

DRAFT Alaska Bycatch Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

Date: May 23, 2023 - Time: 9:00 AM

1. Call to order and acknowledgment of BAC members
2. Approve Agenda: May 23, 2023
3. Approve Minutes: May 1, 2023
4. Old Business: Review draft Mission Statement
5. New Business: Bycatch Resource Presentations
 - a) North Pacific Fishery Management Council staff
 - b) National Marine Fisheries Service staff
 - c) Alaska Department of Fish & Game staff
6. Review ideas on implementing State Engagement issues
7. Public comment (three minute limit):

Note: *Comments are requested on ideas for addressing the State Engagement recommendations attached to agenda*
8. Discussion on implementation ideas and feasibility for State Engagement issues 1-2
9. Consider development of a road-map for ABRT issues and discuss priorities
10. Summer work for subcommittees and individuals
11. Discuss and set fall meeting dates
12. Final BAC member comments
13. Adjournment

State Engagement Recommendations by Alaska Bycatch Review Task Force:

1. The State of Alaska should establish a process for providing bycatch-related information and resources for Alaskans in a format that is understandable and easily accessible. Website development with bycatch-related links, as well as bycatch informational forums and other forms of outreach are recommended.
2. State of Alaska federal fisheries staff should continue to offer the public an opportunity to provide input on NPFMC issues before each NPFMC meeting. Consideration should be given to additional methods to seek input from stakeholders, tribal entities and communities on bycatch issues.