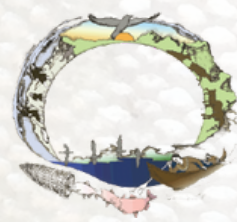


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NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

AP: JUNE 7-10, 2022
COUNCIL: JUNE 9-14, 2022

IN SITKA & VIA ZOOM

HOW TO TESTIFY ON SALMON BYCATCH

WHO: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council, which manages the Alaska federal fishery (3-200 miles off the coast), is discussing salmon and salmon bycatch issues in June.

WHEN: The Advisory Panel meets **June 7-10** and the Council meets **June 9-14**. If you can only do one, we recommend testifying at the Council. Salmon and salmon bycatch testimony is taken at **agenda items B9, D1, and E**.

HOW: The public can testify about these issues in person in Sitka or remotely by phone or Zoom. **You must sign up online first.** Visit <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2934> during the NPFMC meeting to sign up.

WHAT: Urge the NPFMC to take every action at its disposal to **reduce Chinook and chum salmon bycatch immediately and work towards zero bycatch.** They can do this by:

- Lowering the Chinook salmon bycatch cap.
- Setting a chum salmon bycatch cap.
- Working on industry avoidance measures.
- Adjusting industry Incentive Plan Agreements.
- Collaborating with Tribes.

WHY: Our people in Western and Interior Alaska depend on salmon for our physical, cultural, spiritual, and emotional well-being. While our fishing is restricted, commercial trawl industries continue to fish and take salmon. **Our ways of life are threatened by the waste of salmon bycatch.**

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