



REVIEWER LETTER
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Dear Reviewer:

August 2016

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) will consider this book of regulatory proposals at its October 2016 through March 2017 meetings. The proposals concern changes to the state's fishing regulations submitted timely by members of the public, organizations, advisory committees, and Alaska Department of Fish and Game staff. With the exception of minor edits, and removal of Internet links and graphics, the proposals are published essentially as received. If you submitted a proposal and find the published version does not reflect your intent, please contact Boards Support as soon as possible. Boards Support will notify the board and public of proposer concerns through on-time public comment or record copies at the board meetings.

Proposal Information. Proposals are often presented as brief statements summarizing intended regulatory changes. In cases where confusion might arise or where the regulation is complex, proposed changes are also written in accordance to the Department of Law's drafting standards for proposed regulations. Under these standards, text additions to the regulation are **bolded and underlined** while deletions are [BRACKETED AND CAPITALIZED].

Reading all proposals in this book is encouraged. Proposals may have statewide application, affect one region or fishery of the state, or recommend change to multiple fisheries within an area or region.

The proposals are grouped by relevant meeting in the Proposal Index starting on page xiv. Within each meeting the proposals are organized by region, fishery, or species. Prior to each meeting, the board will finalize a "roadmap" to set the tentative order proposals are reviewed and deliberated on. With a roadmap in hand, the board will develop a meeting agenda to coordinate with the roadmap. The proposal book notes when a proposal will be heard at more than one meeting. Tentative agendas and roadmaps will be available approximately two weeks before the meeting starts.

Public Comment Requested. The board relies heavily on written comments and/or oral testimony on the effect of proposed changes. Public comment, in combination with advisory committee recommendations and ADF&G staff presentations, provide the board with critical biological and socioeconomic information. Written comments become public documents.

On-time public comment. The board accepts on-time public comment which must be received no later than the listed deadline (typically two weeks prior to a meeting - see the Tentative Meeting Schedule page vi). On-time comments are added to board member workbooks prior to the meeting, and posted on the Boards Support website in advance of the meeting. Boards Support also prepares an Index of

Comments which reflects support, opposition, or position of each public comment has on the proposals. Requirements include -

- Limited to the equivalent of 100 single-sided pages from any one individual or group per proposal.
- Must be received by mail, email, fax, in office, or through the Boards Support website. Submission information may be found through the web links or contact information at the top of this letter.
- Must be submitted to fit on 8½” x 11” paper with adequate margins for three-hole punching.
- If submitted through email, the proposal must be in Adobe PDF. Web links to YouTube or other video formats, spreadsheets, graphs, and Powerpoint presentations are not accepted.

Record copies. After the on-time public comment period closes, the board continues to welcome written comments as “record copies”. Record copies are accepted prior to and during the board meetings. Requirements include –

- Limited to an equivalent of 10 single-sided pages in length from any one individual or group per proposal until the board begins deliberations on proposals. Once deliberations start, record copies are limited to an equivalent of five single-sided pages in length.
- Prior to the start of a meeting, comments must be submitted by mail, fax, or hand delivered in office. After the start of a meeting comments must be submitted by fax or hand delivered at the meeting. Submission information is at the top of this letter.
- If submitted at a meeting, the submitter must provide the required amount of copies which may exceed 25 copies. The actual number of copies needed is posted at the meeting and may change throughout the duration of the meeting.
- Must be on 8½” x 11” paper with adequate margins for three-hole punching.

Public testimony. The board welcomes public testimony at each regularly scheduled regulatory meetings. Public testimony generally begins the first day of the meeting, extending as long as necessary to accommodate those in attendance. There is a sign-up deadline for each meeting as stated on the meeting agenda. At the discretion of the board chair, the public is generally allotted 3 minutes for testimony. Representatives from Fish and Game advisory committees, federal regional advisory councils, and the Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee are allotted 10 minutes.

Tips for Providing Comments. Please consider the following advice when providing input to the board.

1. Clearly state proposal number(s) and your position(s). Written comments should indicate the proposal number(s) to which the comments apply and should clearly indicate “support for” or “opposition to” the proposal. If the comments support a modification in the proposal, indicate “support as amended” with the preferred amendment in writing. Listing the appropriate Alaska Administrative Code (AAC) number is not essential.
2. Explain why. Help the board understand your recommendation by identifying factors to take into account when acting on a proposal. A brief description consisting of a couple of sentences on why you support or oppose the proposal is sufficient.
3. Keep comments brief. Board members are extremely busy. Clearly stating proposals and a position with supporting rationale will assist the board members.
4. Follow the requirements. Pages in excess of the page limit and comments not in the proper format will be discarded. Testimony greater than the allotted time will be cut short.
5. The sooner the better. As a practical matter comments submitted after the board begins deliberations are likely to receive less consideration than comments submitted earlier.
6. Write clearly. Whether typed or handwritten, use dark ink and write legibly. If making comments on more than one proposal, please do not use separate pages for each proposal - simply begin the next set of written comments by listing the next proposal number.

7. Use the committee process. The board utilizes “committees” throughout its meetings as a way to receive much greater detail from the participating public. If you are able to participate throughout a meeting, public testimony should be tailored to encompass major items of importance. Fine details may be reserved for committee work.
8. Be polite. Please refrain from using derogatory language about another member of the public, ADF&G staff, or board members during public testimony or in written comments. If language used is found to be excessively inflammatory, written material may be redacted and public testimony may be cut short.

Advisory Committees. Advisory committee members should refer to the Advisory Committee Manual for additional information on providing public comment to the board. Most importantly, the recommendations submitted must be in the format prescribed by the board. Check with board staff for the latest format. When providing public testimony be sure to hit the highlights. Expressing minority opinions is helpful to the board. Simply reading off proposal numbers and committee recommendations is difficult for the board to follow. Provide commentary. Finally, minutes should note the number of committee members in attendance as well as other stakeholders in attendance during meetings. Remember, advisory committee recommendations must be developed at a meeting that complied with the Open Meetings Act (AS 44.62.310).

Additional Instructions for Advisory Committee Chairs. Advisory committee chairs are responsible for calling committee meetings to review relevant proposals and providing recommendations. In order to efficiently budget and provide for travel, pre-planning is essential. Chairs are to review this proposal book and identify to Boards Support by November 15 if they anticipate their advisory committee might attend a meeting. Failure to provide early notice may prevent the advisory committee from traveling should adequate funding be unavailable.

