

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
OCTOBER 9-10, 2013
WORK SESSION**

AGENDA CHANGE REQUESTS SUMMARY ACTION SHELL

PRELIMINARY ACTIONS

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

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

AGENDA CHANGE REQUESTS SUBJECT

ACR'S (14)		
C (5/1)	1	Modify groundfish possession and landing requirements to specify when groundfish bycatch levels are assessed on board a vessel. (5 AAC 28.070) – <i>The Board found this ACR would provide an important management tool and met the conservation threshold.</i>
N/A	2	Implement a management plan for an open-access weathervane scallop fishery in waters of Alaska. (5 AAC 38.0XX) – <i>No action was taken based on action under ACR 8.</i>
C (6/0)	3	Remove dip net size restrictions for the Yukon Area districts 1–3 commercial summer chum salmon fisheries. (5 AAC 05.362). – <i>Initial motion to accept the ACR carried at 6/0, and was reconfirmed under a motion to reconsider by 6/0.</i>
F (0/6)	4	Establish monofilament purse seines as a new legal gear for the Yukon Area districts 1–3 commercial summer chum salmon fisheries. (5 AAC 39.170 and 5 AAC 05.362) – <i>Initial motion to accept the ACR carried at 4/2, but failed under a motion to reconsider by 0/6. The Board found that while economic opportunities are needed in the Yukon area, the proposal did not address conservation concerns and could still be done through a Commissioner’s permit.</i>
F (0/6)	5	Eliminate all other consumptive uses of the Sitka Sound herring stock in order to provide reasonable subsistence opportunity. (5 AAC 27.160, 5 AAC 27.170, and 5 AAC 27.195). <i>The board found the ACR did not meet the threshold conservation criteria required to move forward as a proposal.</i>
F (1/5)	6	Establish statewide regulation to allow use of dip net gear in place of commercial gillnet and seine gear for salmon stock conservation purposes. (5 AAC 39.2XX) – <i>The Board found the ACR did not meet any of the threshold criteria required to move forward as a proposal.</i>
C (6/0)	7	Define and allow use of a lead for commercial fish wheel gear. (5 AAC 05.333) - <i>The Board found it was unforeseen that the use of leads in commercial fish wheel operations are not defined in regulation.</i>
C	8	Implement a management plan for an open-access weathervane scallop fishery

(6/0)		in waters of Alaska. (5 AAC 38.0XX) – <i>The Board found that absent Board actions the fishery would be open to any participants which created a potential conservation concern.</i>
C (6/0)	9	Remove the exception allowing for a dead king salmon to be taken, but not retained, in the Yukon Area districts 1–3 dip net and beach seine commercial summer chum salmon fisheries. (5 AAC 05.362) – <i>The Board found it was unforeseen that enforcement of this regulation would be difficult.</i>
C (4/2)	10	Remedy a navigational obstruction in Ugashik River set gillnet salmon fishery. (5 AAC 06.331) – <i>Board found that current regulations allowed for an unforeseen navigational obstruction.</i>
F (1/5)	11	Define commercial salmon fishing boundaries for the Outer Port Heiden, Ilnik, and Three Hills sections in the Northern District of Area M using GPS coordinates. (5 AAC 09.200, 5 AAC 09.350, and 5 AAC 09.369) - <i>Board found that the ACR did not meet the thresholds required to qualify as an ACR in that the impacts were not unintended or unforeseen.</i>
C (6/0)	12	Modify the time period the Nushagak River single hook regulation is in effect from year-round to May 1–July 31. (5 AAC 67.022) – <i>The Board determined a provision passed to regulate sport fish activity appeared to have unintended impacts.</i>
F (0/6)	13	Modify Kuskokwim River salmon management plan for king salmon conservation. (5 AAC 01, 5 AAC 07, and 5 AAC 71) – <i>The Board determined that while the region was experiencing several stocks of concern, the ADF&G had adequate fishery management tools and requested continued work with the local advisory committees and communities.</i>
N/A (6/0)	14	Modify the time period the Nushagak River single hook regulation is in effect from year-round to May 1–July 31. (5 AAC 67.022) – <i>No action was taken based on action taken on ACR 12.</i>

Other items:

1. Karl Johnstone was voted as Chair by unanimous consent. Tom Kluberton was voted as Vice-Chair by unanimous consent.
2. The Board Chair made 2013/2014 subcommittee assignments. Assignments include –
 - a. Committees, Johnstone/Chair, Johnson, Morisky
 - b. Board. of Fisheries/Board of Game, Johnson/Chair, Huntington, Morisky
 - c. Federal/State Subsistence, Jeffrey/Chair, Jensen, Huntington
 - d. Habitat, Huntington/Chair, Johnson, Kluberton
 - e. Joint BOF/NPFMC Protocol, Jensen/Chair, Jeffrey, Kluberton, Johnstone (Alt.)
 - f. Legislation, Morisky/Chair, Johnstone, Huntington
 - g. Possession limits Task Force, Johnstone/Chair, Jeffrey, Morisky
3. The Board agreed to re-engage the Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy Committee.
 - a. Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy, Kluberton/Chair, Jeffrey, Jensen
4. Board selects Wrangell for its 2014/2015 Southeast Shellfish meeting.

5. Board establishes its 2015/2016 schedule and locations as:
 - a. Work session, Anchorage, October 21-22, 2015.
 - b. Bristol Bay finfish, Anchorage, December 8 – 15, 2015.
 - c. Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim finfish, Fairbanks, January 12 – 17, 2016.
 - d. Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik finfish, Anchorage, February 23 – March 3, 2016.
 - e. Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues, Anchorage, March 8 – 12, 2016.
6. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game staff provided information on Escapement Goals and Stocks of Concerns. All reports can be found on the Board of Fisheries website under RCs3-8.
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=10-09-2013&meeting=worksession>
7. ACRs accepted for review in the 2013/14 meeting schedule were scheduled for the Statewide King and Tanner Crab meeting, Anchorage, March 17-21, 2014, with the exception of ACR 8 which will be heard at the Kodiak finfish meeting in Kodiak, January 7-11, 2014.
8. Board discussed and agreed that ethics disclosures were an appropriate action to take at the annual work session meeting.
9. Board discussed the Department's request to change the ACR deadline date from 45 to 60 days in regulations and scheduled the topic for the Chignik meeting, December 5-6, 2013. The action will be developed as a board generated proposal.
10. The Board agreed to take up several subjects with the Board of Game at the upcoming Joint Board meeting, October 12–16, 2013, including:
 - a. Developing Joint Board criteria for Board Generated Proposals.
 - b. Revising the proposal form.
 - c. Developing a preferred template for advisory committee minutes.