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B10 Salmon Bycatch Genetic Stock Composition Reports

June 2026 Council Meeting

Action Memo

Council Staff: Dr. Kate Haapala
Other Presenters: Dr. Patrick Barry (AFSC)
Action Required: Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska Chinook salmon genetics reports – Review

BACKGROUND

Under the B10 item, the Council will receive the 2024 and 2025 Chinook salmon genetics reports for the Bering Sea/Aleutian Island (BSAI) and Gulf of Alaska (GOA) pollock fisheries. **No action is associated with the salmon bycatch genetic reports.** The Council regularly receives annual Chinook and chum salmon genetics reports, typically at its April meeting, but the Council and public can expect the salmon bycatch genetics reports to be provided at its June meeting moving forward. This scheduling change reflects the Council's recent decision to adjust its annual meeting cycle and drop its April meeting.

The 2024 and 2025 Chinook salmon genetics reports use new genetic baselines that provide greater specificity on the stock of origin for the Chinook salmon taken as bycatch from the coastal Western Alaska reporting group. The report will present results for the coastal Western Alaska reporting group broken out by Seward Peninsula/Norton Sound, Yukon Alaska, Yukon Canada, and Kuskokwim/Bristol Bay. Note that the chum salmon genetics reports for the 2025 Bering Sea pollock fishery are not available at this time. AFSC geneticists anticipate the 2025 chum salmon genetics report will be available prior to the Council's October 2026 meeting.