SPECIAL NOTES: The board applies various statutes and policies when considering proposals. When addressing proposals affecting subsistence uses, the board provides for a reasonable opportunity for subsistence consistent with Alaska Statute 16.05.258 and regulation 5 AAC 99.010(b). When addressing allocations among commercial, sport, guided sport, and/or personal use fisheries, the board applies its Allocation Criteria (AS 16.05.251(e)). When addressing salmon fisheries, it may apply the Mixed Stock Salmon Policy (5 AAC 39.220) and the Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy (5 AAC 39.222). You may wish to review these statutes, regulations, and policies when preparing comments for the board. See the board’s website for more information or call Boards Support staff listed in this book to learn more about the board process.

Persons with a disability needing special accommodations in order to comment on the proposed regulations should contact the Boards Support Section at (907) 465-4110 no later than two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

Thank you for taking an active role in Alaska’s fisheries management regulatory process.

Sincerely,



Glenn Haight
Executive Director

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
2016/2017 PROPOSAL BOOK**

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**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
2016/2017 Cycle
Tentative Meeting Schedule**

Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish; Kodiak Finfish; Statewide (Except Southeast and Yakutat) King and Tanner Crab and Supplemental Issues

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Monday, April 11, 2016

Meeting Dates	Topics	Location	Comment Deadline
October 18-20, 2016 [3 days]	Work Session Public hearing (October 18 only), ACRs, cycle organization, Stocks of Concern	Kenai/Soldotna Soldotna Regional Sports Complex	Oct. 4, 2016
Nov. 30-Dec. 3, 2016 [4 days]	Lower Cook Inlet Finfish	Homer Alaska Islands and Oceans Visitor Center	Nov. 15, 2016
January 10-13, 2017 [4 days]	Kodiak Finfish	Kodiak Best Western Kodiak Harbor Convention Center	Dec. 27, 2016
February 23-March 8, 2017 [14 days]	Upper Cook Inlet Finfish	Anchorage Sheraton Anchorage	Feb. 9, 2017
March 20-24, 2017 [5 days]	Statewide (Except Southeast and Yakutat) King and Tanner Crab and Supplemental Issues	Anchorage Coast International Inn	Feb. 27, 2017

Total Meeting Days: 30

Agenda Change Request Deadline: August 18, 2016 [60 days prior to fall Work Session]

Amended June 2016

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
LONG-TERM MEETING CYCLE
 (Three-year cycle)

The board meeting cycle generally occurs from October through March. The board considers changes to regulations on a region-based schedule. The fisheries include subsistence, sport, guided sport, personal use, and commercial. Special petition and agenda change request procedures are available for the board to consider out-of-cycle requests.

NOTES:

- 1) In the year preceding a board cycle, the board will announce a call for proposal that prescribes which regions, species, and fisheries are set for regulatory review.
- 2) The proposal deadline is April 10 every year. *If April 10 falls on a weekend, the proposal deadline is the next closest business day.*

Meeting Areas and Species
Cook Inlet Area all Finfish Kodiak Area all Finfish Statewide (except Southeast/Yakutat) King and Tanner Crab Meeting Cycle Years: 2016/2017 2019/2020 2022/2023 2025/2026
Prince William Sound Area all Finfish Southeast/Yakutat Areas all Finfish and Shellfish Statewide (except Southeast/Yakutat) Dungeness Crab, Shrimp, and Miscellaneous Shellfish Meeting Cycle Years: 2017/2018 2020/2021 2023/2024 2026/2027
Alaska Peninsula/Bering Sea-Aleutian Island/Chignik Areas all Finfish Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Areas all Finfish Bristol Bay Area all Finfish Statewide Provisions for Finfish Meeting Cycle Years: 2018/2019 2021/2022 2024/2025 2027/2028

THE MEETING CYCLE REPEATS ITSELF EVERY THREE YEARS. This schedule was adopted November 9, 1990 and revised based on workload and public participation.

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(as of July, 2016)

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE
REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

The Alaska Board of Fisheries proposes to adopt, amend, or repeal regulation changes in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with fishery and aquatic plant resources in the areas designated below, including the following regulations:

IN THE COOK INLET (INCLUDING THE KENAI PENINSULA, KENAI RIVER DRAINAGE, COOK INLET–RESURRECTION BAY SALTWATER, ANCHORAGE BOWL DRAINAGES, KNIK ARM DRAINAGES, SUSITNA RIVER DRAINAGE, AND WEST COOK INLET SPORT FISH MANAGEMENT AREAS) AND KODIAK AREAS FINFISH FISHERIES REGULATIONS; AND STATEWIDE KING AND TANNER CRAB FISHERIES REGULATIONS (EXCEPT SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA AND YAKUTAT AREAS):

- A. In the **commercial, sport, guided sport, personal use, and aquatic plant fisheries**: fishing seasons, periods, and opening and closing times; bag, possession, size, sex, age, and harvest limits; harvest levels, thresholds, goals, and quotas; definitions; bycatch provisions; districts, subdistricts, sections, subsections, areas, and other management boundaries; locations open and closed to fishing; methods and means; gear and vessel restrictions, including marking and operational requirements; registration and permit requirements; registration areas (including nonexclusive, exclusive and superexclusive registration areas); recordkeeping and marking requirements; management plans for conservation and development, including escapement, inriver, and other management goals; landing requirements; provisions for development and allocation among beneficial uses; guiding principles; provisions to regulate, require, restrict or prohibit the retention, tendering, dispatch, possession, sale, release, or purchase of fish; methods of release; registration, reporting, and other requirements for sport fishing guides and operators, guided anglers, catchers, processors, buyers, and transporters; onboard observer requirements; fish storage and inspection requirements.
- B. In the **subsistence fisheries**: identification of subsistence uses; fishing seasons, periods, and opening and closing times; bag, possession, size, sex, age, and harvest limits; definitions; districts, subdistricts, sections, subsections, areas, and other management boundaries; locations open and closed to fishing; methods and means; gear and vessel restrictions, including marking and operational requirements; registration and permit requirements; recordkeeping and marking requirements; management plans for conservation and development, including escapement, inriver, and other management goals; landing requirements; provisions for development and allocation among beneficial uses and users, including creating and regulating tier II fisheries; guiding principles; identify customary and traditional uses of fish stocks; determine amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence uses; establish, regulate, change, or adjust subsistence and personal use fisheries.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, (ADF&G) Boards Support Section, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526, (907) 465-4110, or www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov.

Anyone interested in, or affected by, the subject matter contained in this legal notice should make written or oral comments to have their views considered by the board. You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to the private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments limited to no more than 100 single-sided or 50 double-sided pages to the ADF&G, Boards Support Section, at P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526. Additionally, the Boards Support Section will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-6094, by email to dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov (PDF format only), or online at www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov. Individuals and advisory committees directing public comment at an ADF&G office or personnel other than as prescribed above do not have assurance their comments will be received and entered as public comment.

