



Alaska Bycatch Review Task Force (ABRT) GOA Salmon and Halibut Subcommittee Wednesday, August 10, 2002 at 9am (AST)

Committee members: Brian Gabriel, Kevin Delaney, Mike Flores, Raymond May, Duncan Fields, Linda Kozak

1. Call to order at 9am.
2. Roll call: introduction of committee and ABRT members. Committee: Brian Gabriel, Kevin Delaney, Linda Kozak. Other ABRT: Stephanie Madsen and Senator Micciche.
3. Approve agenda: August 10, 2022. Move to approve by Kozak, seconded by Delaney.
4. Approve minutes: May 24, 2022, and July 28, 2022. Move to approve July 28 by Kozak, seconded by Delaney. May 24 minutes to be approved at next meeting.
5. Old business: Committee discussion regarding timelines for ABRT reports. Reviewed ABRT timeline from July 19 meeting. By the end of August, the committee should forward their research recommendations to the Science, Technology, and Innovation committee. In September the committees' recommendations should be finalized. Question on whether an extension to the deadline is needed to have adequate time to consider the information and develop recommendations; suggest discussing this at the next ABRT meeting.
6. New business: Industry research and management recommendations
 - a. Alaska Groundfish Data Bank – Julie Bonney, Rebecca Skinner, and Chris Woodley; submitted comments are linked to meeting information.

Questions:

- How could the state better help with collaboration? Need to have coordination across the research groups, e.g., a workshop to get everyone working on these issues in the same room.
 - Question on need for outreach materials? A webpage with information and links is not enough, need to have public education effort from the State. The information needs to be condensed and provided on a regular basis to the public (e.g. year-end reports from NOAA Fisheries on bycatch). Efforts need to reach a wider audience.
- b. Groundfish Forum – Chris Woodley (included above)
 - c. Fishing Vessel Owners' Association (FVOA)– Paul Clampitt; submitted comments are linked to meeting information.

Questions:

- Would FVOA support a recommendation that the partial observer program be evaluated for all the fishing sectors (pot, longline, trawl)? Yes, our recommendations are not specific to any one sector.

d. Alaska Charter Association – Jim Martin; submitted comments are linked to meeting information.

Questions:

- Do your recommendations include re-examining some of the static closed areas – for example the crab closures in the Gulf of Alaska? Yes, it should also include an examination of essential fish habitat (EFH).
- Comment – the Council has done some recent work examining and updating a database on all the closed areas in response to the President’s 30x30 initiative. The Council is also currently in the process of their 5-year review of EFH.

7. Public comment: three-minute (3) limit to individual comments

Julie Bonney: North Pacific Fishery Management Council is in the process of analyzing cost efficiencies in the partial coverage observer program. In terms of the tender recommendation, the trawl fleet is moving towards implementation of electronic monitoring on pelagic trawl vessels and that would include the tender vessels they deliver to. Beginning to look at using electronic monitoring for non-pelagic trawl fisheries as well.

Lanie Welch: suggest public notices of meetings go out prior to meetings and include the type of presentations that will be shown at those meetings. ABRT should send out a press release that summarizes what the ABRT has done so far.

8. Committee comments:

Brian Gabriel: request to ADF&G for research priorities for GOA salmon and halibut.

Linda Kozak: next meeting should focus on the research recommendations that we need to forward to the Science, Technology and Innovation committee.

9. Next Meeting Date: August 23, 2022, at 9am

10. Adjournment at 11:15