Background

This is the agenda for the first of two public meetings that NMFS is holding to elicit external scientific information relevant to our ongoing review of Steller sea lion critical habitat.

The session will begin promptly at the times shown. Participants are encouraged to arrive early so that we can begin on time and keep on schedule. Please note that times are fluid and may vary based on the amount of Q&A for each presenter.

Schedule for Meeting (Times given are Pacific time)

Monday, September 22, 2014:

9:00 – 9:10  Lisa Rotterman
Welcome and Introductions

9:10 – 9:45  Lisa Rotterman, Steller Sea Lion Coordinator, AKR, NMFS
Purpose of the meeting and structure for presentations; Overview of the Steller Sea Lion critical habitat review process

9:45 – 10:30  Greg O’Correy-Crowe et al.
Crossing to safety: Dispersal, colonization and mate choice in evolutionarily distinct populations of Steller sea lions, *Eumetopias jubatus*

10:30 – 10:45  Break
10:45 - 11:30  Jon Warrenchuk, Senior Scientist and Campaign Manager, Oceana
Information relevant to the review of Steller sea lion critical habitat

11:30 - 12:15  John Gauvin, Fishery Science Projects Director, Alaska Seafood Cooperative
Fishing industry perspectives on ways to improve SSL Critical Habitat designation in Alaska

12:15 - 1:15  Lunch

1:15 - 2:00  Chris Merculief, St. George Traditional Council
St. George Traditional Council Abstract and Statement of Interest

2:00 – 2:45  John M. Maniscalco and Dr. Lori Polasek, Alaska SeaLife Center
Is there an effect of diet quality on Steller sea lion natality?

2:45 – 2:55  Break

2:55 - 3:30  Final Questions from Audience for Any of the Presenters

3:30 – 3:50  Next Steps and Wrap-up (Lisa Rotterman)

4:00  Adjourn