

### **State Engagement Recommendations**

- State of Alaska should establish a method to communicate bycatch information (numbers and fisheries) in both State and Federal fisheries for easy access to the public. This could be a page on the ADF&G website with links to NMFS Alaska Region and NPFMC or other communication tools.
- State of Alaska Federal Fisheries staff should continue to offer the public an opportunity to provide input on NPFMC issues before each NPFMC meeting.
- Education Tax Credit Program- support legislative action to remove sunset of program and consider expanding program to specifically allow gear modification or technology improvements that would help reduce bycatch.
- State should work with other entities, including the State Department, to request that the State Department, through bilateral and multilateral diplomatic channels with Russia, request information on the bycatch of Chinook salmon and chum salmon taken in Russian domestic fisheries (specifically, the number of salmon caught in their groundfish and salmon fisheries, and the genetic origin of these salmon).