# Draft Agenda Southern, Northern, & Joint Southeast Regional Planning Team Meetings April 8, 2025 Ted Ferry Civic Center Ketchikan, Alaska

# **Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> – Southern, Northern, & Joint Southeast – Regional Planning Team Meeting,** (9:00 am until 5 pm if necessary)

- 1.0 Call to Order
- 2.0 Introductions/ Public comment
- 3.0 Amend and/or approve the agenda
- 4.0 Review recommendations from December 5th, 2024, meeting in Sitka.
- 5.0 Approve Minutes from December 5th meeting.
- 6.0 Action Items:

### Southern Southeast Regional Planning Team (SSERPT)

6.1 – SSRAA: Chickamin River Chinook salmon release at Anita Bay (Crystal Lake Hatchery)

# Northern Southeast Regional Planning Team (NSERPT)

- 6.2 Considering the commissioner's decision to reduce Crawfish Inlet releases by 7.5 million chum salmon eggs; how will this reduction impact hatchery operator cost recovery and allocation within the gear groups?
- 6.3 If the 7.5 million chum salmon egg reduction is moved to either Bear Cove or Deep Inlet; demonstrate this increase will not impact the stocks of concern.

### Joint Southeast Regional Planning Team (JSERPT)

- 6.4 Allocation report.
- 6.5 Joint RPT letter to commissioner (5 AAC 40.345 Southeast Alaska). "The letter will be based off a list of recent production actions and their possible effects on allocation, supplied by the hatchery operators" JSERPT, December 2019
- 6.6 Crawfish Inlet Performance Review (5 AAC 40.860 Performance Review provided below).
- 6.7 Assignment from the commissioner; "Conduct a review of chum salmon release strategies, release numbers, and release locations and report to the commissioner by December 31, 2025, their findings and recommendations regarding what is working well, what is not working well, impacts on wild salmon stocks, and potential improvements to the salmon fishery enhancement program."
- 6.8 Broodstock Sanctuaries (draft document- note edits in previous minutes).

7.0- Information and Discussion Items:

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- 8.0 Additional Business:
- 9.0 Next Meeting Date In association with task force meetings (Dec. 2-3, Tues-Wed) in Juneau?

10.0 - Adjourn

# Appendix

# 5 AAC 40.860. Performance review.

(a) Based upon a department internal review, the PNP coordinator will notify the commissioner if a hatchery operator's performance is inadequate, according to the conditions under which the permit was granted.

(b) The commissioner will, in his or her discretion, consider a permit alteration, suspension, or revocation in accordance with <u>AS 16.10.430</u>. If the commissioner decides to consider a permit alteration, suspension, or revocation, the coordinator will notify the appropriate regional planning team. The regional planning team may make a written recommendation to the commissioner on the proposed alteration, suspension, or revocation. The regional planning team shall use the following performance standards in their review, evaluation, and recommendation to the commissioner, including whether:

(1) survivals in the hatchery are more than the minimum standards described in (c) of this section for a period of greater than four years;

(2) the transport of broodstock from wild sources does not continue for longer than one cycle of the particular species without reevaluation of hatchery operations;

(3) the hatchery contributes to the common property fishery;

(4) the hatchery does not significantly impact wild stocks in a negative manner;

(5) the hatchery fulfills the production objectives described in the terms of the hatchery permit; and

(6) there are any mitigating circumstances which were beyond the control of the hatchery operator.

(c) Minimum hatchery survival standards are as follows:

Survi	val for this state	Cumulative Survival
For captured broodstock to egg take	70%	
Green egg to eyed egg	80%	80%
Eyed egg to emergent fry	85%	68%
Emergent to fed fry <sup>1</sup>	90%	61%
Fed fry to fingerling <sup>2</sup>	90%	55%
Fingerling to smolt	75%	41%

<sup>1</sup> Fry achieving up to 25% weight gain from swim-up.

<sup>2</sup> Fry achieving substantially more than 25% weight gain from swim-up.