



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish

January 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

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Board Members Present

Reed Morisky, Chair

Robert Ruffner, Vice Chair

Orville Huntington

Al Cain

John Jensen

Fritz Johnson

Israel Payton

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

<i>Action</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Proposal</i>	Audio Tracking Info**
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 1: TANANA SUBSISTENCE and SPORT FISHING (23 proposals: Chair - Payton)			
<i>Chatanika Northern Pike Subsistence (7 proposals)</i>			
N/A <i>(7/0)</i>	65	Expand waters closed to subsistence harvest of northern pike in the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary, adopt a maximum size limit, and reduce the bag limit. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal 69.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-18-19: 08:58:07 AM</i>
F <i>(0-7)</i>	63	Expand waters closed to subsistence harvest of northern pike in the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary, adopt a maximum size limit, and reduce the bag limit.	<i>Meeting 01-18-19: 08:58:49 AM</i>
N/A <i>(7-0)</i>	64	Expand waters closed to subsistence harvest of northern pike in the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary, adopt a maximum size limit, and reduce the bag limit. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal 63.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-18-19: 09:06:44 AM</i>



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N/A (7-0)	66	Expand waters closed to subsistence harvest of northern pike in the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal 63.)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 09:07:15 AM
N/A (7-0)	67	Expand waters closed to subsistence harvest of northern pike in the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal 63.)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 09:07:46 AM
N/A (7-0)	68	Open the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary to subsistence fishing through the ice for northern pike. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal 63.)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 09:08:18 AM
C/A (7-0)	69	Reduce the northern pike harvest trigger in the Chatanika River drainage from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game marker to the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC35)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 08:49:34 AM
Tanana Drainage Sport Fisheries (16 proposals)			
F (0-7)	70	Modify the size limit in Fielding Lake to allow retention of lake trout less than 28 inches.	Meeting 01-18-19: 09:08:49 AM
N/A (7-0)	71	Remove the size limit on lake trout for Fielding Lake. <i>(No action taken based on action taken on Proposal 70.)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 09:17:20 AM
F (0-7)	72	Allow catch-and-release fishing only for Arctic grayling on the Chatanika River.	Meeting 01-18-19: 09:17:54 AM
C/A (7-0)	73	Allow retention of Arctic grayling in the Chena River drainage. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC48.)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 09:21:33 AM
C (7-0)	74	Allow harvest of Arctic grayling in the Delta Clearwater River.	Meeting 01-18-19: 09:33:06 AM
C (7-0)	75	Repeal the bag limit for northern pike in the Chisana River drainage upstream of the Northway Bridge.	Meeting 01-18-19: 09:37:28 AM
C/A (7-0)	76	Allow a year-round season for northern pike in Volkmar Lake <i>(Substituted with language found in RC2 to include George Lake.)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 09:40:46 AM
C (7-0)	77	Allow sport fishing for northern pike in Little Harding Lake.	Meeting 01-18-19: 09:48:03 AM
F (0-7)	78	Modify gear specifications for the Minto Flats northern pike sport fishery.	Meeting 01-18-19: 09:50:21 AM
C/A (7-0)	79	Increase the bag and possession limit of stocked species in Dune Lake. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC39.)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 09:54:57 AM
C/A (7-0)	80	Increase the bag and possession limit of stocked species in Koole Lake. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC38.)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 10:34:28 AM



