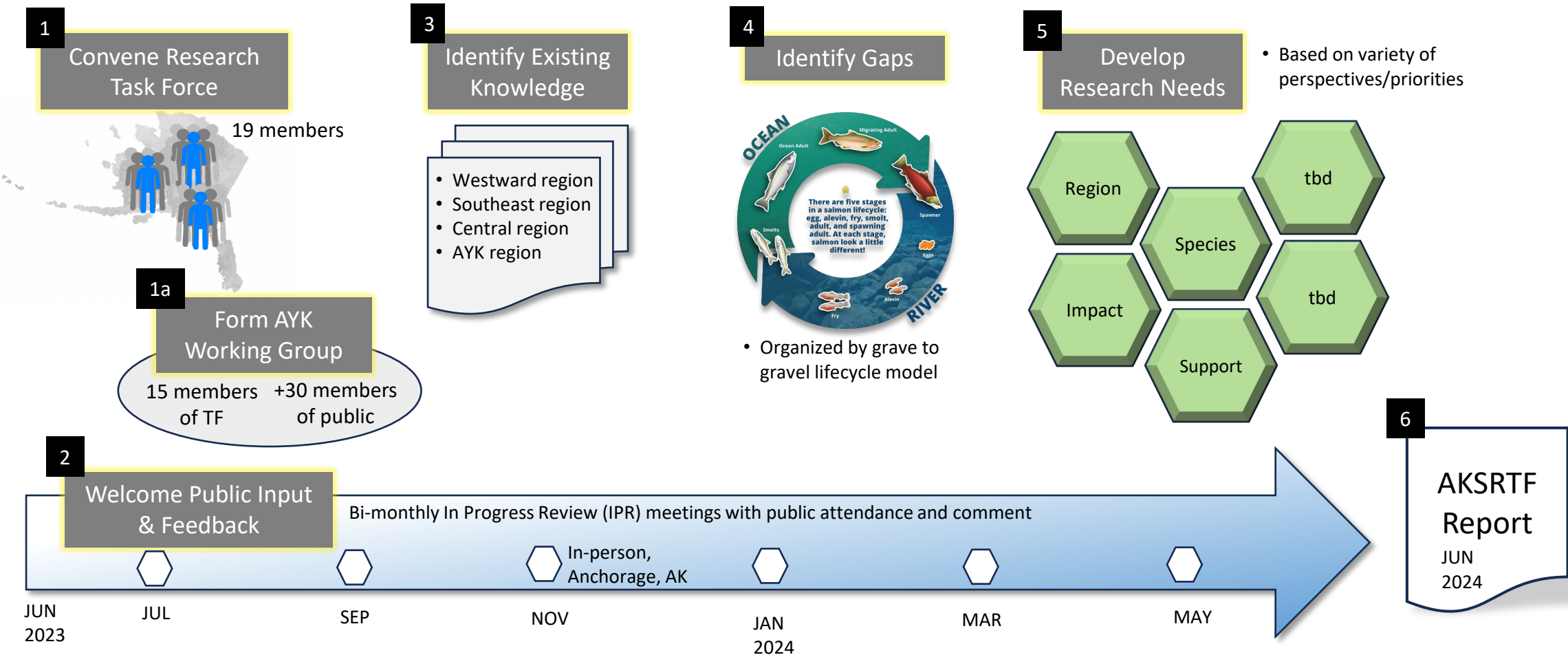
Duties

1. **EXISTING KNOWLEDGE:** Review Pacific salmon science relevant to understanding salmon returns in Alaska
2. **IDENTIFY GAPS:** Identify scientific research Gaps in understanding the Pacific salmon life cycle in Alaska
3. **RECOMMEND RESEARCH:** Recommendations on filling knowledge gaps that warrant further scientific inquiry



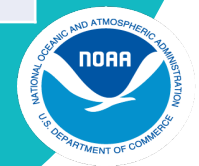
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Alaska Salmon Research Task Force (AKSRTF) Process Overview



Approach/Milestone Plan

Date	Approach/Milestones
June 28, 2023	Task Force Establishes Regional Teams (TF members; address ALL of ALASKA) to build EXISTING KNOWLEDGE and begin to discuss RESEARCH GAPS/NEEDS
July 27, 2023	Task Force Meeting; Establish the ARCTIC YUKON KUSKOKWIM WORKING GROUP
August 18, 2023	Begin to close our REVIEW OF EXISTING KNOWLEDGE ; Final comments on DRAFT REPORT OUTLINE
October 2023	DRAFT document on EXISTING KNOWLEDGE – and initial list of RESEARCH GAPS/NEEDS (place on website for Public review)
November 2023	FINAL DRAFT EXISTING KNOWLEDGE ; Continue to list RESEARCH GAPS and NEEDS (Public input)
April 2024	DRAFT FINAL REPORT ; Begin one month Public Review
May 2024	FINAL DRAFT of REPORT
June 2024	FINAL REPORT



