

# AKSRTF IPR #1 Meeting 7/27/23

Task Force Attendees (Virtual)			
Andrew Munro	Ed Farley	Megan McPhee	Oscar Evon
Andy Piston	Jacob Ivanoff	Megan Williams	Steve Reifensstuhl
Austin Estabrooks	Justin Leon	Michelle Stratton	Tom Carpenter
Bill Templin	Karla Jensen	Mike Flores	Tommy Sheridan
Caroline Brown	Katie Howard	Noëlle Yochum	Laura Dwinnell

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

## Meeting Highlights

### Welcome / Logistics

- Facilitator, Laura Dwinnell, welcomed all attendees at 10:00am AKDT, provided an announcement of meeting recording, procedures for voting by the panelist and an agenda overview.

### Update on AKSRTF

- Chair, Ed Farley, provided an overview of the task force charge and duties, a timeline and milestones, a description of the knowledge review and plans to capture gaps and project ideas and an overview of the AKSRTF Report outline as the final product due in June 2024.

### Region Area Updates

#### Southeast Region - Lead: Andy Piston

- Provided a description of the southeast region challenges and presented slide materials on Southeast Salmon Stock Assessment and Research. Described trends for Chinook, Sockeye, Coho, Chum and Pink salmon.

#### Westward Region - Lead: Michelle Stratton

- Described the type and quantity of the knowledge and information sources obtained thus far by the region team members. They will assess the information collected by about 31 July and hope to get interest from research coordinators in that region to provide

additional insights. About 30 articles so far covering topics such as: marine and freshwater, current status 2022 adult and smolt work, hatchery work, predator interactions etc. Described upcoming projects

#### Central Region - Lead: Tommy Sheridan

- Described the large and diverse area that can be separated into distinct units. Introduced the central region team members and announced the meeting that their team will have on 7/28/2023.

#### AYK Region - Lead: Katie Howard

- Different in scope than the other regions. Described the interplay and roles between AYK Task Force and AYK WG (composed of both all AYK task force members and public participants who requested to participate). Focus on chinook and chum in this region due to poor levels. Task Force team will be responsible for developing all written materials for the report and for synthesizing the existing knowledge. WG will elect a public co-lead. The AYK report will be a subcomponent of the AKRSTF Report. Acknowledged that not all knowledge is in traditional written format and that all forms/formats of knowledge will be welcomed and included.

#### AYK Working Group

- Ed Farley: Described the WG objectives (specifically the research needs of salmon returns in AYK), timeline and distinct role as a subset of the larger task force. Task Force has accepted all nominations to the WG. Provided a slide showing the list of Task Force members who are part of the WG as well as a list of the public nominees who have agreed to participate in the WG.
- Vice Chair, Jacob Ivanoff: Provided a suggested timeline of activities for the AYK WG and noted that the WG would hold their first meeting in early September. The WG co-leads will determine the date. Katie Howard will be the co-lead from the Task Force and there will be one (to be determined) co-lead from the public participants. The November 14 and 15 meeting will have both afternoon dedicated to public testimony.

Questions & Comments	
Question	Response
Overarching research areas, like climate. How will we address that?	Within regional teams, many stocks and species overlap and have impacts to climate, competition and other overarching topics. Be thinking of that in terms of gaps to be captured.
Will travel costs to Anchorage be	There is some limited funding. We will have to

covered?	examine the funding needs and secure it for them as needed. We will continue to have those conversations.
Are region meetings open to the public (non-members)?	Not planning to open the region meetings. We will be reporting out every other month in these public meetings. The public is invited to all of the bi-monthly IPR meetings. That schedule will be posted on the website. All documents will be open to the public. If you have any questions or comments, please let us know.
Can you show the WG list again?	(Facilitator showed the slide containing the WG list.)
Will there be a plan for on-going or follow up after publication of final [report]?  Follow up question: If there is interest from the public or community that they want a report out, can we think about ways to further communicate the results?	Our report and recommendations are going to Congress. We hope that the report will be utilized in a way that benefits the salmon resources in Alaska. No formal plan at this time for on-going or follow up efforts.  Note that the Task Force will consider further communications of results if viable.

Meeting Close: 11:07am AKDT