

How to Provide Input on Chum Salmon Bycatch

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How This Process Will Begin

Now that the Council has taken action on Chinook salmon bycatch, they will begin the process of adopting chum salmon management measures. The Council's Salmon Bycatch Workgroup will meet October 29, 2009 in Anchorage to refine the options they are considering to reduce chum salmon bycatch. In December 2009 the Council will look at the Workgroup's recommendations and further refine the list of options. **They will not take final action until late 2010 or 2011.** As we get closer to final action it will be important to attend Council meetings to testify in person and to send letters, so start including travel plans in your budgets and calendars. Council meeting agendas are posted on the Council's website at: <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/>. For more information see the YRDFA website at www.yukonsalmon.org or contact Becca at YRDFA: becca@yukonsalmon.org or 907-272-3141 ext. 106.

How to Provide Input

At the December Council meeting:

- **Testify** at the meeting, December 9-15, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel, Anchorage. The agenda will be posted on the Council's website: <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/>
- **Write a letter** to the Council. Send letters by mail or fax by December 2 to:
North Pacific Fishery Management Council
605 W. 4th Ave Suite 306
Anchorage, AK 99501
Fax: (907) 271-2817

Timeline

October 29, 2009: Salmon bycatch workgroup meets in Anchorage to refine chum salmon bycatch alternatives

December 9-15, 2009: Council meets in Anchorage to refine chum salmon bycatch alternatives

Fall 2010 or early 2011: Final action on chum salmon bycatch measures.

Note: these dates are estimates and subject to change

Future Council Meetings will take place in February, April, June, October, and December 2010. Check the Council website for future meeting agendas.