

AKSRTF IPR #2 Meeting 9/19/23

Task Force Attendees (Virtual)

Andrew Munro	Ed Farley	Megan McPhee	Oscar Evon
Andy Piston	Jacob Ivanoff	Megan Williams	Steve Reifenhohl
Austin Estabrooks	Justin Leon	Michelle Stratton	Tom Carpenter
Bill Templin	Karla Jensen	Mike Flores	Tommy Sheridan
Caroline Brown	Katie Howard	Noëlle Yochum	Laura Dwinell

- 18 public participants
- [Agenda Link](#)
- [Website Link](#)

Meeting Highlights

Welcome / Logistics - Facilitator, Laura Dwinell

- Welcomed all attendees at 10:00am AKDT, provided an announcement of meeting recording, and an agenda overview.

Update on AKSRTF - Chair, Ed Farley

- Provided task and activities Update. Ed reviewed the overall task force schedule and key milestones. Upcoming highlights include
 - **Oct 20:** Draft report will be posted on AKSRTF Website for public review, comment.
 - **Nov 14-15:** In person/hybrid Task Force meeting in Anchorage AK.
- Also noted: Ed has received several emails containing testimony on gaps and research needs regarding AK salmon. Those emails will be posted on the Task Force website under gaps.

Region Area Updates: Central, Tommy Sheridan; Westward, Michelle Stratton; Southeast, Andy Piston.

- Team leads provided status of their Knowledge Review to date (as captured in the AKRSTF Assignment_Knowledge Review file) and discussed next steps for their teams.
- The Southeast team shared a helpful organizing method for the Gaps and Project ideas and highlighted the information in their spreadsheet. The Westward and Central teams agreed that this method of organizing ideas (around species and broadscale ideas) would be helpful and agreed to follow the same approach.
- **ACTION - Laura: Set up the Westward and Central teams with a “Gaps and Project Ideas” worksheet similar to the Southeast worksheet. (done, 9/20/23))**

AYK Working Group - Co-Leads: Katie Howard & Daniel Schindler

- Provided an update on the WG formation, kick off meeting (9/12/23) and plans for holding bi-weekly meetings from 9/26/23 through 11/21/23 in order to allow the large WG to fully share ideas, testimony, and recommendations

Upcoming Meetings - Vice Chair: Jacob Ivanoff

- The November 14-15 meeting will focus on gaps and project ideas as well as opportunity for public comment and testimony during the afternoon of each day.
 - Note: There are limited travel funds. Those requiring or requesting travel funds should do so through their own organizations and lastly request to Ed Farley and Jacob Ivanoff.
 - **ACTION - All: For planning purposes, please let Laura and Ed know by Oct 15 if you plan to attend in person or virtually.**

Other Updates

- (Ed Farley, Chair). Review of the report sections and structure. Ed described the process for organizing and summarizing the knowledge, gaps and ideas by “likely suspects”.
 - **ACTION - All: Review report content to date. Provide comment and additional input by Friday Oct 6.**
 - Note. The draft Report will be made available on the website to the public on Oct 20 for a 3 week review process in advance of the Nov 14-15 TF meeting. The public will also have another opportunity to review and comment on the report late March through April 2024.
- The Attendee Report and Q&A Report, can be found in the [Meeting folder](#). The meeting recording will also be dropped into that folder in the next day or two.

Questions & Comments

Question	Response
How do we access the Excel file?	Thanks for your question Mark. We will provide some information on this webpage about ongoing work of the Task Force and gaps they are identifying. You will also have an opportunity to comment on the entire draft report when it is posted in concert with the November public meeting. https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/ecosystems/alaska-salmon-research-task-force
Could someone post the website url? I'm	Thanks Peggy we will provide some information on

<p>on NOAA's site and cannot find "Gaps"</p>	<p>this webpage about ongoing work of the Task Force and gaps they are identifying. You will also have an opportunity to comment on the entire draft report when it is posted in concert with the November public meeting. Report will be available on Oct 20 for public review. We will try to figure out a way to open a tab in the website to allow for input to gaps. https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/ecosystems/alaska-salmon-research-task-force</p>
<p>Hello! Thank you for holding this public meeting. Did the existing knowledge gathering involve significant outreach to AYK communities?</p>	<p>Short answer: Yes “Existing Gaps” contain reference materials and partner knowledge to include members from the AYK region to pull in other existing knowledge and gaps. The AYK WG contains 15 members from the Task Force and 29 members from general public.</p>
<p>Also, did any of the research or citations gathered address the impacts of trawling and bycatch on fish populations?</p>	<p>Short answer: Yes AYK has publication citations that address that. The Westward region also references studies based on harvest in the peninsula area.</p>
<p>1) will the be an opportunity to provide comments on the prioritization of these research needs/gaps (ex. high, med, low for Tribes), 2) is there capacity to highlight Indigenous Knowledge in development of research questions/projects. I am not hearing much in regards to Tribally-led/focused salmon research and collaborative potential of this proposed work</p>	<p>Yes. The public will have the ability to review the Draft Report in October and again in late March and April of 2024. Also many of the Regional Teams as well as the AYK Working Group are reaching out and hearing from the community.</p>
<p>not a question, but a resource: https://www.skipperscience.org/</p>	<p>Thank you Lorna</p>
<p>Is studying and reporting on issues pertaining to economic sustainability part of the scope of this task force? Obviously we have critical issues regarding biological production, but comfish is facing a very serious economic crisis as well.</p>	<p>It's an important issue. However, the Act is centered on research. We have TF members from across the salmon production realm. TF is mostly focused on the biology of salmon. Maybe a follow up would focus more on production. In short, it's not the purview of this TF to look at</p>

	the economic impact
<p>What do you all think of the notion of encouraging or funding "Skipper Science" observations, as a means of gathering what is otherwise very expensive marine environment data. In particular, I'm thinking about orca sightings, which could be substantiated with pictures. Probably other kinds of data to collect too.</p>	<p>The SE region team identified "leading indicators" as a research gap. People on the water will be making the observations. There have been efforts SE to equip troll boats to capture water data/info, for example.</p>
<p>FYI-- new modeling paper about the dissolved oxygen ideas in SE AK... https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0048969723038706</p>	