

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
2010 WORK SESSION
October 13-14, 2010, Challenger Center, Kenai
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

The board welcomed new members Tom Kluberton and Mike Smith. It elected Vince Webster as chair and Karl Johnstone as vice chair for the upcoming year.

Agenda Change Requests (ACRs)

The board reviewed nine agenda change requests and evaluated them on the basis of its agenda change request policy found in 5 AAC 39.999.

ACR 1

ACTION: Denied

DESCRIPTION: Clarify sport fishing regulations for Indian River inside Sitka Historical Park to separate trout fishing from coho salmon fishing.

DISCUSSION: The board heard from staff that there were no significant enforcement problems and concluded the topic could be brought forward as a proposal during the 2010/2011 cycle.

ACR 2

ACTION: Denied

DESCRIPTION: Adopt by regulation a policy for the management of mixed stock fisheries.

DISCUSSION: The board acknowledged its 2005 stakeholder effort, but concluded that an out-of-cycle committee effort at this time would not provide better public participation in addressing Prince William Sound allocation than waiting until next year's meeting cycle. The board encouraged proposals be submitted by the April 8, 2011 deadline.

ACR 3

ACTION: Denied

DESCRIPTION: Clarify restriction on use of shellfish for commercial purposes.

DISCUSSION: The board heard information about the ambiguity of current regulations prohibiting non-commercial use of shellfish taken in sport, personal use, and subsistence fisheries and heard the department's recommendation to address the topic during a single cycle. The board chose to address only king and Tanner crab use this cycle and leave other shellfish species for the 2011/2012 cycle.

ACR 4

ACTION: Denied

DESCRIPTION: Create a personal use/subsistence designated area for Dungeness crab in Excursion Inlet within District 14.

DISCUSSION: The board noted that Excursion Inlet is heavily used, but concluded that because the proposed change would be highly allocative, it would be best to address this during the regular 2011/2012 cycle for Southeast Alaska.

ACR 5

ACTION: Denied

DESCRIPTION: Revise Chinook management plans on the Yukon River.

DISCUSSION: The board acknowledged that there are important conservation considerations for Yukon River fisheries, but it concluded that there had not been enough time to study the effects of board actions taken in January 2010.

ACR 6

ACTION: Denied

DESCRIPTION: Close the commercial Dungeness crab summer fishery in District 1 in Southeast Alaska.

DISCUSSION: The board acknowledged the high level of public interest in the District 1 crab fishery, but concluded that it would be best to address this during the regular 2011/2012 cycle for Southeast Alaska. The board noted that the regulatory changes made in January 2009 included a three-year "sunset clause" and will expire in February 2012 unless the board takes additional action.

ACR 7

ACTION: Denied

DESCRIPTION: Increase the harvest limit for golden king crab in Registration Area O.

DISCUSSION: The board considered scheduling this proposal for the March 22-26, 2011 king and Tanner crab meeting, but noted that the updated harvest model would not be ready by that time. The board recommended a new proposal be submitted at a future time.

ACR 8

ACTION Denied

DESCRIPTION: Redefine closure areas in Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area Management Plan.

DISCUSSION: The board heard a description of the fishery in Anita Bay, but concluded that it would be best to address this topic during the regular 2011/2012 cycle for Southeast Alaska.

ACR 9

ACTION: Accepted

DESCRIPTION: Clarify regulation on terminating a joint operation of dual permits in Bristol Bay.

DISCUSSION: The board found that there were aspects of the new dual permit regulations adopted in December 2009 that failed to clarify procedures for terminating a dual permit registration. This agenda change request was accepted and scheduled for consideration during the March 22-26, 2011 meeting.

Escapement goals and stocks of concern

The board heard reports from ADF&G staff on escapement goals set by the department for Kodiak, Chignik, and Cook Inlet salmon fisheries. The board also heard the department recommendations on Stock of Concern status and concurred with the department recommendations:

Chuitna River Chinook	Management Concern
Theodore River Chinook	Management Concern
Lewis River Chinook	Management Concern
Alexander Creek Chinook	Management Concern
Willow and Goose Cr. Chinook	Yield Concern
Susitna River Sockeye	Yield Concern
Karluk River Chinook	Management Concern

The department indicated it will develop action plans for each of these stocks for public and board review at the pertinent regulatory meetings.

Salmon industry restructuring proposals

The board reviewed the list of five proposals tagged in the proposal book as salmon industry restructuring proposals in order to determine if there are outstanding information needs and whether information should be solicited from Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, Department of Commerce, Department of Labor, or other agencies.

Standing committees

The board reviewed and updated committee assignments:

- Committees: Morris (chair), Jensen, Webster
- Board of Fisheries/Board of Game: Jensen (chair), Brown, Webster
- State/Federal Subsistence: Morris, Smith, Kluberton
- Habitat Committee: Johnstone (chair), Webster, Kluberton
- BOF/NPFMC Joint Protocol Committee: Morris (chair), Jensen, Smith
- Legislation: Brown (chair), Jensen, Johnstone
- Sustainable Fisheries: Jensen, Brown, Kluberton
- Salmon Industry Restructuring Committee: Jensen (chair), Johnstone, Brown

Extended Jurisdiction

Department staff updated the board on recent North Pacific Fishery Management Council actions. The board heard a report on the recent biological opinion relative to Steller sea lions and the federal request for the board to consider a closure for waters near Kanaga Island in the western Aleutians. The board requested the department draft a regulatory proposal on the state GHL fishery for potential action at the January 17-19, 2011 meeting in Anchorage. It concluded the department already has management authority for action in the state parallel fishery.

Delegation of authority

The board delegated authority to the commissioner to amend pathology regulations.

2011/2012 cycle meeting schedule

The board approve dates and meeting locations for the 2011/2012 cycle.

- ◆ Worksession: October 11-12, 2011 in Anchorage
- ◆ Pacific Cod for PWS, Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Chignik, and South Alaska Peninsula: October 13-15, 2011 in Anchorage
- ◆ Prince William Sound and Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Finfish: December 1-6, 2011 in Anchorage
- ◆ Southeast and Yakutat Shellfish: January 18-24, 2012 in Ketchikan or Petersburg
- ◆ Southeast and Yakutat Finfish (including salmon, herring, groundfish): February 21-March 1, 2012 in Ketchikan or Petersburg
- ◆ Statewide Miscellaneous Shellfish: March 20-23, 2012 in Anchorage

All dates and locations are subject to meeting space availability and are subject to change.

The Agenda Change Request deadline for the 2011/2012 meeting cycle would be August 26, 2011, 45 days prior to fall worksession.