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## ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

### Charge to Southeast AK Salmon Allocation Workgroup

**Purpose:** The objective of the SE AK Salmon Allocation Workgroup is to review all wild and enhanced salmon allocation plans and the unintended consequences when considering one policy over another and try to determine how the policies interact. The public members of the workgroup will be advisory to the Board members in developing possible recommendations on changes to any or all of the salmon allocation policies including but not limited to the 5 AAC 33.364. Southeastern Alaska Area Enhanced Salmon Allocation Management Plan and associated Board of Findings 94-148FB; 5 AAC 29.065. Allocation of coho salmon; 5 AAC 33.363. Management guidelines for allocating Southeast Alaska pink, chum, and sockeye salmon between commercial net fisheries; and 5 AAC 33.366. Northern Southeast seine salmon fishery management plans.

**Membership:** The SE AK Salmon Allocation workgroup will consist of at least two gillnetters, two trollers, and two seiners appointed by the Chair of the Board of Fisheries. Nominations for the public seats will be submitted to Board Support by November 3, 2017. The chair of the Workgroup may ask for assistance and input from the Aquaculture Associations in the region and from the Executive Directors of the fishing associations that represent salmon fishermen.

Public Advisory Workgroup members will attend meetings at their own expense. The Department of Fish and Game will assist the group by providing a meeting space and requested information about the fisheries or effects of proposed regulations.

Specific Issues to be cognizant of:

- 5 AAC 29.060. Allocation of king salmon in the Southeastern Alaska-Yakutat Area will not be altered but can not be ignored as well as considerations of the Pacific salmon treaty.
- Maintaining the balance of conservation between gear groups
- The State policy for the Management of Mixed Stock Salmon Fisheries 5 AAC 39.220
- Any recommendations made by this workgroup will not affect the sport fishery.

The workgroups recommendations if any are developed will be presented at the Board of Fisheries Southeast Finfish meeting in Sitka, Alaska January 11-23, 2018.