

Yakutat Regional Aquaculture Association Timeline

(There may be some missing meeting minutes and documents)

Documents can be found on the website www.yrra.org

2011

- 1/20/2011:** The Yakutat Alaska Fishermen's Alliance (YAFA) met to discuss forming an association.
- 2/3/11:** YAFA met and hired a consultant to help form the association legal documents.
- 2/17/2011:** YAFA met and made a motion to adopt Articles of Incorporation as presented.
- 2/24/2011:** State of Alaska issued CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION for the Yakutat Regional Aquaculture Association, Inc.
- 3/7/2011:** IRS issued an Employer Identification Number
- 4/15/2011:** First YRAA meeting, By-Laws Adopted, elections and officers nominated.
- 4/29/2011:** Yakutat Salmon Board wrote a letter of support for the development of YRAA
- 5/20/2011:** First letter submitted to Commissioner of Fish and Game (ADF&G) asking for recognition of YRAA
- 6/28/2011:** Received letter from Commissioner of ADF&G suggesting changes to YRAA documents to meet legal requirements.
- 8/4/2011:** YRAA Meeting – adopted changes based on ADF&G feedback to Articles and Bylaws
- 8/5/2011:** Letter from Borough confirming that City of Yakutat supports YRAA
- 8/7/2011:** Received Certificate of Amendment for Articles of Incorporation
- 8/30/2011:** Resubmitted letter to Commissioner of ADF&G asking for recognition of YRAA with amended articles and bylaws.
- 9/6/2011:** Commissioner Cora Campbell formally recognized the Yakutat Regional Aquaculture Association which automatically formed the Yakutat Regional Planning Team.

2012

- 4/30-5/1/2012:** YRAA Board Meeting
- 5/1/2012:** First Regional Planning Team Meeting

5/9/2012: Opened a checking bank account at First National Bank of Alaska.

7/13/2012: State of Alaska Dept of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED) approved a Fisheries Enhancement grant of \$100,000.00 in accordance with AS16.10.510. Grant funds are for the organizational and planning purposes of YRAA.

8/19/2012: Received an updated Certificate of Amendment for Articles of Incorporation.

10/6/2012: YRAA Board meeting

10/26/2012: ADF&G Management Feasibility Analysis (MFA)

11/1/2012: YRAA Board provided a presentation to the Yakutat City Assembly regarding the 2% tax assessment.

12/5/2012: DCCED approved the Notice of Election, Ballot and voting procedure thereby authorizing YRAA to conduct an election to approve a salmon enhancement tax assessment in Yakutat.

2013

1/4/2013: YRAA meeting

1/21/2013: Tax assessment ballot mailed to all permit holders.

2/4/2013: Tax assessment public hearing in Yakutat

2/26/2013: Data loggers installed at the five release sites listed in the MFA.

2013: City Assembly passed a resolution to appropriate up to \$196K of Tongass Economic Relief Funds (TERF) upon presentation of receipts. Funds must be used for economic development in Yakutat region (planning, permitting, or purchasing of equipment).

3/2/2013: YRAA Board Meeting

3/27/2013: DCCED completed the review of the salmon enhancement tax assessment election and certified the results. The initiative passed a 2% tax assessment, effective starting 5/1/2013

5/31/2013: YRAA Board Meeting

9/16/2013: Steve Reifentstahl from NSRAA investigative trip to YRAA report

11/2/2013: YRAA Board Meeting

12/16/2013: IRS issued tax exempt status

2014

1/25/2014: YRAA Board Meeting

2/22/2014: YRAA Board Meeting.

4/3/2014: Approval letter of DIPAC Chum eggs as a broodstock source.

9/18/2014: Yakutat Comprehensive Salmon Plan Phase II signed by ADF&G Commissioner

Sept 2014: Field Report: Spring Measurements Aug & Sept 2014 received

12/10/14: YRAA Board Meeting

2015

3/7/2015: YRAA Board Meeting

11/2/2015: Submitted NOAA Grant funding request

2016

1/29/2016: YRAA Board Meeting.

5/28/2016: YRAA Board Meeting

12/29/2016: Request to City Assembly for resolution regarding possible land lease with Yak-Tat-Kwaan

2017

1/5/2017: CBY Resolution 17-270 signed

2/13/2017: Request to Yak-Tat-Kwaan for a land lease

4/3/2017: YRAA Board meeting. No nominations were received for being on the board of directors. The Board nominated individuals currently serving or from the audience to fill the board seats.

6/1/2017: Close YRAA Office located at Raven's Table

6/20/2017: Puget Cove Springs Assessment – Field Data Collection by Associated Earth Science Inc.

2019

4/27/2019: YRAA Board Meeting.

2021

6/5/2021: Update sent to Board of Directors

6/22/2021: Letter to Borough Manager for information on City Property near where water testing had taken place. No response ever received.

2022

11/16-17/2022: YRAA Board Meeting – have recording but not been transcribed to Minutes

2023

March 2023: An advisory question was put on the fishermen’s ballot asking to prioritize Hatchery Incubation facility/program
Restoration and stream habilitation type projects
Repeal the Yakutat Regional Aquaculture Association.

May 2023: An annual meeting was being planned for May but when non-fisherman seat notice wasn’t posted, the meeting didn’t occur as re-scheduling would have happened in the fishing season.

2024

2025

9/27/2025: YRAA pre-Board Meeting

10/1/2025: YRAA Board Meeting