

# Alaska's Fishery Enhancement Program: Regional Planning Teams

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# ADF&G Mission Statement

To protect, maintain, and improve the fish, game, and aquatic plant resources of the state, and manage their use and development in the best interest of the economy and the well-being of the people of the state, consistent with the sustained yield principle.

# Statutory Guidance on Salmon Hatcheries

## AS 16.10.375- AS 16.10.480

- **AS 16.10.375- Regional Salmon Plans** The commissioner shall designate regions of the state for the purpose of salmon production and have developed and amended as necessary a comprehensive salmon plan for each region, including provisions for both public and private nonprofit hatchery systems. Subject to plan approval by the commissioner, comprehensive salmon plans shall be developed by regional planning teams consisting of department personnel and representatives of the appropriate qualified regional associations formed under AS 16.10.380.

# Statutory Guidance on Salmon Hatcheries

## AS 16.10.375- AS 16.10.480

### **AS 16.10.380 Regional Associations –**

- (a) The commissioner shall assist in and encourage the formation of qualified regional associations for the purpose of enhancing salmon production. A regional association is qualified in the commissioner determines that it
- (1) is comprised of associations representatives of commercial fishermen in the region;
  - (2) includes representatives of other user groups interested in fisheries within the region who wish to belong; and
  - (3) possesses a board of directors that includes no less than one representative of each user group that belongs to the association.
- (b) A qualified regional association, when it becomes a nonprofit corporation under AS 10.20, is established as a service area in the unorganized borough under AS 29.03.020 for the purpose of providing salmon enhancement services.
- (c) In this section “user group” includes, but is not limited to, sport fisherman, processors, commercial fishermen, subsistence fishermen, and representatives of local communities.

# Regulatory Guidance Regional Comprehensive Planning 5 AAC 40.300- 5 AAC 40.370

- **5 AAC 40.310 Regional Planning Team Composition-**

- (a) Each regional planning team consists of six members. Three are department personnel appointed by the commissioner, and three are appointed by the board of directors of the appropriate regional aquaculture association, qualified under AS 16.10380.
- (b) The commissioner will, in his or her discretion, request the involvement of representatives of federal and state agencies to assist a regional planning team if their contribution will aid in the development of the regional comprehensive plan.

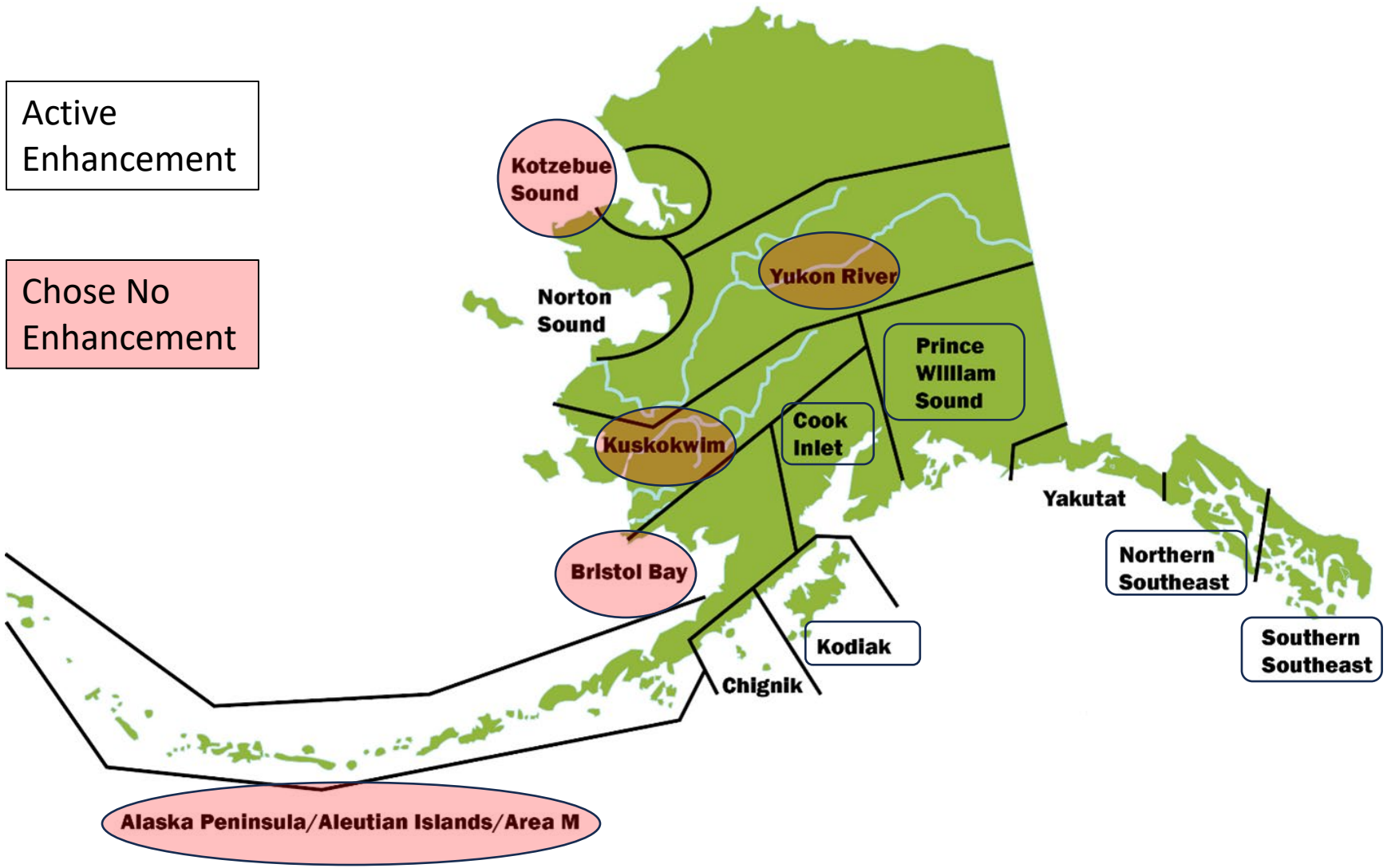
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- **5 AAC 40.340 Regional Planning Team Responsibility-** Each regional planning team shall prepare a regional comprehensive salmon plan, for the appropriate region, to rehabilitate natural stocks and supplement natural production, with provisions for both public and private nonprofit hatcheries. Each region planning team shall consider the needs of all the user groups and ensure that the public has opportunity to participate in the development of the comprehensive salmon plan. Each regional comprehensive salmon plan must define regional production goals by species, area, and time.