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F (0-7)	81	Increase the bag and possession limit of salmon, other than king salmon, in the Tanana River Area.	Meeting 01-18-19: 10:37:49 AM
C (7-0)	82	Allow sport fishing for nonsalmon species in the Toklat River drainage year-round.	Meeting 01-18-19: 10:41:37 AM
C (7-0)	83	Allow sport and subsistence fishing for nonsalmon species in the Toklat River drainage year-round. <i>(Proposal 83 was initially passed, but then reconsidered and carried with substitute language found in RC64.)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 10:44:47 AM Meeting 01-18-19: 04:53:26 PM
C (7-0)	84	Repeal the Tanana River Area wild rainbow trout regulation.	Meeting 01-18-19: 10:48:27 AM
C/A (7-0)	85	Update the Tanana River Area stocked waters regulations. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC40.)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 10:50:47 AM
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 2: YUKON SUBSISTENCE and COMMERCIAL (20 proposals: Chair - Huntington)			
<i>Yukon Subsistence Fisheries (12 proposals)</i>			
C/A (5-2)	86	Allow subsistence fishing for nonsalmon fish with hook and line gear in District 4 of the Yukon Area. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC50.)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 10:54:27 AM
F (1-6)	87	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with drift gillnets in the entire Yukon River.	Meeting 01-18-19: 11:33:39 AM
C/A (7-0)	88	Require fish wheels to be closely attended during times of conservation for any species. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC44.)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 03:06:50 PM
C/A (7-0)	89	Allow retention of king salmon for subsistence purposes, by emergency order, during times of king salmon conservation in the Yukon Area. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC54.)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 3:18:43 PM
C/A (7-0)	90	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of the commercial fishing season in Districts 1 – 3 and Subdistrict 4-A of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC37.)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 3:25:18 PM
F (0-7)	91	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of each commercial fishing period in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited.	Meeting 01-18-19: 3:56:07 PM
F (0-7)	92	Restrict gillnet mesh size to a maximum of 6 inches in Districts 4, 5, and 6 subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries.	Meeting 01-18-19: 3:59:34 PM
C/A (7-0)	93	Repeal the requirement to remove the tips of the tail fin of subsistence-taken salmon in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC53.)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 04:03:44 PM



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N/A (7-0)	94	Allow the taking of the first king salmon entering the Yukon River for religious and ceremonial use. <i>(The Board read RC 61 into the record. The board took no action on the proposal in anticipation of reviewing a finding during miscellaneous business.)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 4:12:49 PM
C/A (7-0)	95	In the Yukon River between the marker at Waldron Creek and Hess Creek, require a minimum distance of 300 feet between units of set gillnet gear and limit the amount of gillnet gear that may be deployed in an eddy to 350 feet. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC45 with technical change of "feet" to "fathoms" as appropriate.)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 4:29:42 PM
C/A (7-0)	96	Allow subsistence fishing for fall chum salmon in District 5 without time restrictions if commercial fishing for fall chum salmon is open in other Yukon River districts. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC46.)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 4:37:40 PM
C/A (7-0)	178	Allow chum salmon to be taken by drift gillnets after August 2 in Yukon River Subdistrict 4-A downstream from the mouth of Stink Creek. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC49.)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 4:42:48 PM
Yukon Commercial Fisheries (8 proposals)			
N/A (6-0)	97	Divide District 2 of the Yukon Area into two subdistricts. <i>(No action taken based on a request by the proposer to withdraw the proposal in PC32. Jensen absent.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 08:37:12 AM
N/A (6-0)	98	Decrease gillnet depth in Districts 4 – 6 of the Yukon Area. <i>(No action taken based on a request by the proposer to withdraw the proposal in RC18. Jensen absent.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 08:37:49 AM
F (0-6)	99	Allow use of beach seine gear to harvest salmon during open commercial fishing periods in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area. <i>(Jensen absent.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 08:38:22 AM
N/A (6-0)	100	Adopt maximum size and depth restrictions for fish wheel baskets. <i>(No action taken based on a request by the proposer to withdraw the proposal in RC18. Jensen absent.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 08:41:31 AM
C (6-0)	101	Open and close the commercial fishery for fall chum and coho salmon in the Yukon Area by emergency order. <i>(Jensen absent.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 08:41:59 AM
N/A (6-0)	102	Include the Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers in District 1 of the Yukon Area. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal 104. Jensen absent.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 09:02:55 AM
F (1-5)	103	Repeal closed waters within 500 yards of the mouth of the Pastolik River and the Pastoliak River. <i>(Jensen absent.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 09:03:24 AM
F (0-6)	104	Repeal closed waters in the lower three miles of the Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers. <i>(Jensen absent.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 08:45:34 AM
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 3: KUSKOKWIM SUBSISTENCE, COMMERCIAL, and SPORT (18 proposals: Chair - Ruffner)			
Kuskokwim Subsistence Fisheries (6 proposals)			



