



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Kodiak Finfish

Kodiak, January 11-15, 2020¹

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=01-11-2020&meeting=kodiak>

Board Members Present

Reed Morisky, Chair
 Mårit Carlson-Van Dort, Vice-chair
 Gerad Godfrey
 Israel Payton

Fritz Johnson
 John Jensen
 John Wood

C=Carried, C/A=Carried as amended, F=Failed, F/A=Failed as amendment, N/A=no action

Action	#	Proposal	Audio Tracking Info*
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 1: KODIAK SPORT FISHING, KODIAK AREA GROUND FISH AND HERRING, and ALEUTIAN ISLANDS GROUND FISH			
<i>Kodiak Archipelago Sport Fishing (4 proposals)</i>			
C/A (6-0)	45	Amend the boundaries of the Kodiak Road Zone salt waters. <i>(Johnson absent. Substituted with language found in RC 104)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 09:01:15AM</i>
C (5-1)	46	Establish a sport fishing season for king salmon in the Dog Salmon River. <i>(Johnson absent.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 09:07:20AM</i>
C (6-0)	47	Modify the area closed to sport fishing in the Monashka Creek drainage. <i>(Johnson absent.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 09:15:57AM</i>
C/A (6-0)	48	Establish a management plan for the Kodiak Area rockfish sport fishery and a guideline harvest range for the Kodiak Area commercial rockfish fishery. <i>(Johnson absent. Substituted with language found in RC 91)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 09:17:49AM</i>
<i>Kodiak Area Commercial Groundfish (7 proposals)</i>			
F (0-6)	49	Create a Kodiak Area commercial sablefish season. <i>(Johnson absent.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 09:41:06AM</i>

¹ The 2020 Kodiak Finfish meeting was scheduled for January 11-14, however given the extensive amount of public testimony, the meeting was extended a day to January 11-15.



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F (0-6)	39	Exempt vessels using jig gear from exclusive and superexclusive groundfish registration restrictions. <i>(Johnson absent.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 09:46:23AM</i>
C (6-0)	50	Allow six lines per mechanical jigging machine and six machines per vessel to be operated in the Kodiak Area Pacific cod fishery. <i>(Johnson absent. Later in the meeting the Department of Public Safety sought and received board intent that this carried proposal meant 6 "lines" and not 6 "jig machines".)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 09:53:27AM & 03:48:26PM</i>
F/A (0-6)	51	Amend Kodiak Area Pacific cod state-waters guideline harvest level allocation to 40 percent jig gear and 60 percent pot gear, and amend the allocation annually based on harvest levels the previous year. <i>(Johnson absent. Substituted with language found in RC 80 and subsequently failed.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 10:00:04AM</i>
N/A (6-0)	52	Increase the guideline harvest level (GHL) for Pacific cod in the Kodiak Area to 17.5 percent of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod in the Central Gulf of Alaska Area and increase the pot gear allocation of the GHL to 65 percent. <i>(Johnson absent. The board took no action based on a request by the proposer to withdraw the proposal in RC23.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 10:09:23AM</i>
N/A (6-0)	53	Add unharvested Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear quota to the pot gear allocation the following calendar year. <i>(Johnson absent. The board took no action based on a request by the proposer to withdraw the proposal in RC114.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 10:10:07AM</i>
C (6-0)	54	Open a Kodiak Area commercial pot gear Pacific cod fishery on May 8 for half of the remaining jig gear allocation. <i>(Johnson absent. Substituted with language in RC 72.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 10:10:38AM</i>
<i>Kodiak Area Commercial Herring (4 proposals)</i>			
C (6-0)	55	Open the Kodiak Area sac roe herring fishery April 1. <i>(Johnson absent.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 10:17:00AM</i>
C (6-0)	44	Amend the <i>Kamishak Bay District Herring Management Plan</i> to remove restrictions to the Shelikof Strait food and bait herring fishery. <i>(Johnson absent. Substituted with language found in RC118.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 10:41:43AM</i>
N/A (6-0)	56	Establish guideline harvest levels for the Kodiak Area food and bait herring fishery. <i>(Johnson absent. No Action taken due to action on Proposal 44, RC118.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 10:47:46AM</i>
C/A (4-2)	57	Eliminate allocation and fishing area splits by seine and gillnet gear in the Kodiak herring food and bait fishery. <i>(Johnson absent. Amended to reflect that as each gear</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 10:48:42AM</i>