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- **5 AAC 40.345 Southeast Alaska-** In accordance with the Southeastern Alaska Area Enhancement Salmon Allocation Management Plan in 5 AAC 33.364, the joint Northern and Southern Southeast Regional Planning Team shall make annual recommendations to the commissioner on production changes to salmon enhancement projects to comply with allocation plans.

# SALMON FISHERY ENHANCEMENT REGIONS

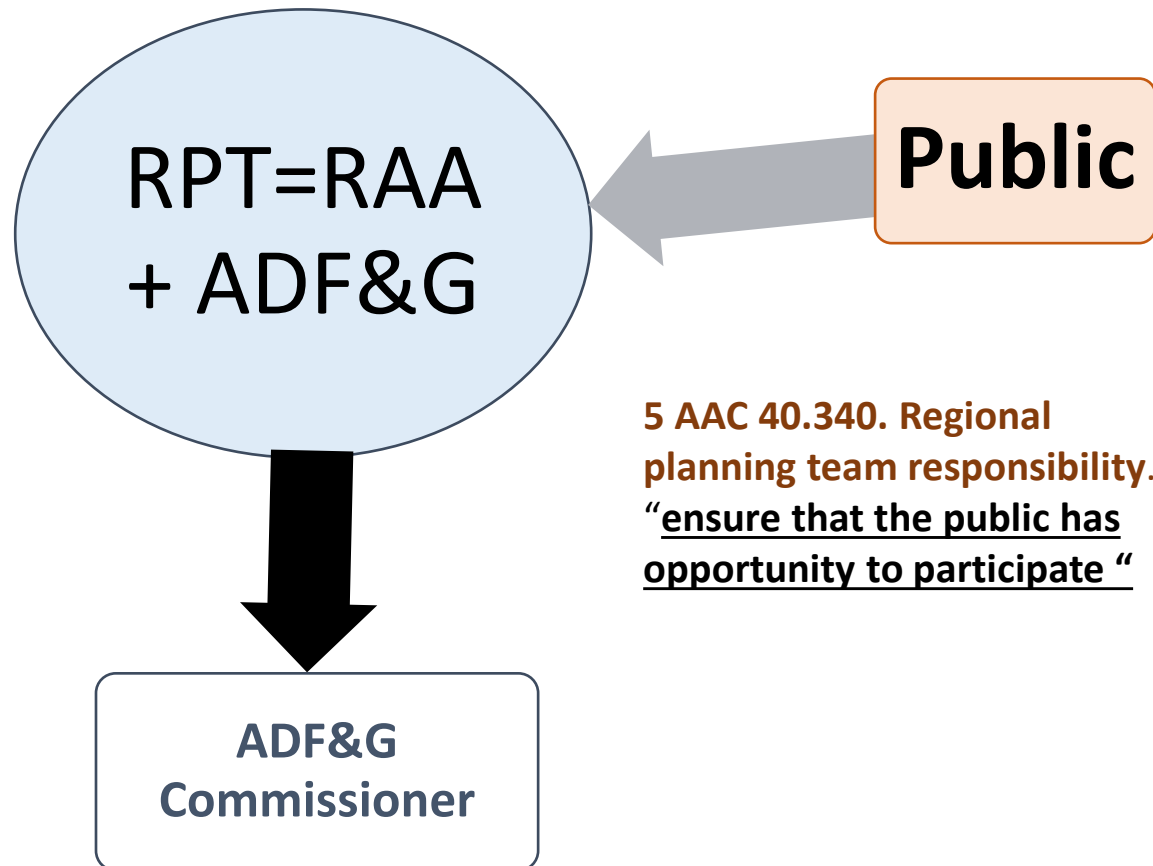


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# Regional Planning Team (RPT)



Upcoming RPT meeting info: Alaska Online Public Notice System and other methods to notify public such as; ADF&G web page, RAA webpage, email distribution, newspaper ads, etc.

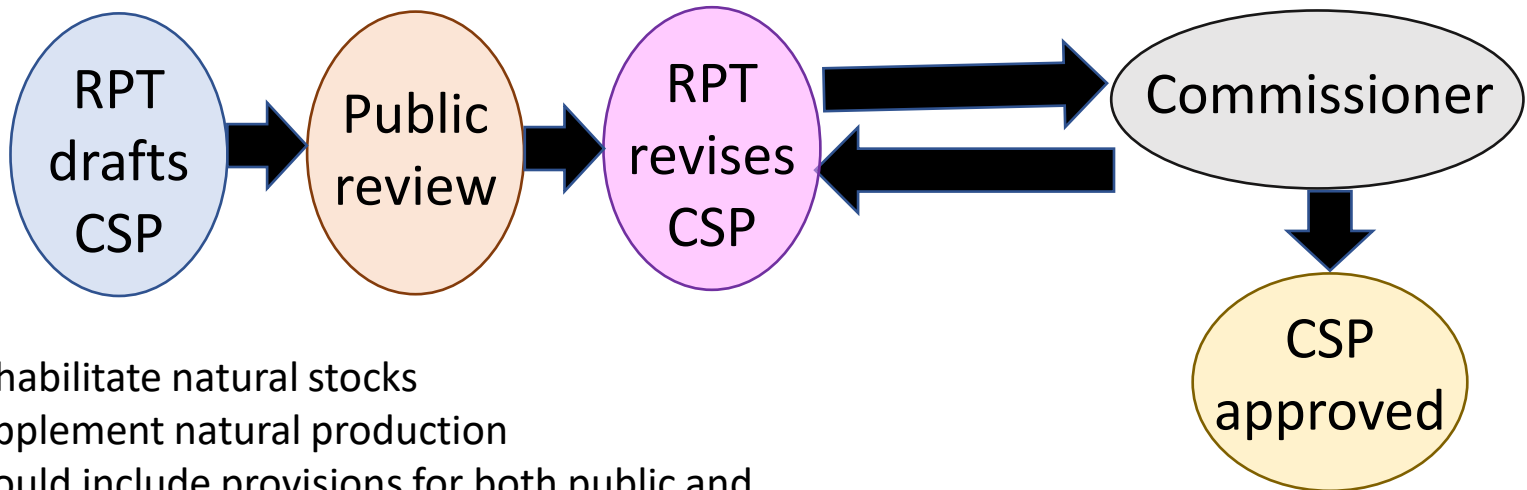
# WHAT THE RPT DOES

The RPT meets annually, or as necessary, to fulfill its advisory role to the Commissioner on regional salmon fishery enhancement activities:

1. Draft and update the **regional salmon plan**, provide to the Commissioner for approval;
2. Review **hatchery permit applications** and provide a **recommendation** to the Commissioner;
3. Submit **comments** on proposed **PNP Permit suspension or revocation**;
4. In Southeast, provide **annual recommendations** to the Commissioner on production changes.

RPT may provide support or review of other regional fisheries enhancement issues at the commissioner's discretion.

# Comprehensive Salmon Plan (CSP)



- Rehabilitate natural stocks
- Supplement natural production
- Should include provisions for both public and private hatchery systems
- Must consider needs of all user groups
- Define hatchery production goals by species, area, time

AS 16.10.375; 5 AAC 40.340-370

All comprehensive salmon plans are available on the ADF&G website. Link below:  
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingHatcheriesPlanning.enhance>

Thank you