



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Lower Cook Inlet

November 30-December 3, 2016

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

This summary is informational only. The actions indicated below will have legal affects in regulations that provide the sole legal action of the board.

Board Members Present

John Jensen, Chair

Sue Jeffrey, Vice Chair

Orville Huntington

Al Cain

Reed Morisky

Israel Payton

Robert Ruffner

C=Carried, F=Failed, C/A=Carried as Amended, F/A=Failed as Amended, N/A=No Action

Action	Proposal #	Proposal	Audio tracking info*
Personal Use (1 proposal)			
C (7-0)	1	Amend the fishing season and closed waters so that personal use fishery does not open on a fixed date.	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 0:00:10
Commercial Fisheries (4 proposals)			
C (7-0)	2	Establish and define the Port Graham Section and English Bay Section in the Port Graham Subdistrict.	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 0:05:53
C (7-0)	3	Amend waters closed to commercial salmon fishing in the Kamishak District and Outer District of Lower Cook Inlet.	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 0:08:30
C/A (7-0)	4	Clarify procedures for obtaining and submitting log sheets for the Cook Inlet commercial sablefish fishery. <i>(Substituted with language in RC 29, page 1, and further amended to retain the words "that corresponds" in (b), 4th line.)</i>	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 0:11:51
C/A (7-0)	5	Clarify procedures for obtaining and submitting log sheets for the Cook Inlet commercial rockfish fishery. <i>(Substituted with language in RC 29, page 2, and further amended to include the words or meaning "that corresponds with fish tickets" in (e), 5th line.)</i>	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 0:18:37
Southern District Salmon (2 proposals)			
C/A (7-0)	35	Define the existing seaward boundaries of areas where commercial set gillnets may be operated in the Southern District using Global Positioning System coordinates.	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 0:21:57



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		<i>(Substitute with language in RC 24.)</i>	
C/A (7-0)	36	Move eastern boundary near Halibut Cove where commercial set gillnet gear is permitted. <i>(The board agreed to a friendly amendment to modify the boundaries in this proposal to be consistent with the boundary changes made on Proposal 35.)</i>	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 0:26:43 & BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 0:48:42
Outer and Eastern District Salmon (2 proposals)			
F (0-7)	37	Open water of the Outer District east of Gore Point to commercial salmon fishing under regular fishing periods.	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 0:34:28
F (0-7)	38	Open waters of Aialik Bay in the Eastern District to commercial salmon fishing under regular fishing periods.	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 0:40:58
F (1-6)	39	Reinstate <i>Bear Lake Management Plan</i> with an equal allocation between cost recovery and common property fisheries.	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 0:49:46
C (7-0)	40	Amend the <i>Bear Lake Special Harvest Area</i> to exclude fresh waters that are currently open to salmon sport fishing.	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 1:43:26
F (1-6)	41	Amend the <i>Bear Lake Special Harvest Area</i> to exclude nearshore marine waters in Resurrection Bay.	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 1:56:10
Groundfish Lawful Gear, Closed Waters, Landing Requirements and Trip Limits (5 proposals)			
C/A (7-0)	42	Amend lawful gear to allow groundfish pots to be connected when commercial fishing for sablefish in the Cook Inlet Area. <i>(Substituted with language in RC 30.)</i>	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 2:08:10
C/A (7-0)	43	Reduce closed waters for commercial groundfish in Kachemak Bay. <i>(Substituted with language in RC 31.)</i>	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 2:15:56
C (7-0)	44	Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet commercial sablefish fishery.	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 2:26:48
C (7-0)	45	Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet commercial rockfish fishery.	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 2:36:54
N/A (7-0)	46	Increase the trip limit for rockfish in the <i>Cook Inlet Rockfish Management Plan</i> . <i>(No action taken based on a request of the proposer to withdraw the proposal in RC 22.)</i>	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 2:43:06
Freshwater Salmon (8 proposals)			
F (0-7)	6	Extend the fishing season for Anchor River, Deep Creek, Niniilchik River, and Stariski Creek from Oct 31 through November 30.	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 2:44:19
N/A (7-0)	7	Extend the fishing season on Anchor River, Deep Creek, Niniilchik River, Stariski Creek through November 15. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal 6.)</i>	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 3:18:34