Comments are generally due no later than two weeks prior to the meeting during which the topics are considered. Unless otherwise specified for a particular meeting in a published notice, written comments exceeding the page limit from any one individual or group relating to proposals at any one meeting will not be accepted. Written comments limited to 10 single-sided or 5 double-sided pages in length from any one individual or group are accepted after the two-week deadline and inserted in board member workbooks at the beginning of the meeting, and are also accepted during the meeting and until the board begins proposal deliberations.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT STANDARD:

Once a meeting begins and during a meeting written comments from any one individual or group may be submitted by hand delivery at any time if the required number of copies are provided (typically in excess of 25 copies). Individuals not in attendance at a meeting may fax comments to 907-465-6094. As a practical matter, comments submitted after the board begins deliberations on relevant proposals are likely to receive less consideration than comments submitted earlier.

Once proposal deliberations begins, the board will **ONLY** accept written comments on the topics being considered at the meeting from any one individual or group that are not more than five single-sided pages, or the equivalent number of double-sided pages, unless specific information is requested by the board that requires more pages than allowed under this standard.

Each meeting will generally start at 8:30 a.m. on the first day of the meeting dates below unless the board directs a different start time. The public oral testimony period of each regulatory meeting begins after staff reports and continues until everyone who has signed up on a timely basis and is present at the meeting has an opportunity to be heard. The board will take oral testimony only from those who register before the cut-off time announced by the board chair at each meeting. The length of oral statements may be limited to three minutes or less. Additional public hearings with board committees may be held during the meeting.

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

Work Session

October 18–20, 2016 (Public hearing - October 18)
Soldotna Regional Sports Complex, Kenai/Soldotna
Comment deadline: October 4, 2016

Lower Cook Inlet Finfish

November 30–December 3, 2016
Alaska Islands and Oceans Visitor Center, Homer
Comment deadline: November 15, 2016

Kodiak Finfish

January 10–13, 2017
Best Western Kodiak Harbor Convention Center, Kodiak
Comment deadline: December 27, 2016

Upper Cook Inlet Finfish

February 23–March 8, 2017
Sheraton Anchorage, Anchorage
Comment deadline: February 9, 2017

Statewide (Except Southeast and Yakutat) King and Tanner Crab and Supplemental Issues

March 20–24, 2017
Coast International Inn, Anchorage
Comment deadline: February 27, 2017

Any changes to meeting locations, dates or times, or rescheduling of topics or subject matter will be announced by news release. Please watch for these announcements in the news media or call (907) 465-4110. Please carefully review the **PROPOSAL INDEX** available for the meeting for specific proposals to be addressed by the board. Copies of the proposal indices are in the proposal book, available online at <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us>, and at the relevant meeting. The board may also include accepted agenda change requests as new proposals following its October 18-20, 2016 work session. Any additional proposals will be noticed and made available online and upon request.

Anyone interested in or affected by subsistence, personal use, commercial fishing, sport, guided sport, or aquatic plant regulations are hereby informed that the Board of Fisheries may consider any or all of the subject areas covered by this notice. Under AS 44.62.200(b), the board may review the full range of activities appropriate to any of the subjects listed in this notice. The board may make changes to the subsistence, personal use, sport, guided sport or commercial fishing regulations as may be required to ensure the subsistence priority in AS 16.05.258. On its own motion, after the public hearing, the board may adopt, amend, reject, supplement, or take no action on these subjects without further notice. In addition, the board may adopt other regulations necessary to implement, administer, or enforce the regulations adopted. **THE BOARD IS NOT LIMITED BY THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE OR CONFINES OF THE ACTUAL PROPOSALS THAT HAVE**

BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC OR ADF&G. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.**

If you are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation in order to participate in the proposed regulation process, please contact Glenn Haight at (907) 465-4110 no later than two weeks prior to the beginning of each meeting to ensure necessary accommodations can be provided.

Statutory Authority: AS 16.05 - AS 16.20, AS 16.40

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 16.05 - AS 16.20, AS 16.40

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulatory actions are not expected to require an increased appropriation.



Glenn Haight, Executive Director
Alaska Board of Fisheries

08/10/2016

Date

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
LOWER COOK INLET FINFISH
NOVEMBER 30–DECEMBER 3, 2016
PROPOSAL INDEX**

Following is a list of proposals that will be considered at the above meeting sorted by general topic. A board committee roadmap will be developed and distributed prior to the meeting.

PROPOSAL NUMBER (46 Proposals) SUBJECT

Regulatory Alignment (5 Proposals)

Personal Use (1 Proposal)

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| 1 | Amend the fishing season and closed waters so that personal use fishery does not open on a fixed date. |
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Commercial Fisheries (4 Proposals)

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| 2 | Establish and define the Port Graham Section and English Bay Section in the Port Graham Subdistrict. |
| 3 | Amend waters closed to commercial salmon fishing in the Kamishak District and Outer District of Lower Cook Inlet. |
| 4 | Clarify procedures for obtaining and submitting log sheets for the Cook Inlet commercial sablefish fishery. |
| 5 | Clarify procedures for obtaining and submitting log sheets for the Cook Inlet commercial rockfish fishery. |

Sport Fisheries (29 Proposals)

Freshwater Salmon (9 Proposals)

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| 6 | Extend the fishing season for Anchor River, Deep Creek, Ninilchik River, and Stariski Creek from October 31 through November 30. |
| 7 | Extend the fishing season on Anchor River, Deep Creek, Ninilchik River, Stariski Creek through November 15. |
| 8 | Extend the start date for king salmon fishery on the Ninilchik from July 1 to June 16. |
| 9 | Increase the bag limit for king salmon on the Ninilchik River to 2 per day, only 1 may be wild. |
| 10 | Require mandatory retention of king salmon caught with bait on Anchor River, Deep Creek, and the Ninilchik River. |
| 11 | Create a youth-only fishery on Anchor, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik rivers. |
| 12 | Create a youth-only fishery on Anchor, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik rivers. |
| 13 | Create a disabled angler-only fishing area on the Anchor River. |
| 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>). |

Saltwater King Salmon (15 Proposals)

- 15 Modify the king salmon bag and possession limit north of the latitude of Bluff Point, the Cook Inlet harvest record requirement, and the *Winter King Salmon Management Plan* to include all Cook Inlet salt waters from September 1 through March 31, and review the guideline harvest level.
- 16 Redefine fishing area, species that may be retained, the goal of the *Cook Inlet Saltwater Early-run King Salmon Management Plan*, and eliminate special harvest areas, and clarify that guides and their crew may not fish for king salmon while guiding.
- 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.
- 18 Align the saltwater closed area season with inriver run timing and freshwater regulations.
- 19 Amend *Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan* by starting the season August 10.
- 20 Amend *Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan* by extending season to April 30.
- 21 Eliminate king salmon annual limit for Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.
- 22 Eliminate harvest record requirement for king salmon in Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.
- 23 Eliminate harvest record requirement for Alaska residents for king salmon in Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.
- 24 Eliminate harvest limit for king salmon harvested in Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.
- 25 Amend *Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan* to specify that the plan applies to king salmon of Cook Inlet spawning origin.
- 26 Amend *Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan* to specify that the plan applies to king salmon of Cook Inlet spawning origin.
- 27 Amend *Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan* by removing the guideline harvest level.
- 28 Reduce Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery bag limit to one king salmon.
- 29 Allow anglers fishing from non-motorized vessels to keep fishing in the Cook Inlet special harvest areas after harvesting a king salmon.