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F (0-6)	105	Allow use of set gillnets with 7 1/2" mesh to harvest salmon other than king salmon and other nonsalmon fish species on the Kuskokwim River for subsistence purposes during times of king salmon conservation. <i>(Jensen absent.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 09:20:17 AM</i>
C/A (6-0)	106	Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes within 50 feet of each other in that portion of the Kuskokwim River drainage from the north end of Eek Island upstream to the mouth of the Kolmakoff River. <i>(Proposal was originally tabled, brought back and failed (3-3), but was later taken up for reconsideration and amended to 'within 75 feet of each other'. Jensen absent.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 09:33:47 AM</i> <i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 10:52:58 AM</i> <i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 02:09:26 PM</i>
C (6-0)	107	Allow the use of dip nets in the Kuskokwim River drainage subsistence salmon fishery. <i>(Jensen absent.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 09:48:50 AM</i>
N/A (6-0)	108	Add dip nets as legal gear for subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim Area. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal 107. Jensen absent.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 09:53:47 AM</i>
F (0-6)	109	Close marine waters immediately adjacent to the mouth of the Kuskokwim River to subsistence fishing during times of king salmon conservation. <i>(Jensen absent.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 09:54:17 AM</i>
F (0-6)	110	Close all fishing in nonsalmon spawning rivers of the Kuskokwim River within five miles of the confluence during times of king salmon conservation. <i>(Jensen absent.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 10:14:58 AM</i>
<i>Kuskokwim Commercial Fisheries (7 proposals)</i>			
F (0-6)	111	Increase maximum gillnet mesh size to 8 inches in both subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries. <i>(Jensen absent.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 11:01:04 AM</i>
F (3-3)	112	Allow subsistence fishing with dip net gear during times of king or coho salmon conservation. <i>(Jensen absent.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 11:04:38 AM</i>
F (0-6)	113	Close king salmon fisheries on the Kuskokwim River by emergency order on June 1. <i>(Jensen absent.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 11:16:25 AM</i>
F (0-6)	114	Allow subsistence fishing for king salmon in the Kuskokwim River prior to June 11. <i>(Jensen absent.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 11:19:26 AM</i>
F (0-6)	115	Allow subsistence fishing for nonsalmon fish species in certain waters during times of king salmon conservation. <i>(Jensen absent.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 11:23:47 AM</i>
F (0-6)	116	Maintain open subsistence salmon fishing periods around the mouths of the Johnson, Kialiq, Kinak, Tagyaraq and Pailleq Rivers. <i>(Jensen absent.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 11:29:49 AM</i>



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F (0-6)	117	Allow subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish species in Pailleq Slough when the subsistence fishery for salmon is closed. (<i>Jensen absent.</i>)	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 11:32:15 AM</i>
<i>Kuskokwim Sport Fisheries (5 proposals)</i>			
F (0-6)	118	Close sport fishing for king salmon in the Kuskokwim River drainage when other Kuskokwim River fisheries are closed to the taking of king salmon. (<i>Jensen absent.</i>)	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 11:35:22 AM</i>
F (0-6)	119	Close fishing for king salmon on the Aniak River above Doestock Creek when other Kuskokwim River fisheries are closed to the taking of king salmon. (<i>Jensen absent.</i>)	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 11:39:52 AM</i>
F (0-6)	120	Close sport fishing and rafting on the Kwethluk, Kasigluk, and Kisaralik rivers from May 1 to October 31 in times of conservation for any species of salmon. (<i>Jensen absent.</i>)	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 11:42:18 AM</i>
F (1-5)	121	Limit the number of days per week sport fishing guide services can be provided in the Aniak River drainage. (<i>Jensen absent.</i>)	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 11:45:04 AM</i>
F (0-6)	122	Require parts of sport-caught salmon in the Kuskokwim-Goodnews Area to be retained or disposed of away from shore. (<i>Jensen absent.</i>)	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 01:40:01 PM</i>
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 4: NORTON SOUND SUBSISTENCE and COMMERCIAL (5 proposals: Chair - Johnson)			
<i>Norton Sound Subsistence Fisheries (2 proposals)</i>			
N/A (6-0)	123	Repeal the Tier II subsistence chum salmon fishery. (<i>No action taken based on a request by the proposer to withdraw the proposal in RC31. Jensen absent.</i>)	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 01:43:09 PM</i>
C/A (6-0)	124	Repeal the Subdistrict 1 of the Norton Sound District Chum Salmon Management Plan from Title 5, Chapter 1 of the Alaska Administrative Code and readopt in Title 5, Chapter 4. (<i>Substituted with language found in RC60. Jensen absent.</i>)	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 01:43:44 PM</i>
<i>Norton Sound Commercial Fisheries (3 proposals)</i>			
N/A (6-0)	125	Lengthen the commercial salmon fishing season in the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area. (<i>No action based on action taken on Proposal 124. Jensen absent.</i>)	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 01:49:01 PM</i>
N/A (6-0)	126	Remove restriction on the length of commercial salmon fishing periods in Norton Sound Subdistrict 1. (<i>No action based on action taken on Proposal 124. Jensen absent.</i>)	<i>Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 01:49:34 PM</i>



