

**A Workshop On  
Options for Restructuring Alaska's Salmon Fisheries  
October 28-29, 2002  
University of Alaska Anchorage  
Commons 106**

*Note: This announcement is subject to revision. We welcome comments and suggestions for this workshop, which may be directed to:*

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On October 28 and 29, the University of Alaska and Washington Sea Grant will host a workshop on "Options for Restructuring Alaska's Salmon Fisheries." The workshop is the first of three sponsored by the University of Alaska and Washington Sea Grant to address issues faced by the Alaska salmon industry. The workshop is free and open to the public. The workshop will be held on the campus of the University of Alaska Anchorage in the Commons Building, Room 106.

### **Goal of the Workshop**

The goal of the workshop is to explore a wide range of options for restructuring the management of Alaska's salmon fisheries. The workshop will address the following questions:

- What are potential reasons for restructuring Alaska salmon fisheries?
- What are potential options for restructuring Alaska salmon fisheries?
- What are the key design features and/or variations associated with these options?
- What are potential advantages, issues and problems associated with each option?
- What has been the experience in fisheries where these options have been tried?
- What issues would different options raise for fishery managers?
- What issues would different options raise for processors?
- What issues would different options raise for communities?
- What are legal and constitutional issues relevant to different options?

The workshop will take a long-term view of restructuring options, exploring not only changes that could be made within a short period of time, but also those that might take longer and be more difficult.

The goal of the workshop is *not* to advocate in favor of or against particular options for particular fisheries. Starting premises are that each salmon fishery is different, that many restructuring options are difficult, and there is no ideal one-size-fits-all solution. The workshop will seek to help people begin to think about options that might or might not work for their fishery.

## **Organization of the Workshop**

The workshop will consist of a number of sessions that focus on specific topics. Each session will begin with one or more short prepared presentations. These presentations will be followed by a panel discussion, which will in turn be followed by general questions and discussion among all workshop participants.

The first day of the workshop (Monday, October 28) will review a range of options for restructuring the Alaska salmon industry. The focus of the sessions will be on identifying different options, giving them names, describing the logic behind each option, learning about past experiences where similar options have been tried, and highlighting key issues associated with each option.

Panelists for the first day of the workshop will include individuals with specific expertise about fisheries management and restructuring and/or knowledge of what happened in restructuring of fisheries in Alaska and elsewhere, as well as individuals who have proposed specific ideas for restructuring Alaska salmon fisheries.

The second day of the workshop (Tuesday, October 29) will focus specifically on gaining four kinds of perspectives about restructuring Alaska's salmon fisheries. One session will focus on implications of different options from a management point of view: how different options would affect managers' ability to achieve escapement goals, cost, and enforceability. Another session will focus on how different options would affect processors and the processing sector. Another session will focus on how different options would affect fishing communities. Two sessions will focus on legal and constitutional issues associated with restructuring, such as (a) the constraints to restructuring implied by the "common use" provisions of the Alaska constitution; (b) what kinds of allocations are legal or constitutionally permissible; and (c) who has the authority to make different kinds of changes in salmon fishery management. Panelists for these last two sections will be primarily persons with expertise in Alaska natural resources and fisheries law.

We recognize that because of time limitations we cannot hope to address all of the topics of importance or interest or cover all the topics in detail. We hope that the workshop can advance the discussion of these topics and stimulate new ideas for future discussion.

A preliminary workshop schedule is shown on the following page. This schedule is still in development and subject to change. We welcome comments and suggestions, including suggestions for new topics or changes in the workshop organization. Comments may be directed to Gunnar Knapp at [afgpk@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:afgpk@uaa.alaska.edu) or 907-786-7717.

