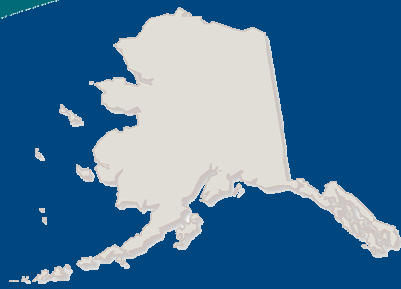


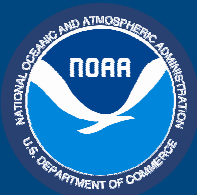
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Alaska Fisheries Science Center



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The Alaska Fisheries Science Center is a scientific research organization responsible for the development and implementation of NOAA's scientific research on marine resources in Alaska waters. Our research focuses on more than 250 fish and 42 marine mammal stocks off the coasts of the Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska and Aleutian Islands.



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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Improving Community Profiles for the North Pacific Fisheries

NOAA Fisheries Service Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC) invites you to attend one of six regional meetings to be held during summer 2010 and provide information on how to enrich our *Community Profiles for North Pacific Fisheries - Alaska* publication (originally published in 2005). The profiles will be updated in 2011 with information from the 2010 U.S. Census and the Alaskan community input gathered from these regional meetings. The profiles have been used in a number of applications, such as Environmental Impact Statements, Fishery Management Plans, NOAA Technical Memorandums, and as background material for Fishery Management Council committees, other natural resource agencies, and NOAA researchers traveling to communities (in order to become familiar with the community). The profiles have also been utilized by communities for their city plans, by academics who have cited the works in various journal articles and books, and by students who have used the profiles as a resource for their theses.

These one-day meetings will focus on engaging Alaskan fishing community leaders and the public to provide meaningful information on how to revise the community profiles so that they are better representative of communities. We believe communities are best equipped to describe their relationship to fisheries and we want to partner with you to ensure that the new profiles reflect this knowledge and your voice is heard. The group dialogue in these meetings will provide a real opportunity for AFSC social scientists and Alaskan communities to come together to make these community profiles more useful and representative of Alaskan communities.

Some of the themes that will shape the discussion include:

- An exchange of local stories that best illustrate the way in which fishing shapes the fabric of your community;
- Information that fishery managers need to know about Alaskan communities that is not currently represented in the community profiles; and
- Ways to best gather or compile this new information for each community.

The AFSC team leading the meetings is made up of social scientists from the Economic and Social Sciences Research Program. The meetings are co-sponsored by: North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition, Southeast Conference, and Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference. Once the community profiles are updated in 2011, all participants of the meetings and other members of the public will be given additional opportunities to provide specific information relevant to their community's profile.

MEETING DETAILS

Locations and dates:

- Anchorage, 8/23/2010
- Unalaska/Dutch Harbor, 8/25/2010
- Bethel, 8/31/2010
- Nome, 9/10/2010
- Petersburg, 9/13/10
- Kodiak, 9/27/2010

Note: Additional time will be made available for people interested in developing a new community data collection project. The project's goal will be to gather detailed data on Alaskan fishing communities' involvement in fisheries for the economic impact assessment of communities involved in North Pacific fisheries.

REGISTRATION

Register for one of the community meetings by contacting Dr. Amber Himes at NOAA's Alaska Fisheries Science Center at 206-526-4221 or AFSC.Community.Profiles@noaa.gov. Once you have completed your registration, an agenda and further information will be sent to you prior to the meeting.

*Limited funding to cover a portion of participants' expenses may be available for those who would not otherwise be able to participate. For scholarship and other information about the session, please contact Dr. Himes at the phone number or email listed above.

For additional information on the community profiles, visit the following web address below or contact Dr. Jennifer Sepez at 206-526-6546 or Jennifer.Sepez@noaa.gov.

<http://www.afsc.noaa.gov/REFM/Socioeconomics/Projects/2011CommunityProfilesUpdates.php>

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

Audio-Conference: If you are not able to participate in one of these meetings, we would still like your input. We will be hosting a telephone conference on September 30, 2010 to share with participants the results of the six regional meetings and to solicit new input from individuals who were unable to attend the meeting or those who did attend and have additional thoughts to share. For details on how you can participate in the telephone conference and to register please contact Dr. Himes at the phone number or email listed above.

Website: We also will be posting summaries of the input we receive at the community meetings on the Internet and providing a website with details on how to submit additional information to help us best update the community profiles. Visit the following website for more information:

<http://www.afsc.noaa.gov/REFM/Socioeconomics/Projects/2011CommunityProfilesUpdates.php>

E-mail: We have also set up a dedicated e-mail address for submitting information regarding the community profiles updates. To submit any information by e-mail, send your comments to: AFSC.Community.Profiles@noaa.gov