Methods and Means, Bag and Possession, and Size Limits (5 Proposals)

- 30 Increase the king salmon daily bag limit to 10 king salmon under 20" at the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon.
- 31 Create an archery fishery for salmon in waters of Kachemak Bay open to snagging.
- 32 Open Lower Cook Inlet ling cod season on June 15 instead of July 1.
- 33 Establish possession and size limits for small salmon in Resurrection Bay.

- 34 Allow party fishing in Cook Inlet salt and freshwaters for all species except king salmon (*This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting*).

Commercial Fisheries (12 Proposals)

Southern District Salmon (2 Proposals)

- 35 Define the existing seaward boundaries of areas where commercial set gillnets may be operated in the Southern District using Global Positioning System coordinates.
- 36 Move eastern boundary near Halibut Cove where commercial set gillnet gear is permitted.

Outer and Eastern District Salmon (2 Proposals)

- 37 Open water of the Outer District east of Gore Point to commercial salmon fishing under regular fishing periods.
- 38 Open waters of Aialik Bay in the Eastern District to commercial salmon fishing under regular fishing periods.

Salmon Hatchery Management Plans and Special Harvest Areas (3 Proposals)

- 39 Reinstate *Bear Lake Management Plan* with an equal allocation between cost recovery and common property fisheries.
- 40 Amend the *Bear Lake Special Harvest Area* to exclude fresh waters that are currently open to salmon sport fishing.
- 41 Amend the *Bear Lake Special Harvest Area* to exclude nearshore marine waters in Resurrection Bay.

Groundfish Lawful Gear, Closed Waters, Landing Requirements and Trip Limits (5 Proposals)

- 42 Amend lawful gear to allow groundfish pots to be connected when commercial fishing for sablefish in the Cook Inlet Area.
- 43 Reduce closed waters for commercial groundfish in Kachemak Bay.
- 44 Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet commercial sablefish fishery.
- 45 Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet commercial rockfish fishery.
- 46 Increase the trip limit for rockfish in the *Cook Inlet Rockfish Management Plan*.

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
KODIAK FINFISH
JANUARY 10–JANUARY 13, 2017
PROPOSAL INDEX**

Following is a list of proposals that will be considered at the above meeting sorted by general topic. A board committee roadmap will be developed and distributed prior to the meeting.

PROPOSAL NUMBER (24 proposals) SUBJECT

Regulatory Alignment (2 Proposals)

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| 47 | Correct inconsistent GPS coordinates for waters of Kitoi Bay closed to commercial salmon fishery. |
| 48 | Correct inconsistent GPS coordinates for waters of Kitoi Bay closed to subsistence salmon fishing. |

Kodiak Area Groundfish (2 Proposals)

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| 49 | Repeal the five-day stand down period between commercial black rockfish fishing trips and increase the Southeast District trip limit from 5,000 pounds to 10,000 pounds. |
| 50 | Change date when the Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear fishery may be designated as a non-exclusive registration area from October 30 to June 10. |

Kodiak Area Commercial Salmon (15 Proposals)

Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan (6 Proposals)

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| 51 | Increase the minimum expected sockeye salmon harvest thresholds from 300,000 to 600,000 prior to July 8 and 600,000 to 1,000,000 fish after July 8, and from 600,000 to 1,000,000 fish in years when runs are as strong as expected. |
| 52 | Require commercial salmon fishermen to register prior to fishing in the Cape Igvak Section and check out upon leaving the section, and require tender operators to report fish ticket harvest data within 12 hours of taking a delivery. |
| 53 | Amend the <i>Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan</i> so that the harvest allocation applies only prior to July 9. |
| 54 | Redefine the area used to determine allocation percentages within the <i>Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan</i> . |
| 55 | Repeal the <i>Cape Igvak Salmon Management plan</i> and close commercial salmon fishing in the Cape Igvak Section through July 25. |
| 56 | Reduce the Cape Igvak Section allocation from 15 percent to 7.5 percent of the total Chignik Area sockeye salmon catch. |

Alitak District, Westside, and Spiridon Bay Salmon Management Plans (5 Proposals)

- 57 Allow set gillnet gear in the entire Alitak District after September 4.
- 58 Limit escapement of jack sockeye salmon into Frazer Lake to no more than 15 percent of total Frazer Lake sockeye salmon escapement.
- 59 Implement a mandatory minimum commercial salmon fishery closure of 63 consecutive hours during every 7-day period in both the Westside and Alitak districts.
- 60 Create a special harvest area (SHA) allowing the Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association to harvest Karluk River sockeye salmon deemed excess to escapement needs.
- 61 Amend the *Spiridon Bay Sockeye Salmon Management Plan* to reflect cost recovery activities conducted by Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association.

Closed Waters and Seine Specifications (4 Proposals)

- 62 Close all waters within a 1,000-yard radius of the terminus of Ayakulik River to commercial salmon fishing June 1- July 15.
- 63 Close all waters within a 500-yard radius of the terminus of Ayakulik River to commercial salmon fishing.
- 64 Close commercial salmon fishing from July 10 to August 10 in all waters north of a line from Ouzinkie Point on Ouzinkie Island to Parokoda Island and then from Paroka Island to the old Alaska Department of Fish and Game marker on Spruce Island near Black Point.
- 65 Establish a four and one half inch minimum mesh size for salmon seines from June 1 to July 15.

Kodiak Archipelago Sport Fishing (5 Proposals)

- 66 Repeal closed water provisions for sport fishing for salmon and reduce bag and possession limits within the Kodiak Road Zone.
- 67 Decrease the rockfish sport fishery bag and possession limits in Chiniak Bay and Marmot Bay.
- 68 Close the Buskin River drainage, from lake outlet to Bridge #2, to sport fishing April 20–June 1.
- 69 Allow only single hook lures in Kodiak fresh waters.
- 70 Prohibit use of bait in fresh waters of Kodiak Archipelago from October 1- August 15.

