



Alaska Board of Fisheries

LOWER COOK INLET FINFISH

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AVTEC Student Services and Recreation Center, Seward

TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP

(47 proposals)

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 1: SPORT FISHING REGULATORY ALIGNMENT, SEWARD YOUTH FISHERY, WATERS, SEASONS, LIMITS, DEFINITIONS, GUIDE SERVICES, EMERGENCY ORDER AUTHORITY (16 proposals: Chair -Payton)

Regulatory Alignment (2 proposals)

- 1 Redefine the management plan to include all waters north of Bluff Point
- 2 Align gear restrictions for lower Kenai Peninsula roadside streams in waters closed to salmon fishing

Seward Youth Fishery (3 proposals)

- 3 Reduce the bag limit for the Seward Lagoon youth fishery to one fish
- 4 Define the boundaries for the Seward Lagoon youth fishery
- 5 Extend the dates of the Seward youth king and coho salmon fisheries

Waters, Seasons, Limits, and Methods and Means (8 proposals)

- 6 Close the Homer Marine Terminal barge basin to sport fishing
- 7 Redefine the area prohibited to snagging in Cook Inlet salt waters
- 8 Reduce the sport fish bag limit to one king salmon south of Bluff Point
- 9 Establish a season limit of five king salmon from October 1–April 30
- 10 Redefine the boundary for the lower and upper Anchor River stream sections
- 11 Allow two unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies and limit hook size in the Anchor River and Deep Creek
- 12 Reduce the sport fish bag limit for lingcod west of Gore Point to one fish
- 13 Establish a season limit of two lingcod in the North Gulf coast area

Definitions, Guide Services, and Emergency Order Authority (3 proposals)

- 14 Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler
- 15 Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides
- 282 Extend emergency order authority to restrict stocked waters to no retention in times of low hatchery production or stocked waters contamination



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 2: LOWER COOK INLET PERSONAL USE AND SUBSISTENCE FISHING, AQUATIC PLANTS, SALMON HATCHERIES AND SPECIAL HARVEST AREAS (14 proposals: Chair - Carlson Van-Dort)

Personal Use and Subsistence (5 proposals)

- 16 Require a permit to participate in the China Poot Bay personal use dip net fishery
- 17 Require that the permit holder be on site during the operation of personal use set gillnet gear
- 18 Extend the subsistence salmon fishery in Seldovia Bay through June 30
- 19 Extend the boundary in Seldovia Bay where salmon are customarily and traditionally taken or used for subsistence
- 20 Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes within 300 feet of each other in the Cook Inlet Area

Aquatic Plants (2 proposals)

- 21 Allow commercial harvest of aquatic plants in Cook Inlet
- 241 Establish provisions for the personal use of aquatic plants in the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area

Salmon Hatcheries and Special Harvest Areas (7 proposals)

- 22 Limit the number of each salmon species harvested in cost recovery fisheries
- 23 Suspend, revoke, or alter the Tutka Bay hatchery permit to reduce capacity
- 24 Eliminate the Tutka Bay Lagoon Special Harvest Area
- 25 Close waters of Tutka Bay southeast of 59° 26.50' N. lat
- 26 Close waters near the head of Tutka Bay to commercial salmon fishing
- 27 Eliminate the Halibut Cove Lagoon Special Harvest Area
- 28 Redefine the China Poot and Hazel Lake Special Harvest Area as two separate and discrete Special Harvest Areas

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 3: FISHING DISTRICTS, CLOSED WATERS, SEASONS AND SEINE SPECIFICATIONS, KING SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND GROUND FISH AND HERRING (17 proposals: Chair - Godfrey)

Fishing Districts, Closed Waters, Seasons and Seine Specifications (8 proposals)

- 29 Move the outer boundary line of the Rocky Bay subdistrict further from shore
- 30 Allow the Kamishak Bay District commercial salmon fishery to be opened prior to June 1 by emergency order
- 31 Allow commercial fishing along the beach outside of Ursus Cove Lagoon
- 32 Repeal closed waters in China Poot Bay
- 33 Close the area within a one-mile radius of the end of the Homer Spit to commercial salmon fishing



- 34 Reduce the maximum length of seine gear in the Cook Inlet Area to 150 fathoms
- 35 Increase the maximum purse seine gear depth in Cook Inlet Area from 325 to 335 meshes deep
- 36 Prohibit the retention and sale of king salmon greater than 28" in length by commercial purse seine permit holders in the Southern District of Lower Cook Inlet

King Salmon Management Plan (2 proposals)

- 37 Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries
- 38 Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Upper and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries

Groundfish and Herring, and Aleutian Islands Groundfish (7 proposals)

- 39 Exempt vessels using jig gear from exclusive and superexclusive groundfish registration restrictions
- 40 Add specific registration requirements for Cook Inlet Area groundfish fisheries
- 41 Clarify possession and landing requirements for the state-managed sablefish fishery in the Cook Inlet Area
- 42 Clarify possession and landing requirements for the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Cook Inlet Area
- 43 Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet Area directed lingcod fishery
- 44 Amend the *Kamishak Bay District Herring Management Plan* to remove restrictions to the Shelikof Strait food and bait herring fishery
- 278 Designate the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict an exclusive registration area for Pacific cod