Alaska Salmon Research Task Force (AKSRTF)

Agenda May 22, 2024. 10:00-12:00		
Time (AKST)	**Topic**	**Speaker/ Lead**
10:00	Welcome Agenda review Roll Call	Facilitator / Jacob Ivanoff
10:15	Progress Report on Final Report • Public Comments received and incorporated • Further AKSRTF comments • Final timeline for report	Ed Farley/AKSRTF
11:15	Public Comments & Questions	
11:45 – 12:00	Wrap up	Facilitator / Jacob Ivanoff

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Meeting Attendees:

Andrew Munro	Kathrine Howard
Andy Piston	Megan Williams
Austin Estabrooks	Michelle Stratton
Bill Templin	Noëlle Yochum (Virtual)
Caroline Brown	Oscar Evon
Ed Farley	Steve Reifenstuhl
Jacob Ivanoff	Tom Carpenter
Justin Leon	Laura Dwinnell (Virtual)
Karla Jensen (Virtual)	

Review of Draft Report
Discussion section by section of content and logical flow of material.

Research Needs:
- **Marine Food Limitations**. Sensitive political message here to convey that AK has the pristine habitats that can/should be leveraged to understand research needs. Is it enough to have just a bullet? We can move some language up into Research Needs if needed.
- Salmon Health Condition. Adding a comment regarding declining size at age.
- **Warming Climate. Modeling**: Some feel like this is broader than modeling. Could funding be placed toward research around extreme events, productivity etc to inform. Research that uses enhanced observations… Ed described some broad categories that can help inform modeling. We might make adjustments to this after we do the Prioritization Matrix.
- **Freshwater Changes**: In Exec Summary do we need this narrative or just the headers? Would a senator level person understand this information/content? There is some other funding that is linked to this

topic… What creates a resilient habitat for salmon? The metrics should be spelled out and emphasized. Need some core examples that tell the story here especially in a way that conveys to non-science/experts. This section captures concerns about harvest strays on freshwater salmon.

- **Predators**: Ed received many comments about hatchery fish causing problems for the wild fish population.
- **Freshwater Harvest:** Is the content specific to species? Are there other research needs here?
- Integrated and coordinated strategies… A framework for coordinated strategies as an end result of this study

Priority Matrix Comments
- Actionable: hit short and long term.
- Interception: Are there mitigation measures that would minimize…
- The criteria may be leading us into rabbit holes…too detailed and not helpful. Need to simplify.
- Should we use a "potential outcome" based approach as Ed highlighted from a report he referenced.
- Help draw the link to the need to appropriate funding to the research needs, "paint the story". Bring more of the story up into the executive summary.
- Move the Research needs down into the body of the report
- Focus on Statewide but emphasize the AYK #s?
- Ed - **Question for Comms Team:** Visual for having main document but "**highlights" (e.g. like call outs)** to help combine the AYK WG work into the main TF report
- Gravel to Gravel - we are prioritizing that whole system
- Is it our responsibility to rank the projects? Have we not already prioritized by virtue of the fact that we have identified, discussed and culled many ideas down to ~22? The group seems to agree that this is a valid point. And that this sets up research needs.
- Maybe categorize by drivers/impacts

- **Ed - Work w/the Comms Team** to make sure that the keywords are included (for searchability)
- May need to add another strategy for change in migration

Summary of Shift in Direction
- Place research needs back down in categories of text
- Move strategy for coordinate research up front
- Ensure that we have actionable items listed. We have A-F currently… That's not a full list.
- We are not planning on doing a prioritization process (via the matrix) but we do need to add language in the report that we did prioritize based on the outcome of the ~20 needs listed.
- Add a few examples up front in Exec Summary
- Prioritize systems, prioritize w/in AYK. Prioritize in gravel to gravel framework.
- Consider developing a core example, perhaps w/Chinook & Chum, and weave that as an example throughout.

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- Their full report (draft is underway) will go into the Appendix.
- Some specific language from the AYK Report will be pulled up into the Exec Summary.
- Task Force Chair and AYK Co-leads will figure out which parts of the report are being pulled into the body of the TF Report and will share that with the AYK WG for their awareness.

Next Task Force Meetings:
- March 11: Task Force only, Virtual meeting to finalize report
- March 27: Task Force, Public invited, Virtual
- June 27 : Task Force, Public invited, Virtual