

**Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Charge to the Sitka Spawn on Kelp  
Open Platform Fishery Workgroup**

The objective of the work group is to develop solutions to problems identified by the Board of Fisheries related to implementation of a new open platform spawn-on-kelp fishery in Sitka Sound.

Task Force members will include two purse seine sac roe, two open platform and two subsistence stakeholders and one Sitka advisory committee member..

Specific issues identified by the Board include:

How to allocate herring and kelp at both low (e.g., 2,000 ton) and high (greater than 5,000 tons) guideline harvest levels.

Minimum threshold/GHL's for competitive sac roe seine and open platform fisheries.

Number of open platforms.

Configuration of pounds (2,400 ft<sup>2</sup> versus 40 x 60); no larger pounds.

Bag limits versus kelp frond limits and related economic and marketing considerations.

What stipulations should be in permit versus regulation. Refine permit requirements including: fish ticket and other reporting requirements, when and where product is weighed, transfer of overages between pound operators, etc.

How to deal with overages under a bag limit scenario.

Address need to be more conservative in application of kelp product to herring conversion rates.

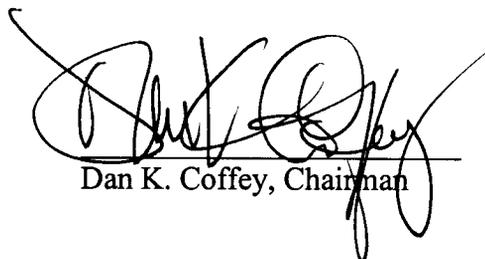
Consider a future workgroup, its participants, a suggested charge to identify and resolve conflicts among themselves.

Funding issues related to fishery.

Identify enforcement problems and develop regulatory or permit requirements to address them.

The workgroup will report back in writing to the board by February 16, 2000.

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