

NMFS will be hosting a Recreational Roundtable Event on December 7, 2016, from 6-8 p.m. at the Historic Anchorage Hotel (330 E. St.). NMFS Assistant Administrator, Eileen Sobeck, and Russell Dunn, the National Policy Coordinator for Recreational Fisheries, will be there to talk about national priorities related to recreational fishing. Eileen and Russ want to hear from the recreational fishing community about current and emerging issues in Alaska. Council members and staff, NMFS and ADFG staff, and members of the recreational fishing community are encouraged to attend. All are welcome. Food for this event is being generously provided by the Alaska Charter Association and Southeast Alaska Guides Organization.

Alaska Regional Recreational Fisheries Round Table

Dec. 7, 2016, 6-8pm

Historic Anchorage Hotel, 330 E St, Anchorage, AK 99501

Draft Agenda Outline & Discussion Topics

Meeting Purpose / Goal:

- Identify/understand ongoing and emerging regional recfish constituent priorities/issues
- Provide updates on recent Agency Rec Fish activity (national and regional)
- Identify regionally cross-cutting issues / priorities
- Obtain feedback on agency rec. fish efforts

6:00 pm Meeting Begins

1. Welcome & Introductions

NMFS leadership and meeting participant introductions

2. Overview of Recreational Fisheries in Alaska- Constituent led Panel Discussion

Representatives from around Alaska to characterize the state of fishing, address their regional issues/needs/advances, emerging issues and how they feel the agency can better address recreational concerns

3. Collaborative Efforts - NMFS led Discussion

Discuss collaborative research opportunities.

- Cooperative Research Program Overview & AK program highlights
- BREP and COOP project funds
- Successful examples from the NE
- Saltonstall-Kennedy / NFWF Grants
- State ADFG partnership opportunities

4. Open Discussion - Constituent Comments/Questions

Open up informal stage to discuss and share thoughts. Potentially select 3-5 topic areas for constituents to speak to (circulated with agenda prior to meeting).

8:00 Meeting Ends