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This index of on-time advisory committee and public comments shows either SUPPORT or OPPOSITION for the individual proposals at this meeting. The center column indicates a comment was made but without a clear indication of support or opposition. Comments that did not state a proposal number are not included here. The reference number (AC## or PC##) refers to the Advisory Committee comment number or Public Comment number. The full comment can be found in the Advisory Committee tab or Public Comment tab of the board book (Record Copy 1). The Fish & Game column represents Department Comments.

N = Neutral, S = Support, S/A = Support as Amended, O = Oppose, NA = No Action, W = Withdrawn Support

#	Proposal	ADF&G	SUPPORT	COMMENT	OPPOSITION
GROUP 1 : Bering Sea King and Tanner Crab, Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crab (15 proposals – Chair Ruffner)					
<i>Bering Sea King and Tanner Crab (12 Proposals)</i>					
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.	O	·Unalaska AC16 ·Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee PC11		
251	Change season closure date from March 31 to April 15 for <i>C. bairdi</i> Tanner crab in waters west of 166° W longitude.	O	·Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee PC11		·Unalaska AC16
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.	N	·Unalaska AC16 ·Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee PC11		
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.	N	·Unalaska AC16 ·Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee PC11		
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.	O	·Unalaska AC16		·Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee PC11
255	All full retention of incidentally taken legal male <i>C. opilio</i> Tanner crab when a vessel is participating in the <i>C. bairdi</i> Tanner crab fishery east of 166° W. longitude.	O	·Unalaska AC16 ·Aleut Corporation PC02 ·Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee PC11		
256	Allow full retention of legal male <i>C. bairdi</i> Tanner crab incidentally harvested by vessels targeting Bristol Bay red king crab.	O	·Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee PC11		·Unalaska AC16
257	Extend the Bering Sea District eastern boundary for retention of <i>C. opilio</i> crab from 166° W. longitude to 165° W. longitude.	N	·Unalaska AC16	·Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee PC11	
258	Extend the Bering Sea District eastern boundary for retention of <i>C. bairdi</i> crab from 163° W. longitude to 162° W. longitude.	O			·Unalaska AC16 ·Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee PC11

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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.	S	·Unalaska AC16 ·Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee PC11		
260	Adopt by reference the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Chionoecetes Crab Quick Reference Guide for <i>C. bairdi</i> and <i>C. opilio</i> Tanner crab.	S	·Unalaska AC16 ·Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee PC11 s/a		
261	Allow <i>C. opilio</i> Tanner crab bycatch retention up to five percent in the Bering Sea District <i>C. bairdi</i> Tanner crab fishery, east of 166° W. longitude.	S	·Unalaska AC16 s/a	·Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee PC11	
<i>Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crab (3 Proposals)</i>					
262	Develop a management plan for the Western Aleutian District Tanner crab fishery.	O	·Unalaska AC16 s/a ·Aleut Corporation PC02	·Adak Community Development Corporation PC01 w	
263	Reduce onboard observer coverage rates and change observer deployment periods for the Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery.	O		·Aleutian King Crab Research Foundation PC03 w	·Unalaska AC16
264	Repeal provisions allowing concurrent harvest of red and golden king crab in Registration Area O.	S	·Unalaska AC16		
<i>GROUP 2 : Cook Inlet Tanner Crab, Prince William Sound Tanner Crab (9 proposals – Chair Jeffrey)</i>					
<i>Cook Inlet Tanner Crab (2 Proposals)</i>					
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.	S/N	·Central Peninsula AC04 ·Homer AC06 s/a ·Seward AC10 & AC11 s/a		
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.	NA/N			·Central Peninsula AC04
<i>Prince William Sound King and Tanner Crab (7 Proposals)</i>					
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.	S/N			·Brian West PC05
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.	N	·City of Cordova PC06		·Brian West PC05
269	Allow a commercial Tanner crab fishery in the Western District of Prince William Sound.	N			·Brian West PC05

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270	Allow a commercial Tanner crab fishery in the Eastern District of Prince William Sound.	N			·Brian West PC05
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.	N			
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.	S			
273	Increase the Prince William Sound subsistence Tanner crab daily bag and possession limit to 25 male Tanner crab.	N			
GROUP 3 : Regulatory Alignment, Arctic -Yukon-Kuskokwim, Kodiak and South Peninsula Tanner Crab, Chignik Pacific Cod, Kuskokwim and Aleutian Islands Area Subsistence Salmon (12 proposals – Chair Jensen)					
Regulatory Alignment (3 Proposals)					
242	Correct an error in regulation to accurately specify the percentage of mature male blue king crab used in setting total allowable catch.	S	·Unalaska AC16		
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.	S			
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.	N	·Lower Kuskokwim AC08		·Central Bering Sea AC02
Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim (2 Proposals)					
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.	N			
246	Add a definition for crab rakes and allow crab rakes as lawful subsistence shellfish gear north of Cape Newenham.	S			
Kodiak and South Peninsula Tanner Crab (3 Proposals)					
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.	S	·Kodiak AC07 s/a		
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.	S	·Kodiak AC07 s/a		

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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.	N	·Kodiak AC07 ·Ben Mobeck Sr. et al PC04	·Chignik AC05	·Timothy Murphy PC12
<i>Chignik Pacific Cod (1 Proposal)</i>					
274	Reduce waters closed for the protection of Steller sea lions during the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Chignik Area.	N	·Chignik AC05 s/a ·Aaron Anderson PC14	·National Marine Fisheries Service PC15	·Kodiak AC07 & AC17
<i>Kuskokwim and Aleutian Islands Area Subsistence Salmon (3 Proposals)</i>					
275	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.	N		·Central Kuskokwim AC19	·Bethel AC01 & AC18 ·Central Bering Sea AC02 ·Central Kuskokwim AC03 ·Lower Kuskokwim AC08 & AC20 ·McGrath AC09 ·Stony Holitna AC13 & AC21 ·Kwethluk Inc. PC09 & PC16 ·Village of Tuntutuliak PC13
276	Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during times of low king salmon runs.	N/S	·Central Kuskokwim AC03 ·Stony Holitna AC13 s/a		·Bethel AC01 ·Central Bering Sea AC02 ·Lower Kuskokwim AC08 & AC20 ·McGrath AC09 ·Kwethluk Inc. PC09 & PC16 ·Village of Tuntutuliak PC13
280	Decrease number of sockeye salmon that may be retained in the subsistence salmon fishery on Front Beach in the Unalaska Bay District.	N	·Unalaska AC14, AC15 & AC16		