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ATTN: BOF COMMENTS
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RE: Comments for Hatchery Committee Agenda Topics

Dear Chairman Morisky and Board of Fisheries Members,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) respectfully submits the following topics for consideration for the March 8, 2019 Hatchery Committee meeting:

- *Detailed review of the Regional Planning Team (RPT). Including an overview on the structure, statutes, function, authority, public process and the regional differences and objectives. As well a review of the Comprehensive Salmon Management Plans that are required by statute.*
- *An in-depth look at the total hatchery production of the Pacific Ocean over the last 30 years and how Alaska contributes and compares to this production.*
- *Report on the regional economics created by hatchery salmon including: direct and indirect employment, sportfish and subsistence contributions, benefits to communities via landing taxes, investment by commercial fishermen & processors, and examples of local impacts.*

We urge the board to make scientific data a priority when reviewing Alaska's hatchery system and ask that decisions are based on scientific facts. We thank you for the opportunity to provide input on a subject that is of utmost importance to our industry.

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