



**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES  
WORK SESSION  
October 15–16, 2014**

**AGENDA CHANGE REQUEST SUMMARY ACTION SHELL**

**PRELIMINARY ACTIONS**

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

**Board Members Present**

Karl Johnstone, Chair

John Jensen

Orville Huntington

Fritz Johnson

Tom Kluberton, Vice-Chair

Sue Jeffrey

Reed Morisky

**Agenda Change Requests (27) Preliminary Actions**

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

<b>Subject (# of proposals)</b>			<i>Audio tracking info*</i>
Action	ACR	Description	
<b>Bering Sea Tanner and Norton Sound King Crab Fisheries (5)</b>			
<b>C</b> (7-0)	1	Reduce the size of exploitable legal male Tanner crab, from 5.5 inches to 5 inches carapace width, for purposes of calculating total allowable catch in waters east of 166° W longitude in the Bering Sea District (5 AAC 35.508 (g)(5)).	<i>bof_worksession_10_15_14 start time: 2:44:54</i>
<b>F</b> (3-4)	2	Change the <i>C. bairdi</i> Tanner crab regulatory fishing season closure date from March 31 to May 15 in waters west of 166° W longitude of the Bering Sea District (5 AAC 35.510(f)(1)).	<i>bof_worksession_10_15_14 start time: 2:59:14</i>
<b>F</b> (0-7)	3	Increase the allowable level of incidental harvest of <i>C. bairdi</i> Tanner crab allowed while directed fishing for Bristol Bay red king crab east of 166° W longitude from the current level of 5%, up to the amount of <i>C. bairdi</i> individual fishing quota held by the vessel operator (5 AAC 35.506 (i)(2)).	<i>bof_worksession_10_15_14 start time: 3:19:18</i>
<b>C</b>	4	Develop a guideline harvest level for the Norton Sound red king	<i>bof_worksession_10_15_14</i>



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(7-0)		crab winter commercial fishery (5 AAC 34.915(a)(1)).	start time: 3:23:51
<b>C</b> (7-0)	5	Change the duration of the Norton Sound winter through-the-ice commercial king crab fishing season to be open by emergency order on or after January 15 and close April 30, unless extended by emergency order (5 AAC 34.910(d)(2)).	bof_worksession_10_15_14 start time: 3:45:52
<b>Kuskokwim River Salmon Fisheries (3)</b>			
<b>C</b> (7-0)	6	Require four-inch mesh subsistence gillnets to be operated only as set gillnets in the Kuskokwim River during times of king salmon conservation. (5 AAC 07.365(d)(2)).	bof_worksession_10_15_14 start time: 3:52:56
<b>F</b> (0-7)	7	Change Kuskokwim River District 1 boundaries (5 AAC 07.200 (a)).	bof_worksession_10_15_14 start time: 4:03:56
<b>C</b> (7-0)	8	Subdivide Kuskokwim River king salmon ANS by geographic area and allocate Kuskokwim River king salmon subsistence harvest under a Tier II system (5 AAC 01.286. (b) and 5 AAC 01.2xx NEW). <i>The board chose to limit the notice of the March 2015 meeting addressing this ACR to changes in gear only.</i>	bof_worksession_10_15_14 start time: 4:10:54
<b>Yukon River Salmon Fisheries (2)</b>			
<b>C</b> (7-0)	9	Allow drift gillnet subsistence fishing after July 15 in the upper section of Yukon River Subdistrict 4A for the harvest of summer chum salmon (5 AAC 01.220. (e)(1)).	bof_worksession_10_15_14 start time: 4:35:26
<b>C</b> (7-0)	10	Allow subsistence fish wheel fishermen in the Yukon Area to retain king salmon when some harvest is justified based upon inseason run assessment (5 AAC 01.220(n)(2)).	bof_worksession_10_15_14 start time: 4:59:15
<b>Bristol Bay Salmon Fisheries (2)</b>			
<b>C</b> (7-0)	11	Change the Naknek-Kvichak District boundary line at Graveyard Point to include two historically fished set net sites (5 AAC 06.350).	bof_worksession_10_16_14 start time: 0:29:58
<b>F</b> (0-7)	12	Bristol Bay sockeye salmon optimum escapement goals (Chapter 06 Bristol Bay Area).	bof_worksession_10_16_14 start time: 0:43:35
<b>Cook Inlet Salmon Fisheries (9)</b>			
<b>F</b> (0-7)	13	Allow the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Kasilof Section to be opened within one-half mile of shore when the department is concerned with the conservation of king or sockeye salmon headed to the Kenai River (5 AAC 21.365(f)).	bof_worksession_10_15_14 start time: 2:19:10
<b>F</b> (0-7)	14	Restrict mesh size to no larger than 4¼ inches in the Kasilof Section set gillnet commercial fishery when the Kasilof River sockeye salmon escapement goal is being met or exceeded (5 AAC 21.331(b), 5 AAC 21.365).	bof_worksession_10_15_14 start time: 2:23:01
<b>F</b> (0-7)	15	Amend provisions within the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan that restrict set gillnetting in the Upper Subdistrict to no more than 12 or 36 hours per week by allowing the department to manage the Kasilof and Kenai/East Foreland sections separately of each other (5 AAC 21.359 (e)(3)(A) and (B)).	bof_worksession_10_15_14 start time: 1:44:25
<b>F</b> (0-7)	16	Amend provisions within the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan that restrict set gillnetting in the Upper Subdistrict to no more than 36 hours per week by allowing the	bof_worksession_10_15_14 start time: 1:56:46