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C (6-1)	8	Extend the start date for king salmon fishery on the Ninilchik from July 1 to June 16.	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 2:53:20
F (3-4)	9	Increase the bag limit for king salmon on the Ninilchik River to 2 per day, only 1 may be wild.	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 3:19:00
F (0-7)	10	Require mandatory retention of king salmon caught with bait on Anchor River, Deep Creek, and the Ninilchik River.	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 3:27:52
N/A (7-0)	11	Create a youth-only fishery on Anchor, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik rivers. <i>(The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 12.)</i>	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 3:31:38 & BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 4:30:50
C/A (7-0)	12	Create a youth-only fishery on Anchor, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik rivers. <i>(Substituted with language in RC 39.)</i>	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 3:31:38 & BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 4:22:08
N/A (7-0)	13	Create a disabled angler-only fishing area on the Anchor River. <i>(The board took no action based on having no regulatory authority.)</i>	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 3:50:35
Methods and Means, Bag and Possession, Seasons, and Cook Inlet-wide (6 proposals)			
F (0-7)	30	Increase the king salmon daily bag limit to 10 king salmon under 20" at the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon.	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 3:52:18
F (0-7)	31	Create an archery fishery for salmon in waters of Kachemak Bay open to snagging.	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 3:56:20
F (0-7)	32	Open Lower Cook Inlet ling cod season on June 15 instead of July 1.	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 4:09:36
F (0-7)	33	Establish possession and size limits for small salmon in Resurrection Bay.	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 4:14:13
--	34	Allow party fishing in Cook Inlet salt and freshwaters for all species except king salmon <i>(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting).</i>	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 4:20:10
--	14	Allow snagging for sockeye salmon in all Cook Inlet freshwater lakes <i>(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting).</i>	BOF Meeting 12-02-16: 4:20:58
Guide Licensing, Registration, and Reporting (1 proposal)			



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C (7-0)	277	Establish saltwater sport fishing guide licensing regulations, amend freshwater sport fishing guide registration requirements and fresh and salt water sport fishing guide vessel registration and reporting requirements.	<i>BOF Meeting 12-03-16: 0:00:26</i>
<i>Saltwater King Salmon (15 proposals)</i>			
C/A (7-0)	15	Modify the king salmon bag and possession limit north of the latitude of Bluff Point, the Cook Inlet harvest record requirement, and the <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> to include all Cook Inlet salt waters from September 1 through March 31, and review the guideline harvest level. <i>(Amended to change the guideline harvest level to 4,500.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 12-03-16: 0:53:20</i>
N/A (7-0)	19	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> by starting the season August 10. <i>(The board took no action based on the proposers request to “cancel” under RC 40 and action taken on Proposal 15.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 12-03-16: 1:34:12</i>
N/A (7-0)	20	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> by extending season to April 30. <i>(The board took no action based on the proposers request to “cancel” under RC 40 and action taken on Proposal 15.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 12-03-16: 1:36:28</i>
F (0-7)	27	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> by removing the guideline harvest level.	<i>BOF Meeting 12-03-16: 1:38:08</i>
F (0-7)	25	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> to specify that the plan applies to king salmon of Cook Inlet spawning origin.	<i>BOF Meeting 12-03-16: 1:39:51</i>
N/A (7-0)	26	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> to specify that the plan applies to king salmon of Cook Inlet spawning origin. <i>(The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 25.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 12-03-16: 1:44:02</i>
C/A (7-0)	16	Redefine fishing area, species that may be retained, the goal of the <i>Cook Inlet Saltwater Early-run King Salmon Management Plan</i> , and eliminate special harvest areas, and clarify that guides and their crew may not fish for king salmon while guiding. <i>(The board amended the proposal to remove the new language that limited guide fishing restrictions just “for king salmon”.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 12-03-16: 1:45:27</i>
C (7-0)	17	Remove the special harvest areas and extend the distance from shore an angler can fish for king salmon after harvesting a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length.	<i>BOF Meeting 12-03-16: 2:00:19</i>
C (7-0)	18	Align the saltwater closed area season with inriver run timing and freshwater regulations.	<i>BOF Meeting 12-03-16:</i>



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F (0-7)	21	Eliminate king salmon annual limit for Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.	<i>BOF Meeting</i> 12-03-16: 2:06:29
F (0-7)	22	Eliminate harvest record requirement for Alaska residents for king salmon in Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.	<i>BOF Meeting</i> 12-03-16: 2:32:35
N/A (7-0)	23	Eliminate harvest record requirement for Alaska residents for king salmon in Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light. <i>(The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 22.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting</i> 12-03-16: 2:32:35 & <i>BOF Meeting</i> 12-03-16: 2:36:00
N/A (7-0)	24	Eliminate harvest limit for king salmon harvested in Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light. <i>(The board took no action based on the proposer's request to "cancel" the proposal in RC 40.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting</i> 12-03-16: 2:36:33
F (0-7)	28	Reduce Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery bag limit to one king salmon.	<i>BOF Meeting</i> 12-03-16: 2:37:09
N/A (7-0)	29	Allow anglers fishing from non-motorized vessels to keep fishing in the Cook Inlet special harvest areas after harvesting a king salmon. <i>(The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 16.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting</i> 12-03-16: 2:39:42

* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry "BOF Meeting 12-02-16" indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the proposal began according to the meeting audio.

Miscellaneous Business

- Emergency Petition: Seldovia Village Tribe, Sockeye Salmon Subsistence Fishery, November 21, 2016.** The Seldovia Village Tribe submitted an emergency petition on November 21, 2016 (entered as RC 6) seeking to expand the allowable spring fishing period and the area for sockeye salmon subsistence fishing in the Seldovia area. The department provided a brief report under RC 42. The board did not find the petition met the criteria for an emergency.
- McNeil River Chum Salmon Action Plan / Stock of Concern.** The board considered the Department's recommendations and accepted the Department's stock of concern recommendation and further approved actions under Option 3A in the Department's McNeil River Chum Salmon Stock Status and Action Plan, 2016 report on page 12.

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