

C1 Salmon FMP Amendment for Cook Inlet - Review FMP measure proposals
Council Motion
April 4, 2018

In response to public requests, the Council intends to establish the Cook Inlet Salmon Committee to assist in developing management measures for the commercial salmon fishery in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) adjacent to Cook Inlet. The Council adopts the following elements to guide the development of the Committee.

Purpose. The Council establishes a Cook Inlet Salmon Committee to consult on matters related to the completion of an amendment to the Salmon FMP that would manage the commercial salmon fishery in the EEZ adjacent to Cook Inlet. The Committee's primary function will be to (1) review and provide comments on specific, Council-identified issues; (2) develop options for fishery management measures for specific, Council-identified management needs, and (3) provide perspectives on potential social and economic impacts of proposed fishery management measures.

Scope of Work. In order to contribute to the development of the Salmon FMP amendment, the Cook Inlet Salmon Committee will provide recommendations to the Council on the following issues:

- 1) Salmon fishery management measures that address MSA 303(a) requirements, focusing on;
 - a) A description of the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors which participate in the fishery.
 - b) Standardized reporting methodology to assess the amount and type of bycatch occurring in the fishery and monitoring measures.
 - c) Social, economic, and community impacts of management measures.
- 2) Analytical documents prepared by Council and NMFS staff.

Organizing Principles. The Cook Inlet Salmon Committee's organizing principles will be based on the principles in the summary report prepared for this agenda item.

Membership. The Council will initiate a call for nominations for Cook Inlet salmon fishery stakeholders to be members of the committee. The Council Chair will appoint members to achieve a representative group of stakeholders to accomplish the purpose and scope of work. The Council Chair will appoint a Council member as the Committee Chair. Committee membership may change as needed to reflect the needs of the committee as determined by the Council.