

PWS SALMON HARVEST TASK FORCE BYLAWS

COMPOSITION OF TASK FORCE

The following are the recognized seats composing the Prince William Sound Salmon Harvest Task Force (SHTF). Additional seats may be recognized at the discretion of the SHTF membership, as new organizations and interest groups develop in the PWS fisheries.

Effective 2/15/1991 if a task force member (or designee) misses three consecutive scheduled meetings, without providing written comments to the chairman on relevant task force topics, the organization will be removed from the task force.

CDFU Gillnet Division
CDFU Seine Division
PWS Set Net Association
PWS Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Trident Seafoods
St. Elias Ocean Products (Ocean Beauty)
Peter Pan Seafoods
Seward Fisheries (Icicle)
PWSAC
Valdez Fisheries Development Association
Alaska Department of Fish and Game, CF, Area Purse Seine Biologist
Alaska Department of Fish and Game, CF, Area Gillnet Biologist
Alaska Seafood Marketing (Honorary Member)
Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation (Honorary Member)

AUTHORITY OF TASK FORCE

The SHTF has no authority of its own, but is recognized by the industry and the Commissioner of ADF&G as a strong body representing the commercial fishing industry in the Prince William Sound and Copper River salmon management area. The SHTF can make recommendations to the Department on fisheries management plans.

CONDUCT OF GENERAL SHTF MEETINGS:

Public notification of SHTF meetings will be provided one week in advance of the meeting, when ever possible. All meetings will be chaired by the ADF&G Area Biologist unless the chair is delegated to another individual.

An agenda will be prepared prior to each meeting and distributed. A written set of

minutes will be kept of each meeting, and these minutes will be distributed to all members. Minutes will be made available to the public upon request. The central files of meeting minutes and other related materials will be maintained by ADF&G.

5.) All discussions during meetings will be addressed to the chair. The chair may or may not, at his/her discretion recognize general public comments or input pertaining to task force business.

6.) All recommendations adopted by the task force will be by simple majority consensus of the membership present provided a majority of the recognized members are present.

7.) Formal recommendations of the SHTF will have a signature sheet indicating the consensus of the entire SHTF membership.

PROTOCOL FOR CALLING SPECIAL SHTF MEETINGS:

1.) An individual or organization that wishes to call a special meeting of the SHTF must identify the need for a meeting and obtain the consensus of a majority (9+) of the members.

2.) It is the individual's or organization's responsibility to clarify the concern or problem for other SHTF members and ADF&G. This may require special meetings of CDFU, PWSSA or whom ever, prior to the SHTF meeting, to condense the area of concern to an identifiable proposal or problem.

3.) It is the individual's or organization's responsibility to schedule the meeting and meeting room, notify SHTF members of the meeting and distribute pertinent information and an explanation of the central topic of discussion.

CONDUCT OF SPECIAL SHTF MEETINGS:

All meetings will continue to be conducted in the same style as previously developed for the SHTF, and outline above.

2.) The individual or organization that is championing the proposal to be discussed holds the responsibility to do the following:

Schedule meeting room. Prepare an agenda for the meeting and handouts of the proposal to be discussed. Pass out sign up sheet for attendance. Record the minutes of the meeting. Write up minutes of the meeting and distribute to the SHTF members no later than two weeks following the meeting.

3.) A quorum, consisting of a majority (9+) of the SHTF membership, must be present for special SHTF meetings.