



## D7 Cook Inlet Salmon

December 2018 Council Meeting

### Action Memo

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Action Required:

1. Review updated Discussion Paper
2. Review the recommendations from the Cook Inlet Salmon Committee
3. Action as necessary.

### BACKGROUND

In April 2017, the Council announced its intent to amend the Fishery Management Plan for the Salmon Fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) Off Alaska (Salmon FMP) to address traditional net fishing areas in the EEZ that are currently excluded from the management unit, beginning with the Cook Inlet EEZ waters. The Council has taken steps to reach out and involve stakeholders in the development of the FMP amendment, through outreach, a call for stakeholder proposals, and in June 2018, the creation of a Cook Inlet Salmon Committee. The Committee will hold its first meeting on Tuesday Dec 4, 2018, in order to develop specific management measure recommendations related to the ongoing amendment, and staff will post minutes detailing the Committee's recommendations as soon as possible thereafter.

The Committee will review an updated discussion paper last reviewed by the Council in April 2018, and to which Council and Agency staff have continued to add information over the last few months. Additions to the discussion paper include status determination criteria for Alternatives 2 and 3, an Appendix section that addresses over-escapement, and sport fishery and invasive species information. This discussion paper serves to inform the Council regarding the identification of management measures needed to fulfill MSA section 303(a) requirements on the contents of FMPs. No action is required under this agenda item, but the Council may provide direction to staff about addressing the Committee's recommendations, and the development of the ongoing FMP amendment.