



Alaska Board of Fisheries Confirmation Hearing Today: Senate Resources Committee - Public Testimony Invited

The Alaska Senate Resources Committee meets today **Monday April 19th at 3:30pm** to take Public Testimony in consideration of the Governor's Board of Fisheries appointees: John Jensen, McKenzie Mitchell, Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Abe Williams and John Wood.

The hearing will be broadcast on www.akleg.gov. Members of the public wishing to testify can call in at **844-586-9085** statewide or **563-9085** from Anchorage. Further information on testifying to Alaska Legislative Committees can be found [here](#).

- John Jensen is the longest serving member of the Board, since 2003. John also serves on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. Jensen is a fisherman and businessman out of Petersburg.
- McKenzie Mitchell teaches at University of Alaska Fairbanks and has a background in the sport fishing lodge industry. Mitchell was appointed by the Governor in 2020.
- Märit Carlson-Van Dort, who currently serves as Board Chair, was first appointed in 2019. Carlson-Van Dort fished for salmon in the Chignik region for over ten years and worked for Pebble Partnership for 5 years.
- Abe Williams is a Bristol Bay salmon fisherman, former Alaska Department of Transportation employee and current Director of Regional Affairs for Pebble Partnership. Williams was first appointed to the Board in 2020.
- John Wood was first appointed to the Board of Fisheries in 2019. Wood is a former legislative aide to then-Senator Mike Dunleavy, and is currently contracted by the State reporting directly to the Governor.

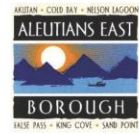
Members of the public wishing to testify at the Board of Fisheries confirmation hearing are advised to call in five to ten minutes before the call. The public can also contact individual legislators by email or by sending a [Public Opinion Message](#).

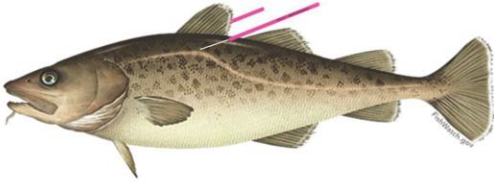

Link to the Alaska Senate Resources Committee 4/19/21 [Meeting information](#).
How to testify before Legislative Committees [document](#).



REWARD FOR TAGGED PACIFIC COD

Alaska Fisheries Science Center and Aleutians East Borough tagged Pacific cod in March 2021 with satellite and conventional tags to study their distribution and migration. Those who return tags will receive rewards including swag, cash prizes and will be entered into an annual cash lottery (up to \$1,000)



CONVENTIONAL TAGS	SATELLITE TAGS
Tags are orange and located below the first dorsal fin, there may be one or two tags on each side.	Satellite tags are larger and attached to a harness, located between the two dorsal fins. Tag numbers are written in silver.
	
REWARD: Swag and entry into lottery (up to \$1000 cash)	REWARD:\$200/tag and entry into lottery(up to \$1000 cash)

STEP 1: Please write down the following information:

- Name of Vessel
- Date of recovery
- Location and depth of recovery
- Tag numbers
- Contact for rewards (name, phone, mailing address)

STEP 2: You can either give this information to a federal groundfish observer OR follow Step 3 (no observer on vessel)



STEP 3: Send us your tags and collect your reward!

- **Conventional Tags:** Text/email a picture of the tags with the written info to **(907) 885-5184** or **clevy@aeboro.org**
- **Satellite Tags:** Call **(907) 885-5184** to request a pre-paid envelope. Pre-paid envelopes will be available in most ports. Mail written info and the actual satellite tag to:

Susanne McDermott, NOAA NMFS

**Alaska Fisheries Science Center F/AKC2
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For general questions about the reward program please contact: Charlotte Levy at (907) 274-7556 or clevy@aeboro.org

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