

Bristol Bay Fisheries Collaborative



Working Group Meeting & Public Outreach

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G)
Bristol Bay Science and Research Institute (BBSRI)

December 7, 2017
Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, 1-3pm

Meeting Goals

- Review the 2017 results and 2018 scope
- Provide an opportunity for contributors to ask questions and provide input
- Review and finalize administrative processes, including billing, to deliver the Core Program in 2018

Agenda

1. Introductions, including all attendees
2. Review BBFC outcomes from 2017
 - Goals, Scope of Core Program, Projects delivered, Expenditures
3. Scope of the Core Program in 2018
4. Fund raising goal (\$)
5. Deadline for commitments from majors (Feb. 15)
 - Contingency planning
6. Fiscal/calendar year reconciliation
 - WG to consider alternatives to what was done in 2017
7. Open discussion of BBFC, long-term, etc.

Introductions

Working Group

Scott Kelley, Director, Commercial Fish. Division

Jack Erickson, Regional Res. Coordinator, Comm. Fish

Michael Link, Executive Director, BBSRI

Jeff Regnart, Technical Advisor, BBSRI

Attendees

Name, affiliation, interest in BBFC

Why BBFC

- A way of organizing stakeholder support to re-establish a high-caliber management program that had been weakened by several years of deep budget cuts
- Move away from last-minute, *ad hoc* approach to shoring up BB management

Roles of WG / BBSRI

- Working Group (ADF&G and BBSRI)
 - Technical experts, salmon fishery management
 - *Defines the BB Core Program and its cost*
- BBSRI
 - Regional non-profit, subsidiary of BBEDC
 - *Fund raising among stakeholders*
 - *Provides a match to BBFC contributions*

Review of 2017 Outcomes

- Goals of BBFC
- Scope of Core Program
- Accomplishments
- Expenditures

Goals of BBFC

- *Maintain and enhance a world-class, collaborative fisheries management program in Bristol Bay...*
- *Stabilize and secure funding for annual research and monitoring programs used to manage the fisheries of Bristol Bay.*

Core Program, 2017

- Reintroduce monitoring projects and management capacity to reestablish the State's ability to manage Bay fisheries that was present prior to recent budget cuts to ADF&G.
- **Core Program:** Scope is less than what was done in the mid-1980s, and similar to a 2005 Bristol Bay program review ("Basic Program").

Core Program

- Three area managers and research staff
- Monitoring projects
 - Port Moller test fishery
 - Three in-river test fisheries
 - Catch sampling and genetic stock ID
 - Eight counting towers
 - Nushagak River sonar
 - In-season and postseason aerial surveys
- Togiak herring assessment

Core Program (CP) Cost

- \$2.75 million (Core Program)
- \$1.9 million (current ADF&G GF budget)
- \$875,000 (BBFC goal, salmon + herring)
- \$815,000 (BBFC salmon goal)

- Cuts in program, industry \$, and cost recovery fishing
 - ~\$250,000 had come from test fishing

Fund Raising

- BBSRI to match stakeholder contributions, dollar-for-dollar
- Approached driftnet (RSDA) and setnet fishermen, processors, municipalities, villages, support industries, and BBNC.

Contributors, 2017

Fishermen

Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Dev.
Association (Driftnetters)
Kvichak Setnetters Assoc.
Individual setnetters

Processors

Alaska General Seafoods
Big Creek Fisheries
Copper River Seafoods
E&E Seafoods
Ekuk Fisheries
Icicle Seafoods
Leader Creek Fisheries
North Pacific Seafoods
Ocean Beauty Seafoods
Peter Pan Seafoods
Silver Bay Seafoods
Trident Seafoods

Shippers

Alaska Marine Lines (AML)
American President Lines (APL)
DeltaWestern
Northern Air Cargo
Penair

Boroughs/Villages

Lake and Peninsula Borough
Bristol Bay Borough
City of Egegik
Levelock Village Council
Curyung Village Council
Ugashik Traditional Village

Native Corporation

Bristol Bay Native Corporation

Commitments, ~\$687,000

| <u>Source</u> | Contribution | Percent of Grand Total | BBSRI Match | Total |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Bristol Bay RSDA (1,860 Driftnetters) | 130,000 | 19% | 130,000 | 260,000 |
| Processors (12) | 130,000 | 19% | 130,000 | 260,000 |
| Others | | | | |
| Bristol Bay Native Corporation | 20,000 | 2.9% | 20,000 | 40,000 |
| Shippers (AML, APL, DeltaWestern) | 16,500 | 2.4% | 16,500 | 33,000 |
| Bristol Bay Borough | 10,000 | 1.4% | 10,000 | 20,000 |
| Lake and Peninsula Borough | 10,000 | 1.4% | 10,000 | 20,000 |
| City of Egegik | 10,000 | 1.4% | 10,000 | 20,000 |
| Levelock Village Council | 5,000 | 0.7% | 5,000 | 10,000 |
| Curyung Village Council | 5,000 | 0.7% | 5,000 | 10,000 |
| Ugashik Traditional Village | 3,000 | 0.4% | 3,000 | 6,000 |
| Northern Air Cargo | 2,500 | 0.4% | 2,500 | 5,000 |
| Kvichak Setnetters Association | 1,500 | 0.2% | 1,500 | 3,000 |
| Individual fishermen | 270 | 0.0% | 270 | 540 |
| Subtotal, Others | 83,770 | | 83,770 | 167,540 |
| Total (Processors/RSDA/Others & BBSRI) | 343,770 | 50% | 343,770 | 687,539 |

