

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Finfish
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Princess Hotel, Fairbanks

Preliminary Summary

- C/A 49 Update the Tanana River Management Area stocked waters list. (*Added eight lakes to list of stocked waters.*)
- C 50 Align Wild Arctic Grayling Management Plans with area regulations.
- C 51 Align Tanana River regulations with the Wild Arctic Grayling Plan.
- C 52 Clarify regulations for Chena Slough (Badger Slough).
- C 53 Clarify single-hook regulations in the Tanana River drainage.
- NA 54 Open the Nome River to catch-and-release fishing for Arctic grayling.
- C 55 Align sport fish boundaries with commercial/subsistence boundaries.
- C 56 Move sport fishing regulatory boundary in the Chatanika River.
- C 57 Amend whitefish sport bag limits in the Chatanika River.
- F 58 Amend bait restrictions in Fielding Lake.
- F 59 Allow for only one closely attended line in Fielding Lake.
- F 60 Allow a single hook with trailer hook in Harding Lake.
- C/A 61 Increase the northern pike bag limit in Volkmar Lake. (*Allowed two fish, only one over 30 inches.*)
- C/A 62 Amend open season for northern pike in Volkmar Lake. (*Amended to specify an open season of June 1 through April 20 for Volkmar Lake and George Lake*)
- C 63 Align areas in the Minto Flats Northern Pike Management Plans.
- C/A 64 Establish subsistence daily household limit for winter pike fishery. (*Set daily bag limit of 10 and possession limit of 20.*)
- F 65 Require single hooks for summer sport and winter subsistence pike fishery.
- C 66 Allow retention of chum salmon in the Aniak River sport fishery.
- F 67 Change maximum mesh size from 8 inch to 6 inch in Kuskokwim River.
- F 68 Expand hook and line use for subsistence from Wales to Point Hope.

- F 69 Expand hook and line use for subsistence in Norton Sound.
- F 70 Allow snagging for non-salmon species in Nome and Port Clarence.
- F 71 Allow seining for salmon in Nome Subdistrict.
- C 72 Review Unalakleet king salmon management plan and modify mesh size.
- NA 73 Change opening date for Port Clarence District sockeye fishery.
- C 74 Expand boundaries of Norton Sound Subdistrict 3.
- F 75 Expand use of drift gillnets to Port Clarence District.
- F 76 Allow purse seines to harvest pink salmon in Norton Sound.
- F 77 Allow purse and beach seines in Norton Sound-Port Clarence.
- F 78 Allow closed pounding for herring spawn-on-kelp in Norton Sound.
- F 79 Allow closed pounding for herring in Norton Sound and Port Clarence.
- F 80 Amend sport fishing bag limits for chum salmon in Norton Sound.
- C 81 Clarify subsistence fishing schedule in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C.
- C 82 Modify subsistence fishing schedule in Subdistrict 4-A.
- F 83 Require recording subsistence harvest on catch calendars.
- NA 84 Extend Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C drift gillnet area for king salmon.
- F 85 Extend Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C drift gillnet area for kings and fall chum.
- F 86 Allow set gillnets to be tied up during closures in Subdistrict 5-D.
- C/A 87 Review triggers, GHR, fishing schedule in king salmon management plan.
(*Added Innoko River to areas with seven day a week fishing.*)
- F 88 Prohibit drift gillnet gear for subsistence and commercial fishing.
- F 89 Restrict depth of subsistence and commercial 6 inch mesh to 35 meshes.
- C/A 90 Prohibit subsistence and commercial gillnets over 6 inch mesh size on the Yukon River. (*Established a maximum mesh size of 7 1/2 inches effective starting with the 2011 season.*)
- NA 91 Limit commercial king salmon harvest during chum salmon directed fisheries.
- C/A 92 Prohibit sale of king salmon during non-king salmon directed fisheries.
(*Allowed emergency order authority to prohibit sale of king salmon.*)

- NA 93 Prohibit retention of king salmon during chum salmon directed main stem fisheries.
- C/A 94 Require windows schedule during lower river commercial fishery. (*Allowed emergency order authority to close salmon fishing in a district or portion of a district.*)
- F 95 Reallocate commercial king salmon harvest.
- F 96 Reallocate commercial summer chum salmon harvest.
- F 97 Reallocate commercial fall chum salmon harvest.
- F 98 Open commercial fishing between Black River and Chris Point.
- F 99 Open Andreafsky River to commercial fishing.
- C 100 Close the Tok River drainage to sport fishing for salmon.
- C/A 193 Revise management triggers in Yukon River Summer Chum Management Plan. (*Provided for commercial harvest when run size is over 900,000.*)
- C/A 194 Revise management triggers in Yukon River Fall Chum Management Plan. (*Amended to provide specific regulatory language.*)
- C 199 Modify Yukon River Coho Salmon Management Plan for late season harvest.
- C A Allow a pink salmon directed commercial fishery in Norton Sound Subdistrict 2 after July 14 and Subdistrict 3 after July 6 if warranted.
- C B Allow a pink and/or chum salmon directed commercial fishery in Norton Sound Subdistricts 5 and 6 after July 1 if warranted.

Other actions

The board approved a letter of support on pending legislation to establish a fisheries reserve in the Holitna River Basin (House Bill 227).

The board added two board generated proposals to its March 2010 meeting agenda. The proposals are based on a recent court ruling, which found that the board failed to properly articulate and apply an objective standard when interpreting criterion eight (5 AAC 99.010(b)(8)) in 2003 when it classified the Chitina dipnet fishery as personal use. The first proposal seeks to clarify standards for subsistence findings, specifically how it interprets the term "subsistence way of life" as found criterion eight. The second proposal offers the board an opportunity to reapply the eight criteria in an evaluation of the Chitina dipnet fishery.