

## Fisheries Research Coordination Council

Research coordination is an important goal in order to maximize research funding, provide collaboration, and prevent duplication. It is proposed that the following governmental and NGO research entities form a Fisheries Research Coordination Council to maximize the benefits of their research funding and efforts. (There is a lot of good language in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Legislature's SJR 44 to pull from, if desired.)

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Each entity will designate one representative to the Council and fund their participation at semi-annual [annual] meetings of the Council to develop an Alaska fisheries joint research development plan. (SJR 44 actually tasks the House Speaker and the Senate President with appointing members to the body.) An internal support structure will be developed by the Council and funded that provides the necessary staff support required to assure development of the plan.

The Council will provide a report of its progress to the Legislature by [time certain].

NOTE: Another idea would be to examine these entities' funding sources and approach them about the including a funding stipulation that would mandate their participation in this body as requisite to funding. It sure seems that Senator Stevens would be amenable to considering such a requirement.