**Draft Workshop Schedule (Preliminary, Subject to Change)**

Day	Session	Session length (minutes)	Break time (minutes)	Session start time	Session end time	
Monday October 28	1	Welcome	20	5	8:00 AM	8:20 AM
	2	Overview of Options for Restructuring Alaska Salmon Fisheries	50	15	8:25 AM	9:15 AM
	3	Options Not Involving Permit Number Reductions or Harvest Allocations	60	15	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
	4	Options Involving Permit Number Reductions	90	75	10:45 AM	12:15 PM
	5	Options Involving Harvest Allocations	90	15	1:30 PM	3:00 PM
	6	Options Involving Gear Changes	60	15	3:15 PM	4:15 PM
Tuesday October 29	7	Management Perspectives on Restructuring Options	80	15	8:00 AM	9:20 AM
	8	Processing Sector Perspectives on Restructuring Options	80	15	9:35 AM	10:55 AM
	9	Community Perspectives on Restructuring Options	80	15	11:10 AM	12:30 PM
	11	Legal And Constitutional Perspectives on Restructuring Options (Part I)	90	15	12:45 PM	2:15 PM
	12	Legal And Constitutional Perspectives on Restructuring Options (Part II)	90	15	2:30 PM	4:00 PM

**Workshop Panelists**

We welcome suggestions for workshop presenters and panelists, which may be directed to the persons listed at the beginning of this announcement. Currently confirmed panelists include the following persons (we are awaiting confirmations from a number of other people as well):

- Jim Barnett, Attorney
- Dan Coffey, Attorney, Former Board of Fisheries Member
- Parzival Copes, Simon Fraser University
- Paula Cullenberg, University of Alaska Marine Advisory Program
- Don Giles, Icicle Seafoods (participating by telephone)
- Pete Granger, University of Washington Sea Grant Program
- Ray Hilborn, University of Washington
- Terry Johnson, University of Alaska Marine Advisory Program
- Gunnar Knapp, University of Alaska Anchorage
- Michael Link, LGL Associates
- Lance Nelson, Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources Section

Kurt Schelle, Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission  
Phil Smith, National Marine Fisheries Service  
Mike Stanley, Attorney  
Bruce Twomley, Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission  
Bob Waldrop

### **Workshop Proceedings**

The results of the workshop will be summarized in two reports:

- An Overview of Options for Restructuring Alaska Salmon Fisheries
- Legal and Constitutional Issues in Restructuring Alaska Salmon Fisheries

Both reports will be distributed in printed form by the Institute of Social and Economic Research and will also be posted on the University of Alaska's "Tools for the Salmon Industry" website at [www.sfos.uaf.edu/salmontools](http://www.sfos.uaf.edu/salmontools).

### **For more Information**

For information about the workshop, contact Workshop Coordinator Mary Killorin at the Institute of Social and Economic Research at [anmk@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:anmk@uaa.alaska.edu), (907) 786-7724 (telephone); (907)786-7739 (fax).

Additional information about the workshop will also be posted on the University of Alaska's "Tools for the Salmon Industry" website at [www.sfos.uaf.edu/salmontools](http://www.sfos.uaf.edu/salmontools). Revised versions of this announcement, the workshop schedule, and lists of panel members and workshop participants will be posted as they are developed.

### **Travel Scholarships**

The University of Alaska will provide up to six travel scholarships to assist persons interested in attending with costs of travel. To apply for a travel scholarship, please send an email to [map@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:map@uaa.alaska.edu) and address the following questions.

1. Why do you feel that you have input or ideas that may be valuable to the discussions during the workshop?
2. How would you disseminate the information from the workshop to salmon industry members or your community following the workshop?
3. What part of the state do you live in?
4. Do you have a financial need for a scholarship?

We must have your email by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Scholarship awards will be determined by the workshop committee based on the criteria reflected in these questions and will be awarded by October 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Advance Registration**

Advance registration is recommended but not required. Registration forms will be posted on the University of Alaska's "Tools for the Salmon Industry" website at [www.sfos.uaf.edu/salmontools](http://www.sfos.uaf.edu/salmontools). Registration forms should be sent to Mary Killorin at [anmk@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:anmk@uaa.alaska.edu) (email) or 907-786-7739 (fax).

Persons who register in advance will receive email announcements about the workshop as well as copies of readings and reference materials.

## **Workshop Readings and Reference Materials**

A series of readings and reference materials will be prepared prior to the workshop and posted on the workshop website at [www.sfos.uaf.edu/salmontools](http://www.sfos.uaf.edu/salmontools).

These will include:

- Overviews of restructuring options
- Descriptions of experience with restructuring in other fisheries
- Specific proposals which have been advanced for restructuring Alaska salmon fisheries

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