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH
FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 8, 2017
PROPOSAL INDEX**

Following is a list of proposals that will be considered at the above meeting sorted by general topic. A board committee roadmap will be developed and distributed prior to the meeting.

PROPOSAL NUMBER (173 Proposals) SUBJECT

Regulatory Alignment (14 Proposals)

Sport Fishing (13 Proposals)

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| 71 | Align size restrictions for Dolly Varden and rainbow trout bag limit in the flowing waters of the Kenai River Drainage Area. |
| 72 | Amend general provisions for lakes and ponds of the Kenai River drainage to restore winter ice fisheries for landlocked coho salmon less than 16 inches in length. |
| 73 | Align the Swanson River rainbow trout spawning closure with the proposed Kenai River drainage rainbow trout spawning closure start date. |
| 74 | Align the Kenai River king salmon sanctuaries start date, and boat closures with the proposed rainbow trout spawning closure start date. |
| 75 | Align dates anglers are prohibited from fishing from boats with rainbow trout closure. |
| 76 | Align the Kenai River tributary fishing closure start dates with the proposed king salmon sanctuaries and rainbow trout spawning closure start dates, and align all Kenai River tributary closures so they have similar closure periods. |
| 77 | Align the Kenai River tributary fishing closure start dates with the proposed king salmon sanctuaries and rainbow trout spawning closure start dates, and align all Kenai River tributary closures so they have similar fishing seasons, such that anglers are prohibited from fishing for salmon. |
| 78 | Align the closure start date for all the tributaries of the Upper Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area with the start dates proposed for the king salmon sanctuaries and the start dates proposed for the rainbow trout spawning closure. In addition, create the same fishing season in all the tributaries of the Upper Section of the Kenai River Drainage area. |
| 79 | Change the Kenai River king salmon sanctuaries and the Moose-Kenai rivers confluence area fly-fishing-only waters to artificial fly waters, and align dates for these special provisions with other provisions. |
| 80 | Align gear restrictions for Kenai River tributaries. |
| 81 | Create consistent rainbow/steelhead trout regulations in the Kasilof River above and below the Sterling Highway Bridge and amend the open season date for Tustumena Lake tributaries to protect spawning rainbow/steelhead trout. |
| 82 | Amend Kasilof River early-run king salmon possession requirements. |
| 83 | Repeal gear regulations for northern pike. |

Commercial Fisheries (1 Proposal)

84 Clarify closed waters around the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers.

Cook Inlet Management Plans (46 Proposals)

Central District Drift Management Plan (14 Proposals)

- 85 Repeal and readopt provisions (a)–(f) of the management plan and add provisions to manage the drift gillnet fishery to harvest surplus sockeye, pink, and chum salmon production and achieve escapement goals.
- 86 Amend provisions (a)–(f) of the management plan and add language to manage the commercial drift gillnet fishery based on the inseason abundance to meet escapement goals and harvest surplus salmon.
- 87 Amend *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan* to maximize commercial harvest of sockeye salmon.
- 88 Remove restrictions to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, so that the fishery would occur during two inlet-wide fishing periods based on test fishery and escapement data.
- 89 Repeal and readopt *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan* with the amended plan removing mandatory time and area restrictions from July 1–August 15.
- 90 Remove restrictions on the commercial drift gillnet fishery from July 1–31 and manage the drift gillnet fishery based on inseason salmon abundance.
- 91 Remove area restrictions imposed on the commercial drift gillnet fishery during July 9–15 and 16–31 time periods.
- 92 Restrict commercial drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Corridor and Drift Gillnet Area 1 from August 1–15.
- 93 Amend preamble of management plan and restrict commercial drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Corridor and Drift Gillnet Area 1 from August 1–15.
- 94 Remove the one-percent rule, as referenced to both the set and drift gillnet fisheries, from the drift gillnet management plan.
- 95 Restrict commercial drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Corridors and Drift Gillnet Area 1 from August 1–15.
- 96 Allow commercial fishing with drift gillnets in all waters of the Central District, except the Kenai and Kasilof Sections, from August 16 until closed by emergency order.
- 97 Repeal the drift and set gillnet one-percent rules that apply from August 1–15.
- 98 Reduce sport fishery bag limit for coho salmon on the west side of Cook Inlet and close drift gillnet fishing in Areas 3 and 4 for remainder of season if coho salmon sport fishing is restricted or closed in the Little Susitna River.

Kasilof Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (17 Proposals)

- 99 Amend management plan to remove all restrictions and manage the commercial set gillnet fishery to harvest surplus Kasilof River sockeye salmon.
- 100 Open the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Kasilof Section as early as June 20 if the department estimates 50,000 sockeye salmon will be in the Kasilof River before June 25.
- 101 Allow commercial fishing with set gillnets within 600 feet of shore in the Kasilof Section, with fishing time occurring 600 feet or less offshore not subject to the hourly restrictions in the *Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan*.
- 102 Amend management plan to allow commercial fishing with set gillnet gear in the Kasilof Section within one-half mile of shore and eliminate the provision allowing commercial fishing with set gillnet gear only within 600 feet of shore in the Kasilof Section.
- 103 Add a 24-hour no fishing window on Tuesday in the Kasilof Section through July 7 and adopt mandatory no fishing windows in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area after July 7.
- 104 Reduce the closed fishing period or “window” and increase additional fishing time with set gillnet gear in the Kasilof Section.
- 105 Allow commercial fishing with set gillnet gear in the North Kalifonsky Beach statistical area (NKB - stat area 244-32) when the upper end of the Kasilof sockeye salmon escapement goal range is projected to be exceeded.
- 106 Replace the optimum escapement goal with the sustainable escapement goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon.
- 107 Replace the optimum escapement goal with a sustainable escapement goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon.
- 108 Replace the optimum escapement goal with the current biological escapement goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon.
- 109 Provide clarification on the use of gear in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area (KRSHA) for individuals who hold two Cook Inlet set gillnet Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) limited entry permits.
- 110 Allow a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holder to commercial fish in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area with one gillnet per limited entry permit held.
- 111 Allow a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holder to commercial fish in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area with one set gillnet per limited entry permit held.
- 112 Allow holders of two Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission set gillnet limited entry permits to fish two set gillnets in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area.
- 113 Remove restrictions on the amount of drift or set gillnet gear a vessel may have on board within the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area.
- 114 Require all nets, buoys, ropes and anchoring devices to be removed from the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area when this area is closed to commercial fishing.

115 Define the boundary that separates set gillnet from drift gillnet gear in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area (KRSHA), and define the outside boundaries of the KRSHA.

Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (7 Proposals)

116 Review the optimum escapement goal (OEG) and inriver goals for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon.

117 Amend the *Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan* to remove the optimum escapement goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon.

118 Remove the optimum escapement goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon and add the guided sport fishery to the list of fisheries managed under the plan.

119 Amend management plan to achieve inriver goal range of 850,000–1,050,000 late-run sockeye salmon at run strengths less than 2.3 million sockeye salmon and 950,000–1,150,000 late-run sockeye salmon at run strengths greater than 2.3 million sockeye salmon.

120 Decrease the inriver goal ranges for late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon by 100,000 fish and limit the bag and possession of sockeye salmon to three per day and three in possession in the Kenai River sport fishery.

121 Repeal and readopt management plan to remove the optimum escapement goal, mandatory restrictions and closed fishing periods or “windows”, and specify that management will be based on the abundance of late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon.

122 Remove mandatory closed fishing periods or "windows" from the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery.

Pink Salmon Management Plan (4 Proposals)

123 Repeal and readopt the management plan to allow for the commercial harvest of surplus pink salmon in the Upper Subdistrict with set and drift gillnet gear.

124 Amend the *Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan* to remove or lower the daily harvest triggers.

125 Remove mesh size restrictions on set and drift gillnet gear in the commercial pink salmon fishery.

126 Increase maximum mesh size for set gillnets to 5-inches and expand the fishing season to August 6–15 in the commercial pink salmon fishery.

Upper Cook Inlet Management Plan (4 Proposals)

127 Remove inriver goals from the list of escapement goals in the *Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan* and realign inriver and escapement goals in the *Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan*.

128 Amend plan to prioritize the need to harvest all surplus salmon stocks and to maximize economic yield and the overall benefits from salmon stocks managed under the plan.

- 129 Amend plan to prioritize the need to harvest all surplus salmon stocks and to maximize economic yield and the overall benefits from salmon stocks managed under the plan.
- 130 Amend *Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan* so that fishery restrictions on fully allocated stocks of concern are shared among all user groups in proportion to the respective user group harvest of that stock.

Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing (13 Proposals)

Fishing Districts and Gillnet Specifications and Operations (3 Proposals)

- 131 Define commercial fishing statistical areas in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery.
- 132 Move the southwestern-most point of the Expanded Kasilof Section 1.2 nm west so it aligns with the northwestern-most point of the Expanded Anchor Point Section.
- 133 Allow a single person holding two Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Cook Inlet drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear.

Upper Subdistrict Set Gillnet Fishery (8 Proposals)

- 134 Remove restrictions in the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery and allow for regular weekly fishing periods through July 20 with additional fishing periods based on inseason abundance.
- 135 Redefine sections and manage the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict with three sections with staggered opening dates.
- 136 Allow commercial fishing with set gillnets in the North Kalifonsky Beach (NKB), statistical area 244-32, within 660 feet of shore with shallow nets only, when the Kasilof Section is open, on or after July 8.
- 137 Remove “one-percent rule”, where the commercial set gillnet fishery will close after July 31, if less than one percent of the season’s total sockeye is harvested in two consecutive fishing periods.
- 138 Remove the one-percent rule that applies to the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict after July 31 so that the set gillnet fishery will close August 15 and be managed using regular fishing periods from August 11 through August 15.
- 139 Repeal the one-percent rule, as it applies to the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery so that the set gillnet fishery will close August 15.
- 140 Allow a set gillnet to be up to 45 fathoms in length and a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holder to operate up to 135 fathoms of set gillnet gear when commercial fishing with set gillnets 29 meshes or less in depth.
- 141 Limit the depth of all set gillnet gear in Upper Subdistrict of the Central District to no more than 29 meshes deep.

West Cook Inlet Salmon (1 Proposal)

- 142 Close waters within one statute mile of the terminus of Kustatan, Drift, and Big rivers, and Bachatna Creek; as measured from mean lower low water, to commercial fishing.

Cook Inlet Smelt (1 Proposal)

- 143 Increase the amount of smelt that may be taken in the Cook Inlet commercial smelt fishery from 100 tons to 200 tons annually.

Cook Inlet Sport Fisheries (44 Proposals)

Cook Inlet – Areawide Sport Fisheries (5 Proposals)

- 14 Allow snagging for sockeye salmon in all Cook Inlet freshwater lakes (*This proposal will be considered at the UCI and LCI meetings*).
- 34 Allow party fishing in Cook Inlet fresh and salt water for all species except king salmon (*This proposal will be considered at the UCI and LCI meetings*).
- 144 Require that when proxy fishing in Upper Cook Inlet, once a bag limit is taken the next legal bag limit caught must be retained.
- 145 Allow only barbless hooks in Upper Cook Inlet flowing waters closed to salmon fishing.
- 146 Require the use of circle hooks when fishing for sockeye salmon.

Kenai and Kasilof Rivers Early-Run King Salmon (13 Proposals)

- 147 Start the Kenai River early-run king salmon fishery as an unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, no retention fishery.
- 148 Rewrite the *Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan* to redefine early-run stocks and establish age- and sex-based escapement goals.
- 149 Revise *Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan*.
- 150 Start the Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries as single-hook, no bait, non-retention.
- 151 Repeal barbless hook provisions in Lower Kenai River.
- 152 Expand the dates to prohibit back trolling and tie to prohibition of bait.
- 153 Prohibit fishing for king salmon from markers 300 yards below Slikok Creek upstream to Skilak Lake.
- 154 Expand the waters of the Kenai River closed to fishing for king salmon.
- 155 Expand the waters of the Kenai River closed to fishing for king salmon.
- 156 Replace slot limit for Kenai River king salmon with maximum size limit to prohibit retention of king salmon greater than 42 inches in length.
- 157 Modify the annual limit of king salmon from the Kenai River to two fish, only one taken prior to July 1.
- 158 Modify the annual limit of two king salmon for the Kenai River to include only one large fish.
- 159 Extend the time that the slot limit for Kenai River king salmon is in effect.

Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon (18 Proposals)

- 160 Prohibit use of bait in the late-run Kenai River king salmon fishery until escapement goals have been met.
- 161 Start the Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries as unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, no retention.
- 162 Establish an Optimum Escapement Goal for Kenai River late-run king salmon.
- 163 Prohibit bait on runs less than 22,000 and eliminate 12-hour fishing period restriction.
- 164 Repeals and readopts the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan*.
- 165 Decrease the trigger for management actions on Kenai River late-run king salmon from 22,500 to 16,500.
- 166 Modify season dates and area for Kenai River late-run king salmon management.
- 167 Close the Kenai River personal use fishery when the late run king salmon sport fishery is closed.
- 168 Remove restrictions to the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery in July and August.
- 169 Remove restrictions to the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery in July and August.
- 170 Reconsider “paired” restrictions to the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery.
- 171 Remove the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Kasilof Section from “paired” restrictions in the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan*.
- 172 Remove “paired” restrictions in the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery.
- 173 Decrease the projected inriver run goal of late-run king salmon to 19,000 fish and remove the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery from “paired” restrictions.
- 174 Remove provisions (e)(3)(A) (i) and (ii) that restrict the number and/or depth of commercial set gillnets fished by a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holder in the Upper Subdistrict if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.
- 175 Clarify the length and depth of set gillnets that may be used in the Upper Subdistrict commercial salmon fishery, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.
- 176 Allow commercial set gillnet fishing periods in the Kenai and Kasilof sections to be managed separately, with regard to “paired” restrictions, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.
- 177 Allow commercial fishing periods in the Kasilof and Kenai/East Forelands sections to be opened separately, with regard to “paired” restrictions, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.

Kenai River Vessels and Habitat Restrictions (4 Proposals)

- 178 Increase the number of days only non-motorized vessels may fish on the lower Kenai River.
- 179 Add Thursdays as a day only non-motorized vessels may fish on the Kenai River downstream of Cunningham Park.
- 180 Establish two Kenai River riparian habitat areas equal to approximately nine-tenths of a mile that will be closed to fishing from shore within 10 feet of the waterline from July 1 – August 15.
- 181 Only non-motorized vessels may be used when fishing on the Kenai River.

Guides - Kenai and Kasilof Rivers (4 Proposals)

- 182 Prohibit all guiding from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- 183 Allow guided anglers to fish on Mondays in August.
- 184 Relax guiding restrictions when king salmon fishing is closed by emergency order.
- 185 Modify language referencing fishing from guide boats on the Kenai River to include all guided fishing.

Kenai, Kasilof and Russian River–Sport and Personal Use (23 Proposals)

Kenai, Kasilof, and Russian Rivers (9 Proposals)

- 186 Only barbless hooks allowed in Kenai River upstream of the Lower Killey River.
- 187 Allow only barbless, unbaited, single-hook gear on the Kenai River from January 1 – August 1.
- 188 Allow only one single-hook or one single-hook lure.
- 189 Allow fishing from shore after harvesting a bag limit of coho salmon.
- 190 Expand the waters open to fishing after harvesting a bag limit of coho salmon in the lower Kenai River.
- 191 Increase Kenai River coho salmon bag limit from two fish to three.
- 192 Shorten the Kenai River coho season by closing October 31.
- 193 Create an archery fishery for sockeye salmon in a section of the Russian River.
- 194 Create a size limit for lake trout on Hidden Lake.

Kenai River Personal Use (13 Proposals)

- 195 Remove the commissioner's emergency order authority to extend the Kenai River personal use fishery hours.
- 196 Prohibit dip nets from being attached to a vessel.
- 197 Prohibit dipnetting from a vessel that is not anchored in the Kenai and Kasilof river personal use fisheries.
- 198 Prohibit webbing in personal use dip nets that exceeds 2.5 inch stretched measure.
- 199 Prohibit dipnetting on the Kasilof River from a vessel with a motor on board greater than 10 horsepower.
- 200 Amend the number of king salmon that may be retained in the Upper Cook Inlet personal use fishery to 10 king salmon under 20 inches.

- 201 Amend the area open to dipnetting from shore in the Kenai River personal use dip net fishery.
- 202 Extend the Cook Inlet personal use dip net fisheries to the 2nd Sunday of August.
- 203 Extend the season and liberalize the bag limit in the Kenai River personal use fishery when the sonar estimate is projected to exceed 1.2 million sockeye salmon.
- 204 Extend the boundary of the Kenai River personal use dip net boat fishery upstream to Cunningham Park.
- 205 Allow shore based personal use dipnetting in the Kenai River upstream to Skilak Lake.
- 206 Create an area upstream of the Kenai River personal use fishery where recording and fin clip requirements are waived for fish that have not been off loaded.
- 207 Amend the boundary description language for the area open to dipnetting in the Kasilof River personal use salmon fishery.

Cook Inlet Personal Use (1 Proposal)

- 208 Allow 10 Dolly Varden/Arctic char per household in Cook Inlet Personal Use Fisheries.

Northern Cook Inlet – Commercial, Sport and Personal Use (33 Proposals)

Northern District Commercial Salmon (10 Proposals)

- 209 Repeal the *Northern District King Salmon Management Plan*.
- 210 Repeal and readopt management plan to fully utilize surplus salmon stocks based on the abundance of salmon returning to the Northern District.
- 211 Close the Northern District commercial set gillnet fishery until the first regular period after June 24, if the Susitna River sport fishery is restricted by emergency order.
- 212 Close the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Northern District on August 15.
- 213 Close commercial fishing within one mile of Little Susitna River when the Little Susitna River sport fishery is restricted to no bait.
- 214 Close commercial fishing within one mile of the Little Susitna River when more than half of Northern District streams with king salmon escapement goals are closed to sport harvest of king salmon or when the Little Susitna River sport fishery is restricted by emergency order.
- 215 Close commercial fishing within one mile of the Little Susitna River, if the Little Susitna River king salmon sport fishery is restricted to harvest less than 7 days per week and artificial lures by emergency order.
- 216 Close waters within one-statute mile of the Little Susitna River to commercial fishing.
- 217 Remove the Eastern Subdistrict of the Northern District from commercial set gillnet restrictions that apply July 20–August 6.

218 Allow a holder of more than one Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission set gillnet limited entry permit to fish with one set gillnet per permit held in the Northern District.

Susitna River Sport and Personal Use Fisheries (13 Proposals)

219 Allow a unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, no retention fishery on resident species when waters of Montana Creek are closed to fishing for king salmon.

220 Establish sport fishery closure times in the Larsen Creek drainage.

221 Prohibit harvest of king salmon in units 2, 3, 5 and 6, except Willow Creek.

222 Prohibit fishing for king, sockeye, and coho salmon in the Larson Creek drainage.

223 Prohibit king salmon fishing in Unit 2 if no retention is allowed.

224 Restrict hours and dates open to fishing on Jim Creek.

225 Reduce the bag limits for salmon, other than king salmon, and prohibit releasing coho salmon.

226 Create a bag limit of one hatchery king salmon in the Susitna River drainage.

227 Allow harvest of hatchery king salmon when emergency orders restrict the sport fishery.

228 Increase the hours open to fishing in Fish Creek.

229 Reduce the maximum legal size for rainbow trout in Byers Creek from 20 to 16 inches.

230 Create a Deshka River King Salmon Management Plan.

231 Create a Susitna River King Salmon Management Plan.

Fish Creek Personal Use (1 Proposal)

232 Modify the Fish Creek personal use fishery to accommodate a new Sustainable Escapement Goal (SEG) range.

Sport - Knik River, Anchorage Area (9 Proposals)

233 Extend the area closed to sport fishing downstream of the Little Susitna weir.

234 Open waters in a closed area on Wasilla Creek within 300 feet of Palmer Fishhook Road to sport fishing.

235 Increase the hours open to fishing on Cottonwood Creek.

236 Increase the hours open to fishing in the Wasilla Creek / Rabbit Slough drainage.

237 Amend the regulations for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages to allow harvest of salmon, other than king salmon, that are less than 16 inches in length.

