

SEC Fisheries Committee

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Ideas for Needed Infrastructure and Policy Initiatives

- “Brain Drain” in ADF&G and level funding in general fund dollars over last 20 years
- Take revenue from non-renewable resources to perpetually fund renewable resource management
- Push for outcome analysis
- Need for alternative, affordable energy sources to support fishing industry
- Harbors
- Fish quality improvements
- Fish waste utilization
- Raise the level of salmon value, e.g., “Frozen is the New Fresh”
- Fish product development
- Retain local employment in communities and/or move new product through communities
- Global market development
- Develop higher value products; increase percentage of fish ‘out of the can’
- Increase processing technology for higher value products
- Cargo security
- Fresh transportation testing
- Political will to advance the fisheries
- Develop other seafood products, e.g., octopus, kelp, dogfish, etc.
- Product differentiation

- Small business development for specialty products (Cordova community kitchen example)
- Fishing permits by community; permit ownership by outside interests; Limited Entry Permit out-migration
- Local hire for long-term employment
- Establish year-round economy to make local workforce available
- Controlling access to fishing rights
- Every fishing boat is a small business; there has been significant reduction in number of businesses