



Alaska Bycatch Review Task Force (ABRT) April 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

The ABRT 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. ABRT website: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=bycatchtaskforce.main>

1. Call to order

Alaska Bycatch Review Task Force (ABRT) meeting called to order at 9:02 AM by Member Kevin Delaney.

2. Roll call: acknowledge Task Force participants

Task Force Members present: John Jensen (Chair), Ragnar Alstrom, Kevin Delaney, Duncan Fields, Brian Gabriel, Linda Kozak, Stephanie Madsen, Erik Velsko, Karma Ulvi, Senator Peter Micciche, Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang, Jim Anderson Delegate for Commissioner Sande

Other attendees: Karla Bush Department of Fish and Game, Staff for Senator Micciche, Kari Winkel Department of Fish and Game, Staff for Representative Edgmon

3. Approve Agenda: April 19, 2022, Approved

4. Approve minutes: March 9, 2022, Approved

5. Old Business:

a) Brief review of Administrative Order

- Background and purpose of ABRT was briefly reviewed for the benefit of new ABRT members joining this meeting.

b) Future Meeting Schedule

- Discussion of in-person meeting was had May was decided to be too soon for in person. Discussion of having an in-person meeting in October between the council meeting and the Board of Fisheries meeting. Possible meeting June 21, August 16, September 20th.

6. New Business:

a) Update from Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska crab committee

- First meeting occurred April 4, 2022. Presentations were made and are available on the ABRT website, future meetings were scheduled requests for further information were made both by committee members and via public comment. The next meeting will include further informational presentations provided to the committee. Future meetings April 26, and May 31

b) Update from Western Alaska salmon committee

- First meeting occurred April 14, 2022. Presentations were made and are available on the ABRT website, requests for further information were made both by

committee members and via public comment. Future meeting April 29. Further May meetings were discussed as well as July meetings.

c) Update from Gulf of Alaska halibut and salmon committee

- First meeting occurred April 14, 2022. Presentations were made and are available on the ABRT website, requests for further information were made both by committee members and via public comment. Future meetings were discussed, and one was scheduled for May 3.

7. Public Comment

- No public comments were made

8. Task Force Comments

- Question was posed as to how recommendations would be decided on by the ABRT. It was decided first consensus and then a majority and minority both reporting if there can be no consensus.
- Research needs were discussed and how to bring those to various agencies and how to make those recommendations for use of funding as part of the final ABRT report to the Governor.
- Request for more information on farmed Chinook disease in Canada, Karla Bush is going to look into that

9. Next Meeting Date May 17, 2022

10. Adjournment at 9:57 am