



Alaska Bycatch Review Task Force (ABRTF) January 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

The ABRTF is established for the purpose of exploring the issue of bycatch and providing recommendations to policy makers with the goal of improving the health and sustainability of Alaska's fisheries, and protecting Alaska's record as a leader of fisheries' conservation and sustainability.

1. Call to order

Alaska Bycatch Review Task Force (ABRTF) meeting called to order at 9 AM by Chairman Jensen.

2. Roll call: acknowledge Task Force participants

Task Force Members present: John Jensen (Chair), Tommy Sheridan (Vice Chair), Ragnar Alstrom, Kevin Delaney, Representative Bryce Edgmon, Duncan Fields, Mike Flores, Brian Gabriel, Linda Kozak, Stephanie Madsen, Raymond May, Senator Peter Micciche, Erik Velsko, Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang

Other attendees: State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) Acting Deputy Commissioner Micaela Fowler

3. Review Governor Dunleavy's [Administrative Order No. 326](#) establishing the Task Force

ABRTF Chairman Jensen read Governor Dunleavy's Administrative Order No. 326 to the Task Force and meeting attendees.

4. Task Force member statements: Introduction, background, and goals for participation

Task Force members provided brief introductions, including their background and goals for participation.

5. Determine next steps: Establish subcommittees and develop work plan

ABRTF Chairman Jensen requested that Task Force members develop concepts and recommendations for subcommittee formation on topics of relevance to the ABRTF's purpose. Commissioner Vincent-Lang further recommended that the Task Force come to its next meeting with a series of subcommittees to be tasked with a more detailed focus on these topics.

6. Establish future Task Force meeting schedule

ABRTF set its next meeting for Friday, February 11. As part of this meeting, it was expected that the Task Force would be provided with summary presentations by agency staff (ADF&G, NMFS, NPAFC) to introduce the issue of bycatch. Chairman Jensen introduced the concept of establishing regularly scheduled meetings for the third Thursday each month, as an example. It was expected that some communication would take place following the meeting to discern Task Force membership availability for such a schedule.

7. Adjournment at 10 AM.

The January 28, 2022 meeting of the Alaska Bycatch Fishery Task Force (ABRTF) adjourned at approximately 10 AM.