2016 SOUTHEAST ALASKA CHATHAM STRAIT SABLEFISH INDUSTRY MEETING
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Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) will meet with Southeast Alaska sablefish stakeholders and interested members of the public at the University of Alaska Sitka Campus, Room 106 (1332 Seward Ave, Sitka, AK 99835) between 12:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2016 to discuss status of Northern Southeast Alaska Inside (NSEI), i.e., Chatham Strait, sablefish stocks. In addition to an overview of the Chatham Strait state fishery, there will also be presentations on the Gulf of Alaska federal sablefish stock by federal stock assessment scientists, and on whale depredation research by the Southeast Alaska Sperm Whale Avoidance Project (SEASWAP) scientists. Individuals unable to attend in person may call-in from any location if they have a computer or iPad (a cell phone will not work) equipped with a web camera and microphone and have internet (other than dial-up). At the end of this news release are details on setting up the video conference.

This news release replaces the previous news release issued for this meeting and contains the updated screenshots.

The following agenda items will be presented at the meeting:

- NSEI fishery and survey catch per unit effort (CPUE)
- NSEI sablefish quota decrements
- NSEI age structured assessment model and outlook for 2016
- NSEI future survey and fieldwork
- Gulf of Alaska federal sablefish fishery stock status
- SEASWAP whale tagging and depredation/ other collaborative research

The 2015 NSEI survey and fishery catch per unit effort (CPUE) indices have declined from 2014. The fishery CPUE (pounds per hook) declined 16%, while survey CPUE indices declined 8% (pounds per hook) and 11% (fish per hook). This analysis will be further discussed at the meeting.

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HOW TO SET UP VIDEO CONFERENCING IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING IN PERSON:

Please review these instructions and test prior to the meeting. To set up the video conference, you will need the following:

1) An iPad or computer with a web camera and microphone. You MUST have a webcam/microphone to connect; you can buy external versions inexpensively if your computer does not come equipped with one. Most newer laptops have a webcam and microphone built-in. The web camera is generally located in the center, above the video screen.
2) An internet connection. Anything faster than dial-up should work.
3) Google Chrome—other browsers may not work. You can install Google Chrome from the following website: https://www.google.com/intl/en/chrome/browser/desktop/index.html

To join the conference, please follow the instructions below. You may call the University of Alaska, Fairbanks video conferencing staff any time prior to the meeting to test the set-up (1-800-910-9601, option 1 or option 2).

1) Go to the following website using Google Chrome: https://vcs-web.h323.alaska.edu/webapp. If you receive a message regarding a problem with the website security, then please proceed and allow the website to load. The University of Alaska is working on resolving this message.

2) When you see the below screen,

Please enter the following conference ID:
If your last name begins with: A–G, Enter this ID: video.juneau1
H–O, Enter this ID: video.juneau2
P–Z, Enter this ID: video.juneau3

Then enter your name and click “connect”.

3) Please then enter the following PIN:

If your last name begins with: A–G, Enter this PIN: 0075
H–O, Enter this PIN: 0076
P–Z, Enter this PIN: 0077
Then, click “connect.”

4) You will then need to share your camera and microphone. You may see the below prompt.

Once you share your camera and microphone, you should be able to see the presenter and their screen.

*Microphone* - During the presentation, please mute your microphone so other attendees will not hear background noise from your location. The microphone icon will be at the bottom of the video conference screen, please click on it to disable. You should see a red “x”. You can reactivate the microphone during the question and answer period of the conference.

*Camera* – You can disable your camera by clicking on it if you have slow band width. It is located at the bottom of the video conference screen next to the microphone.

*Screens* - You can click back and forth between the presenter and the presentation slides in order to move them between the small and large windows.

5) If you cannot hear, you can increase the volume on your computer using the keyboard or by clicking on the audio icon in your computer task bar and then adjusting.

6) The video conferencing chat room will not be monitored, so please do not ask any questions through this avenue. There will be a question and answer period at the end of the presentations.

7) If your internet is too slow to connect, then you will see two arrows in a circle. Your conference should connect within a minute or so if the connection is OK. If you can connect, but your bandwidth is slow, then the system will first disable the presenter video, then the presentation video. Audio will be the last system disabled.


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