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		<i>group fishes every other day, the seine fleet will fish the first day of the season.)</i>	
<i>Aleutian Islands Commercial Groundfish Fishery (1 proposal)</i>			
C/A (6-0)	283	Amend season dates for the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict Pacific cod fishery. <i>(Johnson absent. Substituted with language found in RC 123, and amended further to change the vessel length in 5 AAC 28.647(d)(3)(B)(iii) from 93ft to 100ft.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 10:55:38AM</i>
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 2: KODIAK AREA COMMERCIAL SALMON			
<i>Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan (5 proposals)</i>			
N/A (5-0)	58	Close the Cape Igvak commercial salmon fishery prior to July 8. <i>(Johnson absent. Godfrey recused based on an ethics ruling. No Action based on action taken on proposal 60.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 03:01:05PM</i>
N/A (5-0)	59	Modify the definition of the total Chignik sockeye salmon catch used to determine allocation percentages in the <i>Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan</i> . <i>(Johnson absent. Godfrey recused based on an ethics ruling. No Action based on action taken on proposal 60.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 03:01:05PM</i>
C/A (4-1)	60	Reduce the Cape Igvak Section allocation from 15 percent to five percent of the total Chignik Area sockeye salmon catch. <i>(Johnson absent. Godfrey recused based on an ethics ruling. Substituted with language found in RC103, amended to replace “shall not exceeded” with “will approach as near as possible” in subsections (a)-(c), and further amended to replace “shall not exceeded 7.5%” to “may be permitted to fluctuate above or below 7.5%” in subsection (d).)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 01:09:53PM</i>
N/A (5-0)	61	Amend the <i>Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan</i> to 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. <i>(Johnson absent. Godfrey recused based on an ethics ruling. No Action based on action taken on proposal 60.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 03:01:05PM</i>
N/A (5-0)	62	Require reporting prior to commercial fishing in the Cape Igvak Section and upon leaving the section. <i>(Johnson absent. Godfrey recused based on an ethics ruling. The board took no action based on a request by the proposer to withdraw the proposal in RC129.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-15-20 03:02:31PM</i>
<i>Northern Region Salmon Fisheries (5 proposals)</i>			



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F (0-5)	63	Create “seaward” and “shoreward” zones in the Kodiak Management Area and amend management plans to restrict the commercial seine fishery June 1–July 25 based on those zones. <i>(Johnson absent. Godfrey recused based on an ethics ruling.)</i>	Meeting 01-15-20 03:03:39PM
C/A (4-1)	64	Create “seaward” and “shoreward” zones in the Kodiak Management Area and amend management plans to restrict the commercial seine fishery June 28–July 25 based on those zones. <i>(Johnson absent. Godfrey recused based on an ethics ruling. Substituted with language in RC128)</i>	Meeting 01-15-20 03:08:41PM
N/A (5-0)	65	Close the Katmai, Alinchak, and Cape Igvak Sections to commercial salmon fishing June 28–July 25 <i>(Johnson absent. Godfrey recused based on an ethics ruling. No action based on action taken on proposal 64.)</i>	Meeting 01-15-20 03:38:19PM
This proposal is set for deliberations at the Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting	37	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries. <i>(Johnson absent. Godfrey recused based on an ethics ruling. Initially, Wood motioned to have deliberations on Proposal 37 to move to the Statenide meeting, March 2020, but on further discussion Wood motioned to return deliberations on Proposal 37 to the Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting.)</i>	Meeting 01-15-20 03:38:56PM & 03:45:47PM
F (0-5)	66	Create a Kodiak Area Salmon Management Plan. <i>(Johnson absent. Godfrey recused based on an ethics ruling.)</i>	Meeting 01-15-20 03:40:26PM
<i>Gear and Seasons (2 proposals)</i>			
C (6-0)	67	Allow the use of single filament mesh web in a set gillnet in the Kodiak Area. <i>(Johnson absent.)</i>	Meeting 01-15-20 11:26:26AM
C/A (6-0)	68	Repeal the sunset date for the use of commercial set gillnets in the Alitak District. <i>(Johnson absent. Substituted with language for RC119.)</i>	Meeting 01-15-20 11:30:04AM
<i>Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plans (9 proposals)</i>			
C (5-0)	69	Amend the <i>Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan</i> to include even-year returns of pink salmon to the Karluk River in management of the Central and North Cape Sections. <i>(Johnson absent. Godfrey recused based on an ethics ruling.)</i>	Meeting 01-15-20 03:50:09PM
C (5-0)	70	Amend the <i>Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan</i> to include returns of pink salmon to the Karluk River. <i>(Johnson absent. Godfrey recused based on an ethics ruling.)</i>	Meeting 01-15-20 03:53:51PM
N/A (5-0)	71	Amend the <i>Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan</i> to close the Anton Larsen Bay, Sharatin Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Terror Bay, Inner Uganik Bay, Spiridon Bay, Zachar Bay, and Uyak Bay Sections until escapement	Meeting 01-15-20 04:00:47PM



