

Alaska Board of Fisheries
Northern Gulf of Alaska Chinook Salmon Task Force
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I. Introduction/Problem Statement

Management of fisheries for chinook salmon is complicated by the highly migratory nature of the species and by the potential for harvest in mixed stock fisheries.

In the northern Gulf of Alaska (NGOA), chinook salmon are the subject of increasing allocation disputes among Alaska user groups resulting from increased directed and incidental harvests and management concerns for individual stocks of this fully allocated species.

II. Reason for Board Involvement

A variety of regulatory proposals have been submitted to the Alaska Board of Fisheries that raise concerns over the harvest of chinook salmon in NGOA fisheries. Before addressing these proposals, the board wants to provide adequate opportunity for the public to become familiar with current scientific information and programs, to understand and discuss future research needs, to identify management and allocation programs, and to seek appropriate solutions.

III. The board establishes the NGOA Chinook Salmon Task Force.

A. Task Force membership/outreach: Stakeholder participants will be responsible for their own expenses to attend task force meetings. The public shall nominate and the board shall approve membership to this task force.

B. Mission and Problem Statements, goals and objectives. The board directs the task force to:

Task 1) Review the fisheries that harvest NGOA chinook salmon

Inventory fishery management and stock assessment information and programs

Agree on the scientific information upon which discussions will be based

Report to the board on the results of Task 1

Task 2) Review proposals tabled during the 1998/1999 board cycle pertaining to the management of NGOA chinook salmon

Identify issues

Identify information gaps

Recommend programs to gather additional information

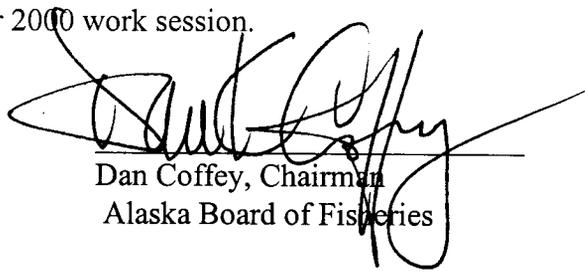
Develop management strategies that address identified issues

Report to the board on the results of Task 2

The task force will report to the board at the October 2000 work session.

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