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Joint Board of Fisheries / Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Herring Revitalization Committee

Request for Committee Nominations and Research Topics

Through the Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) Charge Statement [2024-304-FB](#), the board and the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (commission) formed a joint committee to review the commercial herring industry statewide. The review will focus on current and potential markets, differences among Alaska's regional herring fisheries, and potential legal pathways to resolve changes to regulatory systems. Through information gained by the committee, both bodies may independently consider governance changes to improve the Alaska herring industry.

The committee will hold its first meeting, April 2, 2024, tentatively scheduled for 1:00 pm through web conference. The agenda for this first meeting is limited to selecting committee advisors and initiating research plans. The committee will have a follow up meeting, April 12, 2024, starting at 9:00 am in Kodiak and through web conference, with committee members to review its initial research plan and hear from the public. (See the meeting notice [here](#) for details on location and web addresses.) The committee plans to meet 2-3 times starting in the fall of 2024 and completing its business January 2025. All meetings will have web conferencing capacity.

Seeking Committee Advisors: The committee is seeking nominations from the public for advisors to participate in committee meetings and assist in guiding research initiatives. The committee is seeking statewide representation, and in all areas of the seafood industry including harvesting, processing, and marketing. The committee will consider other nominations from the public including subsistence users. Nominations applications may be sent to:

Submit online at <https://arcg.is/0mz8X1>

or send by mail to:

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Successful applications will include background, expertise, and interest, and must be received by March 29, 2024. The first meeting with selected committee members is April 12.

Public advisors selected to assist the committee will travel at their own expense to committee meetings. However, a web conference option is expected to be available for all meetings and in-person attendance is not required.

Seeking Research Topics: The committee intends to fully vet multiple aspects of the Alaska herring industry and encourages suggestions for research topics. General topic categories may include:

- current and potential markets (local/domestic/international),
- regional differences in herring physiology life-cycle patterns, and migration,
- product form, and
- alternative fishery methods.

The committee has limited resources and time; therefore, references to existing research is sought as well. Research recommendations may be submitted online at the web address or mailing address, under the same timeline, as listed above.

Formally joining the committee as an advisor by no means limits all interested parties from communicating with and informing the committee. All meeting material will be posted to the Board of Fisheries April 2 herring committee meeting page [here](#) and public input is sought and strongly encouraged.

For more information contact board member Tom Carpenter, tom.carpenter@alaska.gov, or commission member Glenn Haight, glenn.haight@alaska.gov.