



**Alaska Bycatch Review Task Force (ABRT)
Gulf of Alaska
Salmon and Halibut Committee
Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at 9:00 AM (AST)**

Virtual (Zoom) meeting at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85925839452?pwd=U1VxbUxyWnNRRNmdvU1BuNElGeFMrZz09>

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

1. Call to order (9:00 AM)
2. Roll call: introduction of committee and ABRT members
3. Approve agenda: August 31, 2022
4. Approve minutes: May 24, 2022 and August 23, 2022
5. Old business:
 - a) Research recommendations
6. Public comment on management and state engagement recommendations: three-minute limit
7. New business:
 - a) Address Gulf of Alaska Chinook salmon management recommendations
 - b) Address Gulf of Alaska halibut management recommendations
 - c) Address state engagement recommendations (if time allows)

Note: Attached to the agenda is a preliminary listing of recommendations received by the committee

8. Public comment: three-minute (3) limit to individual comments
9. Task Force comments
10. Next Meeting Date: September 7, 2022 at 9 AM
11. Adjournment

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The following lists are meant to begin the discussion on management and state engagement for the Gulf of Alaska Chinook salmon and halibut bycatch. They are not meant to be all inclusive.

Management Recommendations to Consider

Bycatch utilization

Rationalization as a mechanism to reduce bycatch and deadloss

Examination of utility of hard caps vs. other methods of limiting bycatch

Sharing of allocation within the cap and if that works or why it may not work

Abundance based management for halibut in the GOA

Observer coverage issues in the GOA

Gear conversion to less bycatch-heavy gear types

Trawl speeds

Essential fish habitat areas in the GOA and avoidance of those areas

Assess near-shore depletion of species in smaller areas more inline with how and where fish are being caught

State Engagement Ideas for Consideration

Creating a permanent task force committee

Appointing a bycatch policy advisor for the governor

State to develop a bycatch policy

Ways to communicate information regarding bycatch to the public at large in a way that is understandable