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F (0-6)	127	Repeal the Guideline Harvest Range for the Port Clarence District and replace with the Port Clarence District and Pilgrim River Salmon Management Plan. <i>(Department to come back to the board with a report on this subject at the 2019 Work Session meeting.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 01:50:02 PM
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 5: MISCELLANEOUS SPORT and COMMERCIAL FISHING (3 proposal: Chair - Jensen)			
<i>Sport Fishing Services and Guide Services (1 proposal)</i>			
C/A (6-0)	175	Align regulations for sport fishing services and sport fishing guide services in fresh and salt waters and update guide registration and reporting regulations. <i>(This proposal was carried while incorporating by reference RC42 and RC71. Jensen absent.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 03:10:47 PM
<i>Sport Fishing Southeast King Salmon Management Plan (1 proposal)</i>			
C/A (6-0)	176	Align regulations within the Southeast King Salmon Management Plan with the provisions of the new 2019-2028 Pacific Treaty annex. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC47 and amended with RC59. Jensen absent.)</i>	Meeting 01-18-19: 4:46:59 PM
<i>Commercial Salmon Crawfish Inlet Terminal Harvest Area (1 proposal)</i>			
C (6-0)	177	Add purse seine and drift gillnet as allowed gear types in the Crawfish Inlet Terminal Harvest Area. <i>(Jensen absent.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-19 BOF: 03:15:13 PM

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Other Board Action/Issues/Discussion:

Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting location. The board voted by a tally of 4-3 to move the 2020 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting location from Kenai/Soldotna to Anchorage.

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Miscellaneous Business:

- 1. Review of AYK Escapement Goals.** The board reviewed and concurred with the department’s escapement goal and stock of concern changes as demonstrated in RC63. The board also approved the department’s recommendation to modify regulations that cited optimal escapement goals as identified in RC63.
- 2. Draft Hatchery Committee meeting.** In RC11, the board offered a draft agenda for the March 8, 2019 hatchery committee meeting.
- 3. Review of Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan Board Generated Proposal 182.** The board verified the department’s draft Board Generated Proposal (BGP) provided in RC4 met the intent of the board’s vote when Proposal 182 was passed at the earlier Bristol Bay finfish meeting. The board discussed having this proposal merge into the Board’s

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recently created Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan workgroup. After further discussion the board choose to schedule the proposal for the Statewide Finfish meeting, March 9-12, 2019.

4. **Status on Bristol Bay committees. The board created three committees at the 2018 Bristol Bay Finfish meeting.** The board discussed the status of each committee. It was agreed Boards Support would work with the chair of each committee to determine next steps. *Meeting 01-19-19
BOF: 03:45:14 PM*

5. **Draft Finding 2019-294-FB Yukon River Peoples First Salmon Celebrations.** Based on the remarks made by board members during its deliberations on Proposal 94, a findings policy (RC 69) was considered which details the board's strong support for local Yukon River resident's practice of celebrating the first king salmon harvested each year, but recognized the difficulty in creating a regulation. The board decided to review this finding at the March 9-12, 2019, Statewide meeting. *Meeting 01-19-19
BOF: 03:55:25 PM*

6. **Draft Delegation of Authority 2019-295-FB for Saltwater Registration and Logbook Regulations.** The board approved a delegation of authority (RC 30) to the Department to develop regulations to administer the saltwater registration and logbook program. *Meeting 01-19-19
BOF: 04:05:27 PM*

7. **Board member travel reports.** Members Ruffner and Huntington provided brief reports on their travel in December 2018 to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting and the Yukon Panel meeting, respectively. *Meeting 01-19-19
BOF: 04:07:39 PM*

The meeting adjourned at 4:12pm.