

Annotated Agenda
MAFAC Meeting - Kodiak, AK
September 10 - 12, 2024

Title of Discussion: **Climate Ready Fisheries Panel Discussions**

Moderators: **Natasha Hayden**, MAFAC Member
 Brett Veerhusen, Chair, Strategic Planning and Budget
 Subcommittee

Objective/Purpose: Better understand what communities need and want from government/NOAA Fisheries in the face of climate change.

Community and Local Industry Perspectives Panelists:

- **Scott Arndt** – Mayor, Kodiak Island Borough
- **Cooper Curtis** – Owner/Operations Manager, Highmark Marine
- **Amy Peterson** – Community Affairs, Liaison, Koniag
- **Denise May** – Afognak Native Alaskan

Fishing Industry Panelists:

- **Julie Bonney** – Owner and Executive Director, Alaska Groundfish Databank
- **Nicole Kimball** – Vice President, Alaska Operations, Pacific Seafood Processors Associations
- **Theresa Peterson** – Fisheries Policy Director, Alaska Marine Conservation Council, Active Fisherman, and Long Time Resident of Kodiak
- **Chris Sannito** – CEO, Kodiak Island Wild Source
- **Tyler Schmeil** – Kodiak shipyard owner, *FV Alaska Spirit*, fishes crab, halibut

Desired Takeaways:

- Better understand the current and anticipated impacts of climate change on seafood and fishing businesses, industries, and coastal communities in Kodiak.
- Identify opportunities for NOAA Fisheries to support the climate-readiness of seafood industries and coastal communities.
- Identify how to improve inclusion of cultural, social, economic, and ecological considerations into actions that complement or substantially modify existing management approaches.
- Consideration of wide ranging factors and issues that may not always be considered in current fishery management decisions: processing issues, trade, fishing opportunities, financing, disaster planning and response, and more.

Action to be Taken by MAFAC Members: Listen and participate in questions and discussion.