



**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**

**Emergency Petitions Meeting**

**Anchorage, July 17, 2018**

**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=07-17-2018&meeting=anchorage>*

**Board Members Present**

John Jensen, Chair

Orville Huntington

Al Cain

Fritz Johnson

Reed Morisky, Vice Chair

Israel Payton

Robert Ruffner

**Petition Outcomes**

***Audio Tracking  
Info<sup>1</sup>***

**Kenai River Sport Fishing Association, et. al. May 16, 2018 Petition**

On a vote of 3-4, the board did not find an emergency on the Kenai River Sport Fishing Association's petition to amend the Valdez Fisheries Development Association's permit alteration request to not allow the taking of an additional 20 million pink salmon eggs as brood stock starting in 2018. The petition is therefore denied.

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**Bristol Bay Native Association, June 22, 2018 and the Chignik Fish and Game Advisory Committee, July 2, 2018 Petitions**

On a vote of 5-2, the board found an emergency based on the petitions submitted by the Bristol Bay Native Association (BBNA) and the Chignik Fish and Game Advisory Committee (Chignik AC). Both petitions sought to close certain Alaska Peninsula fisheries to allow greater escapement of Black Lake early-run sockeye salmon. During deliberations on regulatory action, the board determined any action it might take would be too late as most of those fish had already migrated past the South Alaska Peninsula. By unanimous agreement, the board tabled action on these two petitions until it made a decision on the third petition related to the Chignik Lake late-run sockeye salmon.

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<sup>1</sup> The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry "BOF meeting 07-17-18 (2)" indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the petition began according to the meeting audio.



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### **Chignik Regional Aquaculture Association, July 3, 2018 Petition**

On a vote of 5-2, the board found an emergency based on the Chignik Regional Aquaculture Association's petition to protect Chignik Lake late-run sockeye salmon by closing certain Alaska Peninsula fisheries to allow greater escapement. At this time the earlier BBNA and Chignik AC petitions were taken off the table.

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The board took emergency regulatory action on all three petitions by amending the proposed actions to maintain the Department's existing closures of both the Dolgoi and Southeast District Mainland areas through August 8 unless Chignik Lake interim escapement goals were met.

### **Native Villages of Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk, and Holy Cross, July 3, 2018 Petition**

On a vote of 7-0, the board found an emergency based on the Native Villages of Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk, and Holy Cross's petition to allow subsistence harvest of chum salmon with drift gillnets after August 2 in the Subdistrict 4-A below Stink Creek on the Yukon River. The board took emergency regulatory action by adopting the petition proposed language without amendment.

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### **Yakutat Tlingit Tribe, July 10, 2018 Petition**

This petition sought to close sport fishing on the Situk River to help conserve sockeye and king salmon for escapement. Following a brief report by the department on the petition, the board chair asked for a motion and none was received. No board member moved to find an emergency; therefore, the board did not find an emergency and the petition is denied.

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### **Mark Ducker, July 16, 2018 Petition**

This petition sought to have the petitioners relieved from the Kenai River late-run king salmon management plan and be provided additional fishing hours per week. The board stepped down to review the petition. Following the break, the board chair asked for a motion and none was received. No board member moved to find an emergency; therefore, the board did not find an emergency and the petition is denied.

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The board chair, in consultation with the Department of Law, indicated the petition was denied because no board member found it rose to the level of an emergency. No board member objected to this assertion.



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### Miscellaneous Business

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#### **Division of Sport Fish Expected Agenda Change Requests**

The Division of Sport Fish reported to the board that it anticipates submitting two agenda change request for the October work session. One is regarding the guide licensing and reporting requirements for salt water guides. The second is regarding the Pacific Coastal Salmon Treaty reauthorization. The reauthorization is set to conclude by the end of the year and it is likely board action is required for state regulations to be in compliance with the revised treaty annex.

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Meeting adjourned at 4:53pm.