

Aleutian Island Assessment Meeting
Sept 28, 2011
Agenda

0905: Workshop overview and goals, *Stephani Zador*

0925: North Pacific Fishery Management Council needs for the Aleutian Islands assessment, *Diana Evans*

0935: Physical Oceanography of the Aleutian Islands, *Carol Ladd*

0950: Benthic Habitat Studies in the Aleutian Islands, *Chris Rooper*

1005: Seabirds as alternate sources of zooplankton and forage fish data, *Stephani Zador*

1010: Summary of NOAA Aleutian Islands bottom trawl survey data (1984-2010), *Ivonne Ortiz*

1030: Break

1045: Killer whales in the Aleutians, *Paul Wade*

1100: Patterns of change and control processes in Aleutian nearshore marine environment, *Jim Estes*

1120*: Discussion of datasets

1200: Lunch

1300*: Discussion of structuring theme and indicators

1430: Break

1445*: Continuation of discussion of indicators, finalize list of indicators

1530*: Discussion of Hot Topics for 2011, identify gaps and needs for future assessments

1600: Workshop ends

* Discussion times are approximate

Workshop goals

- Choose a structuring theme for the Aleutians ecosystem assessment
- Choose indicators that together provide a comprehensive ecosystem assessment
 - *What are the vital signs for the Aleutian Islands ecosystem, with an eye toward fishery management objectives?*
 - Need to be updatable on an annual basis
- Choose Hot Topics for 2011

Discussion points

- Scales
 - The Aleutians cover a large area
 - Temporal, spatial, and lags
 - Influences may come from outside AI
- Working backwards
 - What are the fish we want to catch?
 - What do they eat? Who eats them?
 - What processes/forces influence what they eat?
- Review information that is currently used for fishery management
 - Are there more or better data available?
 - What should be monitored?
- Identify gaps and needs for future assessments