



# Alaska Bycatch Advisory Council (ABAC)

## October 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes

### Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

#### 1. Call to order

The Alaska Bycatch Advisory Council meeting was called to order by Chair Kozak at 9:00 am

**Roll call: acknowledge Advisory Council participants.**

**Members present:** Linda Kozak (Chair), Kevin Delaney, Brian Gabriel, Stephanie Madsen, Karma Ulvi

**Other attendees:** ADF&G staff: Kyle Campbell, Kari Winkel, Deputy Commissioner Rachel Baker, Art Nelson

#### 2. Approve Agenda: October 24, 2023, Approved

#### 3. Approve Minutes: September 5, 2023, Approved

#### 4. Announcements

- a) Bycatch town hall meeting in Homer November 27, 2023
- b) Update on Subcommittees
- c) Report on Kodiak townhall meeting 19/19/23
  - Deputy Commissioner Baker provided a general report on the townhall meeting in Kodiak and what the State took away from that meeting and the information the state provided at the meeting.

#### 5. Progress Report Presentations

- **Alaska Salmon Research Task Force**
  - Ed Farley provided a brief introduction and then presented a power point presentation to the group which is available on the BAC website.
  - Advisory Council members asked questions about the presentation and what process is going forward for this task force.
- **Bristol Bay red king crab tagging study**
  - Scott Goodman provided a presentation updating on this project which was a high priority for the ABRT.
  - Advisory Council members asked questions about the presentation and what process is going forward for this study.

#### 6. Subcommittee Updates

##### a) Review FAQs for website

- **Member Madsen:** Provided a quick update on the FAQs have determined they need to take general questions and make them more specific to better provide information.

##### b) Research

- **Chair Kozak:** Provided an update on members involved in this subcommittee, and requested further updates.

**c) Utilization of Bycatch**

- **Member Gabriel:** Provided update to this committee, when they would meet, who is going to be involved and what the roadmap is going forward to fully flesh out this idea.

**7. Public Comment**

- a) Eric Anderson (Palmer):** Thanked BAC members, feels bycatch is most important issue for all fisheries statewide. Asked if Fukushima power plant issue could be affecting stocks.
- b) Brooke Woods (Rampart):** Idea of utilizing bycatch is a harmful idea and should not be something that is moved forward with due to returns in the AYK region.

**8. Action**

**a) Discuss report to the Commissioner**

- **Chair Kozak:** Reviewed what the report might look like to the Commissioner and noted a time will be scheduled with the Commissioner for members of the BAC to go over the report with him.

**b) Roadmap for spring meetings and set dates**

- **Chair Kozak:** Asked for input on when a meeting sometime in March
- **Member Madsen:** Added some additional information on when other entities might have more information out to be discussed.

**9. Final BAC member comments**

**10. Adjournment by 10:57 AM**