



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp, Miscellaneous Shellfish, and Supplemental Issues

March 6-9, 2018 | Anchorage

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

This summary is informational only. The actions indicated below will have legal effects in regulations that provide the sole legal action of the board. All references to meeting materials, including this summary, may be located on the Board of Fisheries meeting website at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=01-11-2018&meeting=sitka>

Board Members Present

John Jensen, Chair

Orville Huntington

Al Cain

Israel Payton

Reed Morisky, Vice-Chair

Fritz Johnson

Robert Ruffner

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

Action	#	Proposal	Audio Tracking Info*
<i>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 1: Statewide and Prince William Sound Sport and Personal Use Shellfish, Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Commercial Shellfish, and Cook Inlet Subsistence, Commercial, and Personal Use Shellfish, Southeastern Area Miscellaneous Shellfish (13 Proposals)</i>			
<i>Statewide Sport and Personal Use Shellfish (3 Proposals)</i>			
F (2-5)	206	Allow use of pot gear to harvest octopus under sport fishing regulations.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 09:18:08 AM</i>
F (0-7)	217	Allow for harvest of octopus with additional gear while participating in the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 09:46:28 AM</i>
N/A (7-0)	207	Allow retrieval of personal use scallop dredges with five horsepower or less haulers. <i>(The board took no action because there is no personal use fishery in regulation.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 09:49:57 AM</i>
<i>Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Commercial Shellfish (6 Proposals)</i>			
F (0-7)	208	Establish pot limits in the Alaska Peninsula District commercial Dungeness crab fishery.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 10:04:12 AM</i>
C (7-0)	209	Specify legal operation of commercial Dungeness crab pot gear in Registration Area J.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 10:09:24 AM</i>



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C/A (7-0)	210	Establish fishing season for scallops in the Southeast District of Registration Area K. <i>(Substituted with language in RC39.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 10:15:26 AM</i>
C/A (7-0)	211	Reduce closed waters for scallops in the Southwest District of Registration Area K. <i>(Substituted with language in RC40.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 11:13:49 AM</i>
C (7-0)	212	Establish sea cucumber management plan in the Kodiak District of Registration Area J.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 11:19:01 AM</i>
C/A (7-0)	229	Repeal fixed total allowable catch (TAC) and adopt an Aleutian Islands golden king crab harvest strategy that uses biomass estimates generated from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game stock assessment model to establish TAC. <i>(Substituted with language in RC18.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 11:22:58 AM</i>
<i>Cook Inlet Subsistence, Commercial, and Personal Use Shellfish (3 Proposals)</i>			
F (1-6)	213	Repeal the Cook Inlet Area personal use clam fishery.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 11:26:57 AM</i>
C (7-0)	214	Modify sport and subsistence razor clam regulations in the Cook Inlet Area.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 11:37:12 AM</i>
C (7-0)	215	Allow commercially caught scallops in the Kamishak Bay District of the Cook Inlet Area to be delivered live.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 11:48:49 AM</i>
<i>Southeastern Area Miscellaneous Shellfish Sea Cucumber Management Plan (1 Proposal)</i> <i>(Note: Proposal 88 was tabled at the Southeast Shellfish and Finfish Meeting to the Statewide Meeting.)</i>			
C/A (7-0)	88	Modify the method for establishing the guideline harvest level in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial sea cucumber fishery. <i>(Substituted with language in RC27.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 12:01:35 PM</i>
<i>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 2: Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Islands Area Commercial Herring Fishery, Aleutian Islands Area King Crab Fishery, Yukon Area Subsistence and Commercial Fisheries, Prince William Sound Area Sport Fishery (7 Proposals)</i>			
<i>Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Islands Area Commercial Herring Fishery (1 Proposal)</i>			
C/A (6-1)	236	Increase the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery allocation, eliminate the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery allocations between gear types, and open the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery earlier. <i>(Substituted with language in RC44.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 1:58:01 PM</i>
<i>Yukon Area Subsistence and Commercial Finfish Fisheries (5 Proposals)</i>			
C/A (7-0)	230	Allow the use of drift gillnets to harvest salmon for subsistence purposes in Yukon River Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C. <i>(Substituted with language in RC36.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 2:11:28 PM</i>
C/A (7-0)	231	Repeal the prohibition on subsistence fishing in Yukon River Districts 1 and 2 during the first pulse of king salmon. <i>(Substituted with language in RC46.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 2:21:18 PM</i>