8 of 11 CP Projects Done, 2017

- In-river test fisheries on Egegik, Kvichak, and Ugashik
- Portion of Nushagak River sonar
- Catch sampling
- Port Moller test fishery
- Alagnak counting tower
- Post-season aerial surveys (Nak-Kvi)

Three CP components not done

Insufficient time to implement

- Management biologist/Trainee, Westside
- Nushagak sonar coho/pink

Other funding found

- Togiak herring

2017 Expenditures: \$481,824

| | Operator | Budget (\$) | Expenditures by Organization | | | Budget minus |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | ADF&G | BBSRI | Total | Actual |
| Port Moller Test Fishery | ADFG/BBSRI | 277,011 | 58,104 | 122,617 | 180,721 | 96,290 |
| Kvichak R. inriver test fishery | ADFG | 43,040 | 26,839 | - | 26,839 | 16,201 |
| Egegik R. inriver test fishery | ADFG | 50,390 | 30,059 | - | 30,059 | 20,331 |
| Ugashik R. inriver test fishery | ADFG | 49,340 | 24,522 | - | 24,522 | 24,818 |
| District catch sampling | ADFG | 136,700 | 98,059 | - | 98,059 | 38,641 |
| Nushagak sonar (~37% of project costs) | ADFG | 53,730 | 53,725 | - | 53,725 | 5 |
| Alagnak R. tower | BBSRI/ADFG | 50,037 | 3,990 | 49,419 | 53,409 | -3,373 |
| Post-season aerial surveys (Naknek, Kvichak) | ADFG | 14,700 | 14,490 | - | 14,490 | 210 |
| Igushik & Togiak tower support (~6% of project cost) | BBSRI | 7,053 | - | 0 | 0 | 7,053 |
| Totals | | 682,000 | 309,788 | 172,036 | 481,824 | 200,176 |
| Percent of Budget | | | | | 70.65% | 29.35% |

Summary, Goal vs Actual

- Fund raising goal: \$682,000
- Commitments: \$687,000
- Expenditures: \$482,000
- *Difference (\$200k) due primarily to ADF&G year-end money to cover June costs, and some components underbudget*

Review and approve CP, 2018

- Assume flat State budget
- *Salmon projects:*

| 2018 Core Projects supported by BBFC | Thousands \$ |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Unfunded portion of Nushagak River Sonar | 50 |
| Kvichak River Inside Test | 41 |
| Egegik River Inside Test | 48 |
| Ugashik River Inside Test | 47 |
| District Catch Sampling | 130 |
| Port Moller Test Fishery | 267 |
| Alagnak River tower | 50 |
| Kvichak, Naknek post-season aerial surveys | 15 |
| Management Biologist/Trainee, Westside | 60 |
| Nushagak River Sonar Coho/Pink | 75 |
| Togiak Herring Assessment | * |
| Subtotal | 782 |
| 10% Indirect fee applied to ADF&G labor | 33 |
| Grand total, BBFC, 2018 | 815 |

Fund Raising Goal, BBSRI

- CP, Salmon 2018: \$815,000
- Carry forward, 2017: \$128,000
- Goal, Salmon: \$687,000

- Herring: \$ 61,000
- Total \$748,000

Deadline for 2018 Commitments

- February 15, 2018
- *Is this sufficient to deliver CP in the 2018 season?*
- *Discuss contingency planning*

Fiscal- and calendar-year reconciliation

- BBFC budget is by season
- ADF&G fiscal year ends June 30
- Seeking a simpler cost reimbursement accounting than 2017; eliminate overages
- *Discuss BBSRI straw-dog proposal*

Straw-dog Proposal

- Identify program cost (e.g., \$815k)
- Secure not-to-exceed “*pledges*”, early 2018
- < July 1 final project costs billed to BBSRI shortly after their year-end (August)
- July-Sept final project costs billed to BBSRI (October)
- BBSRI invoices contributors’ their share of final cost for 2018 season

Advantages

- Pledges contingent on Legis. outcomes
- Simplifies accounting
- Eliminates carry-forward overages and refunds
- Reduces program administration

Disadvantages

- Pledges don't materialize – “bad debt risk”

Next Steps, WG

- January
 - Draft 2018 Cooperative Agreement between BBSRI-ADF&G
 - CA is the “contract” to transfer BBFC funds
- February
 - Finalize and execute CA, ~Feb. 15th
- March
 - BBFC update at industry meeting

Public Discussion/Feedback

- Core Program scope?
- Transparency/simplicity in accounting?
- The long game?
- Other?