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Meeting Schedule

Date	Meeting Schedule
June 28, 2023	Task Force Meeting – Introductions and Tasks
July 27, 2023	Task Force Meeting (virtual – open to public); Establish the ARCTIC YUKON KUSKOKWIM WORKING GROUP
September 19, 2023	Task Force Meeting (virtual – open to public); Discuss report outline and progress toward existing knowledge and research gaps
November 14/15, 2023	Task Force Meeting (Hybrid in Anchorage, AK – open to public); Day 1 – (1/2 day) Report Existing knowledge and gaps (1/2 day) Public comment/testimony; Day 2 – (1/2 day) Report Research Needs (1/2 day) Public comment/testimony.
January 25, 2024	Task Force Meeting (virtual – open to public); Report on progress toward DRAFT Report
March 27, 2024	Task Force Meeting (virtual – open to public) Report on DRAFT FINAL REPORT
May 22, 2024	Task Force Meeting (virtual – open to public) FINAL DRAFT of REPORT
June 27, 2024	FINAL REPORT



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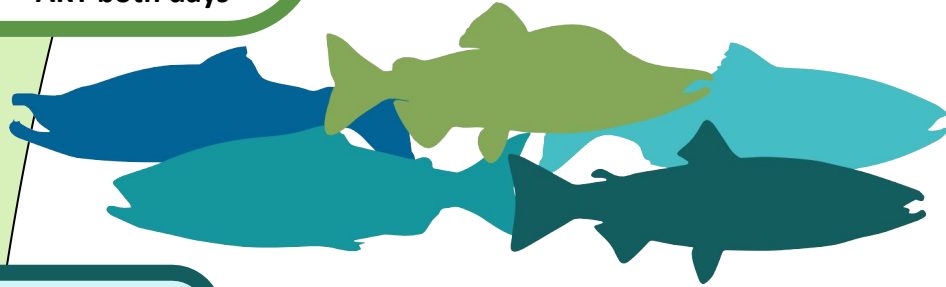
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PUBLIC MEETING IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL

November 14-15th
9 am – 5 pm AKT

The public comment
period will be held
from 1:00-4:30 pm
AKT both days

The Alaska Salmon Research Task Force has 1 year to produce a report that includes what is known and what data and information are needed to better understand salmon migration and salmon abundance to support sustainable salmon management in Alaska. Task Force and Working Group Members will share their progress on report development and seek public input on information gaps and needed research.



TO ATTEND IN-PERSON

William A. Egan Civic & Convention Center, Summit Hall (Lower Level), 555 W 5th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501

TO ATTEND VIA GOTOWEBINAR

November 14th Online Event Registration Link:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5437054647210090843>

November 15th Online Event Registration Link:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6136402316591918687>

TO ATTEND VIA CONFERENCE CALL

Dial: 1-888-946-3810 Passcode: salmon

If you cannot attend the meeting, you have an opportunity to submit written comments via this form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAh5h7E191ifhO7KKXbzGtfVTub9cqH5G_H_gqgPS8g9muwQ/viewform

For more information about the Alaska Salmon Research Task Force and to access the meeting agenda, please visit:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/ecosystems/alaska-salmon-research-task-force>

[Alaska Salmon Research Task Force Web Page](#)

Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Working Group

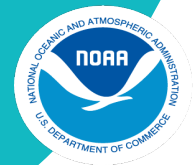
Objective: Focus specifically on the research needs associated with salmon returns in the AYK region; identify applied research needed to better understand increased variability and declining salmon returns.



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Timeline

- June 28, 2023 – begin solicitation for members
- July 27, 2023 – Working Group Participants Identified
- August 2023 – Work Group Participants nominate and elect co-lead (AYK WG co-leads: Kathrine Howard and Daniel Schindler)
- September 6, 2023 – AYK WG Co-leads meet and discuss Kick off meeting Agenda/Timeline
- September 12, 2023 – AYK WG Kick off meeting
- **March 15, 2024 – AYK WG submits DRAFT report to AKSRTF**



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Questions?

Ed Farley Chair



Jacob Ivanoff Co-Chair



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