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C/A (7-0)	232	Allow sale of Yukon River king salmon caught incidentally during open commercial fishing periods for other salmon species. <i>(Substituted with language in RC45.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 2:30:29 PM</i>
C (7-0)	233	Clarify the District 1 boundary and allow set gillnets to be operated up to three nautical miles seaward from any grassland bank in District 1 after July 15.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 2:35:58 PM</i>
C (7-0)	237	Repeal the District 6 commercial salmon fishing season fixed closure date and replace with a closure date established by emergency order.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 2:40:58 PM</i>
<i>Prince William Sound Area Sport Fishery (1 Proposal)</i>			
C/A (7-0)	238	Require all anglers to use deep water release mechanisms when releasing rockfish in Prince William Sound. <i>(Substituted with language in RC43.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 2:45:01 PM</i>
<i>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE—GROUP 3: Prince William Sound Shrimp Noncommercial and Commercial (11 Proposals)</i>			
<i>Noncommercial (2 Proposals)</i>			
F (0-7)	216	Require participants in the Prince William Sound Area noncommercial shrimp fishery to register with the department prior to May 1.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 3:24:16 PM</i>
N/A (7/0)	218	Modify the start date for the Prince William Sound Area noncommercial shrimp pot fishing season. <i>(No action based on the proposer's request to withdraw under AC23.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 3:29:44 PM</i>
<i>Commercial (9 Proposals)</i>			
N/A (7/0)	219	Modify the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishing season. <i>(No action based on the proposer's request to withdraw under AC23.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 3:30:34 PM</i>
F (0-7)	220	Modify the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishing seasons to separate commercial and noncommercial seasons.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 3:31:22 PM</i>
F (0-7)	221	Amend statistical areas included in the three areas fished triennially on a rotating basis in the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 3:36:09 PM</i>
F (0-7)	222	Modify the fishing area rotation system in the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 3:39:39 PM</i>
F (0-7)	223	Remove the total allowable harvest threshold for the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 3:42:42 PM</i>
F (0-7)	224	Modify the guideline harvest threshold for the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 3:45:34 PM</i>
F (0-7)	225	Increase the commercial allocation of the total allowable harvest in the Prince William Sound Area shrimp pot fishery.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 3:49:31 PM</i>



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F (0-7)	226	Reduce closed waters in the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp trawl fishery.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 3:53:32 PM</i>
F (0-7)	227	Repeal Prince William Sound Area commercial winter shrimp trawl fishery fishing season provisions allowing a fall/winter fishery.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-08-18: 3:58:53 PM</i>

* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry "BOF Meeting 03-08-18:" indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the proposal began according to the meeting audio.

Other Board Action/Issues/Discussion:

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1. Emergency Petition

- a. Chris Every, February 8, 2018 (PC20). The board did not find an emergency on the Every petition regarding seasons dates for the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan.

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9:31:05 AM*

2. Board Generated Proposal

- a. Tsiu River Closed Waters (RC64). The board adopted a proposal found in RC64. The board will take up the proposal at a special meeting on April 24, 2018 in Anchorage.

*BOF Meeting 03-09-18:
9:55:36 AM*

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2:59:56 AM*

- 3. **Sea Otter Depredation (RC58).** The board approved a draft letter found in RC58. The letter to Secretaries Zinke (Interior) and Ross (Commerce) asks for a review of the Marine Mammal Protection Act to include greater management on the Southeast Alaska sea otter population.

*BOF Meeting 03-09-18:
11:01:25 AM*

- 4. **North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Gulf of Alaska King Salmon Prohibited Species Catch Limit Setting.** The board heard a report on the Council's review of Chinook salmon prohibited species catch limit setting for the Gulf of Alaska non-pollock trawl fisheries. The board was not in favor of increasing the limits and will write a letter to the Council seeking their concurrence.

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11:09:04 AM*

- 5. **Council Salmon Fishery Management Plans.** The board received an update on the Council's work to date related to developing salmon fisheries management plans.

*BOF Meeting 03-09-18:
11:26:56 AM*

- 6. **Board of Fisheries and Pacific Salmon Commission Relationship.** The board held a discussion on public concerns regarding the hierarchy of authorities between the Alaska Board of Fisheries and ADF&G's role in managing treaty relationships through the Pacific Salmon Commission. ADF&G provided an overview of mark-select fisheries.

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11:37:05 AM*



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The Department of Law further discussed previous board direction to the department regarding the Pacific Salmon Treaty under 5 AAC 33.361.

