

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
December 5–6, 2013
CHIGNIK FINFISH

PROPOSAL SUMMARY ACTION SHELL

PRELIMINARY ACTIONS

(This board summary is for informational purposes only and the actions below will have legal effects in regulations that provide the sole legal action of the board.)

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

Chignik Finfish Meeting Proposals (9)

Result	Proposal Number	Description
Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan (3 proposals)		
F (0-7)	38	Open commercial fishing in June in the Western District, excluding the Inner Castle Cape Subsection, concurrently with commercial fishing openings in Chignik Bay, Central, and Eastern districts.
F (0-7)	39	Change management plan to direct department to manage Perryville and Western districts based on abundance of pink, chum, and coho salmon in Stepovak and Shumagin Islands sections of Southeastern District, including closures in July through August.
C (7-0)	40	Change "shall" to "may" relative to use of emergency orders (EOs).
Chignik Area Gear (2 proposals)		
C (7-0)	41	Change seine specification for when a seine has stopped fishing.
F (0-7)	42	Increase purse and hand purse seine, and seine lead lengths allowed in Eastern, Central, Western, and Perryville districts.
Chignik Area Groundfish (3 proposals)		
N/A	43	Create state-waters groundfish management plans for trawl vessels less than 58 feet in the Cook Inlet, Kodiak and Chignik management areas. (This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)
N/A	44	Create state-waters walleye pollock management plans for Cook Inlet, Kodiak and Chignik management areas. (This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)
N/A	45	Require 100 percent observer coverage on groundfish trawl vessels in state waters of the Cook Inlet, Kodiak and Chignik management areas. (This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)
Supplemental Proposals (1)		
C/A (7-0)	368	Change the deadline for submission of an agenda change request (ACR). Carried as amended by substitute language in RC 12.

Miscellaneous Business

1. Chignik River Escapement Goals

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) provided an overview of a recommendation to move from an early run Chignik River sockeye salmon sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 350,000 to 400,000 fish to a biological escapement goal (BEG) of 350,000 to 450,000 fish. No board action.

2. Aleutian Islands (Area O) Golden King Crab Update

ADF&G discussed recent interest in harvesting golden king crab in state waters of the Aleutian Islands by individuals who do not hold federal crab individual fishing quota (IFQ). ADF&G informed the board that non-IFQ holders may legally harvest golden king crab in state waters of the Aleutian Islands and that the department would manage both IFQ and any potential non-IFQ harvest to remain at or below the total allowable catch. The department informed the board that this may result in lost harvest opportunity for existing crab IFQ holders. No board action.

3. Motion to Rescind

Following the recent decision by the board to rescind a previous action, Boards Support discussed the potential need to develop criteria for the board to follow when considering rescission of a previous board action. Boards Support will provide a draft policy for review. No board action.

4. AC Minutes Provided to the Board

Prior to the October 2013 Joint Board regulatory change, advisory committees (AC) members who attended board meeting on behalf of their AC were required to submit approved AC meeting minutes prior to the board meeting they would attend. Boards Support pays for the travel costs of AC members attending board meeting on behalf of their AC and required completed minutes before attending board meetings. The new regulation requires advisory committee minutes to be provided at the discretion of the board. Boards Support is seeking guidance from the board as it implements this new regulation. Boards Support will provide a draft policy for review. No board action.

5. Chignik In-River Objectives.

The board took action to codify a management measure first established through board intent language adopted in 2004. The management measure is intended to ensure inriver harvest opportunities above the Chignik River weir. To do so, the department shall manage for 50,000 sockeye salmon, in addition to late run escapement needs, which shall be comprised of 25,000 fish in August and 25,000 fish from September 1-15. The board found a Board Generated Proposal was warranted and adopted record copy 15 as a proposal. The board carried the proposal 7-0.