

Research Questions on A-Y-K Fisheries Issues

Note: House Fisheries Committee Meeting Oct. 19th – Requesting Research Completion by Oct. 12th.

Funding of ADF&G

1. For the past 12 fiscal years, what were the totals for ADF&G's budget broken out by Department Division (except Wildlife) and broken out by Region and by funding source (GF, Federal receipts, AKSSF...)? (Please split out those costs/projects associated with the Fairbanks area from the AYK region.)
2. What projects has the state funded over the past 12 years to address concerns associated with stocks of concern by region? (If it's reasonably possible, break down by management area as well.)
3. Would other sonar sites be helpful to ADF&G in managing salmon fisheries in the AYK region? Please provide a justification for the additional site(s) and estimate the first year and subsequent year costs for one new sonar station in the AYK region (Initial capital and operating costs).
4. Over the last 12 years, what projects in the AYK region have been funded by the AKSSF (this list should not include projects funded through the AYK SSI)?
5. Please identify those projects/activities which the State currently funds to improve fishing opportunities and runs, whether it be for commercial, sport or subsistence fishing. Include the amount of money spent and the location of the project. (i.e., planting of trout fry in lakes, etc.)
6. Please provide the details for how all PCSRF funding has been disbursed by region; using the 5 AKSSF regions: Southeast, Central, AYK, Westward & Cross-region (do not include AYK SSI funding in this report).

Fisheries Management

1. What stocks are currently identified as stocks of concern by ADFG in the State of Alaska? What actions (by river) is the Department taking to address these stocks of concern?

2. What are the implications to a river system and those Alaskans who live nearby if a salmon run is declared a stock of concern?
3. What management actions does the State take to protect stocks of concern as they progress through commercial fishing areas?
4. When a stock is designated as a stock of concern, what is the process for rebuilding the stock?
5. Has ADF&G considered beginning test fisheries in the lower Yukon before June 1? Would the Department require any additional resources to start testing before June 1?