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		objectives are projected to be achieved. <i>(Johnson absent. Godfrey recused based on an ethics ruling. The board took no action based on a request by the proposer to withdraw the proposal in RC122.)</i>	
C/A (5-0)	72	Limit the Inner Ayakulik Section commercial salmon fishery to openings of not more than six consecutive hours June 10–July 15. <i>(Johnson absent. Godfrey recused based on an ethics ruling. Substituted with language found in RC135.)</i>	Meeting 01-15-20 04:01:25PM & 04:44:22
N/A (5-0)	73	Establish a closure in the Inner Ayakulik Section of at least 24 hours between commercial salmon fishing periods. <i>(Johnson absent. Godfrey recused based on an ethics ruling. The board took no action due to action on Proposal 72.)</i>	Meeting 01-15-20 05:25:19PM
N/A (5-0)	74	Close waters within 500 yards of the terminus of the Ayakulik River to commercial salmon fishing June 10–July 15. <i>(Johnson absent. Godfrey recused based on an ethics ruling. The board took no action due to action on Proposal 72.)</i>	Meeting 01-15-20 05:25:19PM
N/A (5-0)	75	Post seasonal regulatory markers 500 yards from the terminus of the Ayakulik River. <i>(Johnson absent. Godfrey recused based on an ethics ruling. The board took no action due to action on Proposal 72.)</i>	Meeting 01-15-20 05:25:19PM
N/A (5-0)	76	Open the Outer Karluk and Central Sections concurrent with when the Inner Karluk Section is opened by emergency order. <i>(Johnson absent. Godfrey recused based on an ethics ruling. The board took no action based on a request by the proposer to withdraw the proposal in RC56.)</i>	Meeting 01-15-20 05:25:49PM
F (0-5)	77	Close waters within 500 yards of the terminus of the Ayakulik River to commercial salmon fishing September 1–October 31. <i>(Johnson absent. Godfrey recused based on an ethics ruling.)</i>	Meeting 01-15-20 05:26:26PM

* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry “Meeting 01-15-20” 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:

Ayakulik King Salmon Action Plan. While the board was preparing to take up Proposals 72-75 related to conservation concerns over Ayakulik River king salmon, the board choose to take up the Ayakulik King Salmon Action Plan in RC17. The board selected the option 3 for the commercial fishing industry and option 1 for the sport fishing industry. Option 3 for the commercial fishing

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industry required a regulation that was adopted through action taken on Proposal 72.

Miscellaneous Business:

1. **Setting the Hatchery Committee March 7, 2020 Agenda.** The board discussed setting the agenda for its Hatchery Committee meeting March 7, 2020, and decided to finalize it at the Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting. *Meeting 01-15-20
05:29:24PM*

2. **Modify process for Upper Cook Inlet (UCI) Finfish meeting public comment, testimony, and Committee of the Whole (COTW).** The board discussed administrative actions for the upcoming UCI Finfish meeting. The board asked to have time slots available for public comment and limit the amount of on-time public comment to 100 pages per person or organization as directed in the legal notice. Executive Director Haight asked the board to consider running COTW at UCI in a more formalized manner than was conducted in Kodiak. *Meeting 01-15-20
05:33:28PM*

3. **Discussion re: board information request process.** The department led a discussion regarding board member information requests. After discussion, the department indicated it would provide a draft process for the board and department to follow related to formal information requests. *Meeting 01-15-20
05:50:16PM &
05:58:47PM*

4. **Request for Board letter to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) re: Gulf surveys.** The board agreed to write a letter to NOAA as requested in RC 96. *Meeting 01-15-20
05:53:52*

5. **Request to establish genetic stock identification program for the Gulf of Alaska (GOA).** As requested in RC 131 the board will engage in a more detailed discussion about the potential for establishing a comprehensive genetics study GOA wide on salmon. *Meeting 01-15-20
05:56:26*

6. **Policy on Ethics Process.** Godfrey asked to have a policy on the roles and responsibilities of recused board members at board meetings. The department offered to draft a policy and have it available for board review at the March Statewide meeting. *Meeting 01-15-20
06:06:45*

The meeting adjourned at 6:16pm.