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		department to manage the Kasilof and Kenai/East Foreland sections separately of each other (5AAC 21.359 (e)(3)(A)).	
<b>F</b> (2-5)	17	Modify the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 21.359(e)) to allow up to four set gillnets per permit to be fished that do not exceed 105 fathoms in the aggregate, with no single net exceeding 35 fathoms in length, consistent with (5 AAC 21.331(d)).	<i>bof_worksession_10_15_14</i> <i>start time: 2:05:25</i>
<b>F</b> (0-7)	18	Eliminate restrictions in August to the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet commercial fishery by deleting provision (f) in the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 21.359(f)).	<i>bof_worksession_10_15_14</i> <i>start time: 1:59:49</i>
<b>F</b> (0-7)	19	Allow a person who owns two set gillnet permits to register and operate the permits in different registration areas in Cook Inlet (5 AAC 21.345).	<i>bof_worksession_10_15_14</i> <i>start time: 2:34:46</i>
<b>F</b> (0-7)	20	Modify how the one percent rule in August is calculated for the Central District drift gillnet fishery in Upper Cook Inlet (5 AAC 21.353(e)).	<i>bof_worksession_10_15_14</i> <i>start time: 2:26:47</i>
<b>F</b> (0-7)	21	Establish a tier drawing and limit harvest in the Upper Cook Inlet personal use salmon fishery (5 AAC 77.540).	<i>bof_worksession_10_15_14</i> <i>start time: 2:38:29</i>
<b>Southeast Herring Fisheries (2)</b>			
<b>F</b> (0-7)	22	Limit the size of a closed herring pound as follows: a closed herring pound shall be a no more than 10' X 20' X 30" (should be 30') deep (5 AAC 27.130(e)(1)(B)&(C)).	<i>bof_worksession_10_16_14</i> <i>start time: 0:00:18</i>
<b>F</b> (0-7)	23	Eliminate single-permit closed pounds and/or reduce kelp allocations in the herring spawn on kelp in pounds fishery in (5 AAC 27.185(c), (d), and (e)).	<i>bof_worksession_10_16_14</i> <i>start time: 0:06:41</i>
<b>State-waters Pacific Cod Fisheries (2)</b>			
<b>F</b> (0-7)	24	Increase the South Alaska Peninsula state-waters Pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level from 30% to 50% of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Western Gulf of Alaska (5 AAC 28.577 (h)(1)).	<i>bof_worksession_10_16_14</i> <i>start time: 0:08:52</i>
<b>F</b> (0-7)	25	Increase the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level from 3% to 6% of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod for the federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area (5 AAC 28.648 (e)(1)).	<i>bof_worksession_10_16_14</i> <i>start time: 0:16:08</i>
<b>General Provisions (1)</b>			
<b>C</b> (7-0)	26	Redefine the method used to determine maximum overall length of salmon purse seine vessels (5 AAC 39.117).	<i>bof_worksession_10_16_14</i> <i>start time: 0:20:44</i>
<b>Sport Fishery Statewide Provisions (1)</b>			
<b>N/A</b> (U/C)	27	Modify statewide regulations to provide for the continuation of sport fishing business and guide registration and reporting and vessel registration requirements to be legally consistent with statutory requirements after the repeal of AS 16.40.260 – AS 16.40.299 (5 AAC 75.075; 5 AAC 75.076; 5 AAC 75.077; 5 AAC 75.995). <i>Proposer of ACR sought to have the action withdrawn (RC 7).</i>	<i>bof_worksession_10_15_14</i> <i>start time: 1:40:38</i>

\* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry "bof\_worksession\_10\_15\_14" indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the ACR began according to the meeting audio.



**Other Board Action/Issues/Discussion:**

1. Election of Officials: Karl Johnstone was voted as Chair by unanimous consent. Tom Kluberton was voted as Vice-Chair by unanimous consent.
2. 2014/2015 Committee Assignments: The Board Chair made 2014/2015 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
  - h. Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy Task Force, Kluberton/Chair, Jeffrey, Jensen
3. 2016/2017 Meeting Locations and Dates: The board established the following locations and dates for its 2016/2017 meetings.
  - a. Work session, Kenai/Soldotna, October 18-20, 2016 (the 18<sup>th</sup> is reserved as a public hearing to hear comments on meeting cycle proposals).
  - b. Lower Cook Inlet Finfish, Homer, November 28-December 1, 2016.
  - c. Kodiak Finfish, Kodiak, January 10-13, 2017
  - d. Upper Cook Inlet Finfish, Anchorage, February 15-28, 2017
  - e. Statewide King and Tanner Crab and Supplemental Issues, Anchorage, March 13-17, 2017
4. ADF&G Escapement Goal and Stock of Concern Review: 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 RCs 3-6, and 8.  
  
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=10-15-2014&meeting=juneau>
5. Federal Waters: The Board heard a report from ADF&G's Office of Extended Jurisdiction and an update from Ed Dersham, Council member with the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.
6. ACR Meeting Time: The board determined that all accepted ACRs would be deliberated on at the Statewide Dungeness, Shrimp, Miscellaneous Shellfish and Supplemental Issues meeting in Anchorage, March 17 – 20, 2015.
7. Seine Vessel Length Working Group established: Regarding the subject of ACR 26 and Proposal 202 from the 2014/2015 meeting cycle, Mr. Kluberton recommended convening a working group of relevant agencies and interested stakeholders to discuss the subject of measuring seine vessel



length. This working group is tentatively planned for the Sitka Southeast and Yakutat Finfish meeting, February 23-March 3, 2015.

8. Changes to the ACR form: The Board amended its agenda change request form to add language encouraging submitters to directly answer all questions in the form, and to add a specific deadline date (to be changed annually according to the regulation that ACRs are to be submitted 60 days before the board's work session).
9. Call for Proposal review process: The board reviewed its call for proposal review process and determined to clarify in the call for proposal that proposals that do not meet the call will not be published in the proposal book. Proposals that do not meet the call include those for the regions/species not in cycle, and not submitted timely. The board also approved not including those proposals from the same proposer if they are clearly duplicates.
10. Kuskokwim Work Group established: In its review of ACR #8, the board discussed and later set in place under miscellaneous business, the creation of a Kuskokwim Work Group. The named work group members are Mr. Kluberton (chair), Mr. Huntington, and Mr. Johnson. The group will work with the department on outreach and information gathering with residents in the Kuskokwim prior to deliberating on the accepted ACRs at the Statewide Meeting. Beyond actions taken at the March Statewide meeting, the work group will continue to look at other options and opportunities and provide additional information to the board at its 2015 work session.
11. Gulf of Alaska Pollock Work Group report: Members Ms. Jeffrey and Mr. Jensen, co-chairs of the Gulf of Alaska Pollock Working Group, provided a report to the board regarding the efforts of the work group and indicated plans for an additional meeting prior to board deliberations on Proposal 44 at the Statewide Meeting in March 2015.