

NOAA Fisheries' National Equity and Environmental Justice Town Hall Teleconference

NOAA Fisheries Alaska Regional Office & Alaska Fisheries Science Center

Alaska Equity & Environmental Working Group

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Alaska Regional Office

Regional Programs

Regional Divisions

- Aquaculture
- Arctic
- Communications
- Tribal Relations
- Sustainable Fisheries
- Protected Resources
- Habitat Conservation
- Restricted Access Management
- Operations & Management
- Information Services





https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/about/alaska-regional-office

Alaska Fisheries Science Center

Science Divisions

- Auke Bay Laboratories (salmon, sablefish, ecosystem/diet studies, genetics, mariculture research)
- Fisheries Monitoring & Analysis (observers)
- Marine Mammal Laboratory
- Resource Assessment & Conservation Engineering (fish, crab and ecosystem surveys)
- Research Ecology & Fisheries Management (population assessments and trends, diet studies, climate modeling, socio-economic research)



NOAA Fisheries' EEJ Strategy

 National Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy is now available! Released May 22, 2023

- EEJ Strategy
 - Guides us to serve all communities more equitably and effectively
 - Reflects input we received as part of an extensive public outreach and engagement process

https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/document/final-equity

-and-environmental-justice-strategy





EEJ Engagement Phase

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- ★ Begin conversations on
 - Preferred methods
 - Best season/timing
 - Best locations
 - Best ways to solicit feedback

Include initial feedback in Draft Plan by April 1, 2024

EEJ Engagement Phase



- ★ Expand conversations
 - Hold Hub meetings in key locations
 - Gather community feedback
 - Compile/document EEJ concerns

Incorporate additional feedback & finalize Implementation Plan by December 31, 2024



Questions & Discussion

We hope to learn from you...

- How can we improve science and management for sustainable fisheries, protected resources, and marine ecosystems to better serve communities?
- What types of information regarding our science and management are you interested in receiving from us?
- How can we best provide that information to you (e.g., emails, publications, in person presentations)?



How Can I Get Involved?

We would like to hear from you!

EEJ feedback form link:

https://forms.gle/b7xEsSmf5UvmzCDB8

Available now:

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Thank you for your time today