238 Add Lower Sixmile Lake to the list of stocked lakes.

239 Create a youth-only fishery on Ship Creek.

240 Close all fishing on a portion of Campbell Creek when that portion is not open to coho salmon fishing.

241 Extend the area closed to sport fishing on Ship Creek.

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
STATEWIDE (EXCEPT SOUTHEAST AND YAKUTAT) KING AND TANNER CRAB
AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES
MARCH 20–24, 2017
PROPOSAL INDEX

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PROPOSAL NUMBER (35 Proposals) SUBJECT

Regulatory Alignment (3 Proposals)

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| 242 | Correct an error in regulation to accurately specify the percentage of mature male blue king crab used in setting total allowable catch. |
| 243 | Reduce the sport fishery minimum legal size limit for Tanner crab in the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Island Area from 5.5 inches carapace width to 4.8 inches carapace width. |
| 244 | Align sport crab fishery regulations and repeal methods and means and general provisions for shellfish for the North Slope, Kuskokwim–Goodnews, and Yukon areas. |

Commercial, Personal Use, Subsistence, and Sport Fisheries (29 Proposals)

Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim (2 Proposals)

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| 245 | Extend the closure line north for the Norton Sound Section commercial king crab fishery from 64° 10' N. latitude to 64° 15' N. latitude. |
| 246 | Add a definition for crab rakes and allow crab rakes as lawful subsistence shellfish gear north of Cape Newenham. |

Kodiak and South Peninsula Tanner Crab (3 Proposals)

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| 247 | Repeal regulations that prohibit sport fishing for king or Tanner crab in the Kodiak Area 14 days before and after a commercial king or Tanner crab fishery. |
| 248 | Repeal regulations that prohibit sport fishing for king or Tanner crab in the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area 14 days before and after a commercial king or Tanner crab fishery. |
| 249 | Establish 20 pot gear limit for vessels participating in the South Peninsula District commercial Tanner crab fishery and cap the total number of pots allowed in the fishery at 1000 pots. |

Bering Sea King and Tanner Crab (12 Proposals)

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| 250 | Allow full retention of legal male <i>C. opilio</i> crab incidentally harvested by vessels targeting <i>C. bairdi</i> crab in the Bering Sea District west of 166° W. long. |
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- 251 Change season closure date from March 31 to April 15 for *C. bairdi* Tanner crab in waters west of 166° W longitude.
- 252 Allow a vessel carrying an onboard observer to rig, bait, and set gear for a new crab fishery before fully exiting the crab fishery for which the observer was briefed.
- 253 Allow a vessel participating in a rationalized crab fishery to rig, bait, and set pot gear for a new crab fishery prior to fully exiting the crab fishery for which the vessel is validly registered.
- 254 Amend the description of a hybrid Tanner crab so that hybrid designation is dependent upon the target Tanner crab fishery for which the vessel is validly registered.
- 255 All full retention of incidentally taken legal male *C. opilio* Tanner crab when a vessel is participating in the *C. bairdi* Tanner crab fishery east of 166° W. longitude.
- 256 Allow full retention of legal male *C. bairdi* Tanner crab incidentally harvested by vessels targeting Bristol Bay red king crab.
- 257 Extend the Bering Sea District eastern boundary for retention of *C. opilio* crab from 166° W. longitude to 165° W. longitude.
- 258 Extend the Bering Sea District eastern boundary for retention of *C. bairdi* crab from 163° W. longitude to 162° W. longitude.
- 259 Specify that escape rings and mesh are placed on a vertical plane or side of the pot in the Saint Matthew Island Section blue king crab fishery.
- 260 Adopt by reference the Alaska Department of Fish and Game *Chionoecetes* Crab Quick Reference Guide for *C. bairdi* and *C. opilio* Tanner crab.
- 261 Allow *C. opilio* Tanner crab bycatch retention up to five percent in the Bering Sea District *C. bairdi* Tanner crab fishery, east of 166° W. longitude.

Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crab (3 Proposals)

- 262 Develop a management plan for the Western Aleutian District Tanner crab fishery.
- 263 Reduce onboard observer coverage rates and change observer deployment periods for the Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery.
- 264 Repeal provisions allowing concurrent harvest of red and golden king crab in Registration Area O.

Cook Inlet Tanner Crab (2 Proposals)

- 265 Amend the noncommercial harvest strategy for Tanner crab in the Cook Inlet Area to allow limited fishing opportunity in the absence of abundance estimates.
- 266 Allow a personal use fishery for Tanner Crab in Lower Cook Inlet with a bag limit of two crabs per person per day, pot limit of two pots per person and unspecified size restrictions on pots and season limits.

Prince William Sound King and Tanner Crab (7 Proposals)

- 267 Create a harvest strategy and amend regulations for Tanner crab in Prince William Sound specifying conditions under which the commercial fishery

- may occur and reduce the legal size limit in the subsistence Tanner crab fishery.
- 268 Create a harvest strategy and amend regulations for Tanner crab in Prince William Sound specifying conditions under which the commercial fishery may occur and establish a sport fishery for Tanner crab in Prince William Sound.
- 269 Allow a commercial Tanner crab fishery in the Western District of Prince William Sound.
- 270 Allow a commercial Tanner crab fishery in the Eastern District of Prince William Sound.
- 271 Allow the department to issue commissioner permits for king and Tanner crab fisheries in Prince William Sound that have been closed for more than four years.
- 272 Reduce the legal male size limit in the Prince William Sound Subsistence Tanner crab fishery to five and three tenths inches or greater carapace width.
- 273 Increase the Prince William Sound subsistence Tanner crab daily bag and possession limit to 25 male Tanner crab.

Chignik Pacific Cod (1 Proposals)

- 274 Reduce waters closed for the protection of Steller sea lions during the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Chignik Area.

Kuskokwim Area Subsistence Salmon (2 Proposals)

- 275 Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.
- 276 Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during times of low king salmon runs.

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