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**TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP
(57 Proposals)**

Prince William Sound (32 Proposals)

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 1: SUBSISTENCE SALMON AND SPORT
(9 proposals)
(Chair – Morisky)**

Subsistence Salmon (3 proposals)

- 1 Establish a weekly 36-hour subsistence fishing period until the two days after the closure of the commercial salmon season.
- 2 Establish subsistence fishing season that opens when commercial fishing opens in May and closes when the commercial fishery closes in September.
- 3 Establish certain marking requirements for that portion of a commercial drift gillnet that is being used for subsistence fishing.

Sport (6 proposals)

- 4 Prohibit the release of king salmon in Prince William Sound.
- 5 Close a portion of Main Bay to sport fishing.
- 6 Prohibit the use of bait for all salmon once the bag limit has been achieved on drainages crossed by the Copper River Highway.
- 7 Modify the Copper River Delta Special Trout Management Area to allow retention of trout from June 15 - April 14.
- 8 Reduce bag and possession limit for lingcod in Prince William Sound Area from 2 per day, 4 in possession to 1 per day, 2 in possession.
- 9 Allow an additional line to jig for bait when saltwater sport fishing in Prince William Sound.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 2: COMMERCIAL SALMON (13 proposals)
(Chair – Jeffrey)**

- 10 Change set gillnet component of Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan.



- 11 Change Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan to include Valdez Fisheries Development Association in calculation.
- 12 Change Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan to exclude Gulkana Hatchery production in calculation.
- 13 Open certain waters of College Fjord to purse seine fishery before July 21.
- 14 Reestablish historic purse seine gear access to Coghill Lake sockeye salmon in Coghill River terminal area.
- 15 Establish standards to alleviate gear conflicts in Esther Subdistrict during the commercial pink salmon fishery.
- 16 Establish alternating purse seine and drift gillnet fishing periods in certain areas to alleviate gear conflicts in Esther Subdistrict during the commercial pink salmon fishery.
- 17 Allow use of monofilament mesh in Prince William Sound drift gillnet fishery.
- 18 Change drift gillnet gear specifications in the Copper River District.
- 19 Allow use of spotter planes in Prince William Sound salmon purse seine fisheries.
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- 22 Identify certain landmarks in description of the Wally Noerenberg Hatchery Terminal Harvest Area using latitude and longitude coordinates.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 3: COMMERCIAL GROUND FISH (10 proposals)
(Chair – Jensen)

- 23 Close Prince William Sound management area to commercial lingcod harvest when inside and outside district guideline harvest levels are achieved, including lingcod caught as bycatch and directed harvest.
- 24 Clarify that lingcod may only be retained from July 1 through December 31.
- 25 Change Prince William Sound Inside District sablefish season opening and closing date for pot gear.
- 26 Establish a lower trip limit in Prince William Sound walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery and disallow tendering during the fishery.
- 27 Establish directed commercial purse seine and jig pollock fisheries in Prince William Sound.
- 28 Change the amount of rockfish that may be retained as bycatch during Pacific cod and walleye pollock fisheries.
- 29 Require retention of all rockfish in the sablefish fishery on gear sets below 150 fathoms, remove rockfish bycatch limits and requirements, such that proceeds from rockfish bycatch are not surrendered to the state.
- 30 Eliminate closure of Pacific cod pot season at 90 percent of guideline harvest level and combine pot and jig allocations, provide a step up/step down allocation depending on achievement of guideline harvest level.



- 31 Change Pacific cod allocation to provide 10 percent for jig gear until June 10, after which it will then be available to pot gear, and designate the state-waters jig fishery as nonexclusive.
- 32 Correct coordinates within the described closed waters section for groundfish at Zaikof Point.

Copper River (25 Proposals)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 4: ESCAPEMENT GOAL AND SUBSISTENCE/PERSONAL USE SALMON (11 proposals) **(Chair – Huntington)**

Escapement Goal (1 proposal)

- 33 Establish a biological escapement goal of 28,000 king salmon for the Copper River drainage.

Subsistence/Personal Use Salmon (10 proposals)

- 34 Amend the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan to provide additional management measures for king salmon in the Glennallen Subdistrict subsistence fishery.
- 35 Prohibit the use of monofilament mesh in dip net bag webbing in subsistence and personal use fisheries.
- 36 In subsistence and personal use fisheries, prohibit removing a king salmon from the water if it is to be released.
- 37 Require a department operated check station to monitor subsistence and personal use harvest and permit compliance in the Chitina and Glennallen subdistricts,.
- 38 Change the opening date for the Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon fishery to open as early as June 1, but not later than June 11.
- 39 Change the Chitina Subdistrict personal use annual limit to be based on household size.
- 40 Require charter operators that transport personal use fishermen keep a daily logbook.
- 41 Repeal reduction of the Chitina Subdistrict personal use allocation if the commercial salmon fishery is closed for 13 or more consecutive days.
- 42 Change the maximum harvest level for the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery to 100,000 salmon.
- 43 Establish an allocation of 3,000 king salmon to the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery.



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 5: COMMERCIAL SALMON (5 proposals)
(Chair – Johnson)

- 44 Prohibit commercial salmon fishing until a salmon is recorded at the Copper River sonar.
- 45 Repeal mandatory inside-waters closure in Copper River King Salmon Management Plan.
- 46 Restrict retention of commercially caught king salmon for a person's own use to not exceed the king salmon sport bag limit in area caught.
- 47 Allows use of dip nets for commercial salmon fishing during emergency order closures of the commercial drift gillnet fishery.
- 48 Mark district boundaries.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 6: SPORT (8 proposals)
(Chair – Kluberton)

- 49 Change the sport fishing season opening date for king salmon on the Klutina River from July 1 to June 1.
- 50 Prohibit use of barbed hooks, multiple hooks, and bait when fishing for king salmon in the Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Area.
- 51 Prohibit use of barbed and multiple hooks for king salmon once an angler has taken a bag limit or annual limit of king salmon.
- 52 Prohibit use of barbed and multiple hooks with or without bait if the sport fishery is restricted to catch-and-release.
- 53 Clarify that a single-hook artificial lure is an artificial lure with one single-hook or one fly.
- 54 Increase the Arctic grayling bag and possession limit in the Gulkana River drainage.
- 55 Amend special regulations for rainbow trout in Bridge Creek of the Tebay River drainage.
- 56 Update the Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Area stocked waters regulation.
- 57 Amend methods and means for burbot in a portion of the Copper River drainage to reference statewide regulations.