- Hatchery Committee.** The board discussed the merits of reforming a hatchery committee. Member Morisky offered a draft charge statement under RC57 which included a series of proposed meetings in the 2018/2019 meeting cycle. After discussion it was determined instead to have an open conversation with the public on hatcheries every year at the work session and final statewide meeting after the annual enhancement report is produced. The upcoming work session will cover all hatchery issues statewide with subsequent years focused on hatchery production within that year's meeting cycle.

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1:37:32 PM*

- 2020 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting Location (RC51).** The board approved a new policy 2018-289-FB which sets the Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting on a three-meeting location schedule of Kenai/Soldotna (starting in 2020), Wasilla/Palmer (2023), and Anchorage (2026).

*BOF Meeting 03-09-18:
1:55:47 PM*

- Request for Board of Fisheries Support for a Sitka Sound Pound Fishery.** In response to a request for the board to indicate its support to the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission to help develop an open pound herring fishery the board approved sending a letter similar to that found in RC 66.

*BOF Meeting 03-09-18:
2:06:39 PM*

- Joint Board Committee Recommendation to Hold a Joint Board Meeting.** Member Ruffner who serves as the Chair for the board's Joint Fish and Game committee provided a brief update on recent committee action. The committee recommended, and the Board of Game subsequently approved, to hold a Joint Board meeting on March 21-25, 2019. The committee recommendation may be found in the meeting material's miscellaneous section.

*BOF Meeting 03-09-18:
2:14:39 PM*

- Sitka Sound Ecotourism Dungeness Crab Fishery Registration Start Date.** The board indicated to the department that when it passed Proposal 60 at the Southeast Shellfish and Finfish meeting, it intended the Sitka Sound Ecotourism Dungeness Crab fishery to start in 2018. The regulation passed listed a registration period from December – January which would not allow for a fishery in 2018. With the board's intent known, the Division of Sport Fish would be able to provide a registration period for 2018.

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2:18:27 PM*

- Member Huntington Attendance with Yukon River Panel.** Member

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- Huntington discussed his role on the Yukon River Panel and encouraged other board members to engage. **Audio tracking info***
2:22:01 PM
13. **Minto Pike Winter Subsistence Fishery.** Member Morisky led a conversation about recent board and department activity regarding the Minto pike winter subsistence fishery. *BOF Meeting 03-09-18:*
2:25:52 PM
14. **Statewide Harvest Survey.** Led by Member Morisky, the board held a discussion with the Division of Sport Fish on the statewide harvest survey. *BOF Meeting 03-09-18:*
2:40:06 PM
15. **Pacific cod meeting in 2018/2019.** Boards Support's Glenn Haight discussed the possible need to reschedule Pacific cod proposals from next year's Alaska Peninsula regulatory meeting in February 2019 to sometime in 2018. There is significant Pacific cod fishing activity occurring in February. A meeting in the fall or winter of 2018 would be more compatible with the fishery. Haight would return with a recommendation at the next board meeting. *BOF Meeting 03-09-18:*
2:50:50 PM
16. **Joint Protocol Committee.** Haight also discussed the potential need for Joint Protocol Committee meeting at some point in the fall and winter. He will contact the Council to determine if there is agreement to move forward on a committee meeting. *BOF Meeting 03-09-18:*
2:52:45 PM
17. **Delegation of Authority on eLicensing Monitoring and Harvest Reporting (RC 67).** The Division of Sport Fish asked for and received a delegation of authority to enact regulations that may come from HB260 (if passed a bill that would allow for electronic hunting, trapping and fishing licenses) and remove a requirement that licenses are signed in ink as would not be the case with electronic licenses. *BOF Meeting 03-09-18:*
2:53:25 PM
18. **Fairbanks Advisory Committee letter (RC62).** The Fairbanks Advisory Committee submitted a letter to the Alaska Senate President and House Speaker suggesting the board was violating AS 16.05.300 which requires the board to address management areas in many regions of the state. Boards Support and Department of Law indicated the statute is interpreted to mean the board must allow for subjects from these areas each year which it does in the agenda change request process. It is not interpreted as a requirement to physically meet in each of these regions. *BOF Meeting 03-09-18:*
2:57:22 PM
19. **Special Meeting Date Setting.** The board set April 24 to hold an in-person meeting in Anchorage for the Tsiu/Tsivat river closed waters board generated proposal. *BOF Meeting 03-09-18:*
2:59:56 PM



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