



**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
 Statewide King & Tanner Crab & Supplemental Issues
 Anchorage, March 8-10, 2020¹**

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

This summary is informational only. The actions indicated below will have legal effects in regulations that provide the sole legal action of the board. All references to meeting materials, including this summary, may be located on the Board of Fisheries meeting website at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=03-08-2020&meeting=anchorage>

Board Members Present

Reed Morisky, Chair
 Märít Carlson-Van Dort, Vice-chair
 Gerad Godfrey
 Israel Payton

Fritz Johnson
 John Jensen
 John Wood

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

Action	#	Proposal	Audio Tracking Info*
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 1: PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA COMMERCIAL KING CRAB, COOK INLET TANNER CRAB, AND SOUTHEAST AREA COMMERCIAL SALMON (14 proposals – Chair Godfrey)			
<i>Prince William Sound Area Commercial King Crab (2 proposals)</i>			
F <i>(1-6)</i>	244	Allow a commercial king crab fishery in the Northern and Western Districts of Prince William Sound.	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 8:47:13am</i>
F <i>(1-6)</i>	245	Create commissioner’s permits for any king crab fishery in Area E closed for five years.	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 9:20:09am</i>
<i>Cook Inlet Area Tanner Crab Subsistence (3 proposals)</i>			
C/A <i>(6-1)</i>	246	Adopt amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence for crab in the Cook Inlet Area, outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area. <i>(Amended to accept Option B as provided in RC4.)</i>	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 9:27:43am</i>

¹ The Statewide King and Tanner Crab meeting was originally scheduled for March 8-11, 2020, but it finished a day early on the 10th.



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C (7-0)	247	Adjust the opening date of the subsistence Tanner crab fishery east of Kachemak Bay in the Cook Inlet Area.	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 9:50:42am</i>
C (6/0)	254	Allow crab rings in the Cook Inlet Area Tanner crab subsistence fishery. <i>(Godfrey absent.)</i>	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 10:19:17am</i>
<i>Cook Inlet Area Tanner Crab Sport (6 proposals)</i>			
C (7-0)	248	Establish an annual limit for Tanner crab sport fisheries.	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 10:23:21am</i>
C (7-0)	249	Align tanner crab sport fishery season dates for all areas.	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 10:28:06am</i>
C (7-0)	250	Include an appeal process for failure to report for the Tanner crab sport fishery harvest recording form.	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 10:29:55am</i>
F (1-6)	251	Require two escape mechanisms per pot in the tanner crab sport fishery in the Cook Inlet and North Gulf coast areas.	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 10:31:51am</i>
N/A (7-0)	252	Establish a seasonal limit for Tanner crab in Kachemak Bay. <i>(The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 248.)</i>	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 10:34:52am</i>
C (7-0)	253	Allow crab rings in the Cook Inlet Area Tanner crab sport fishery.	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 10:35:52am</i>
<i>Cook Inlet Area Tanner Crab Commercial (1 proposal)</i>			
C (7-0)	255	Amend commercial and noncommercial thresholds, and management based on thresholds, for Cook Inlet Area Tanner crab fisheries.	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 10:38:01am</i>
<i>Upper Cook Inlet Area Salmon Sport (1 proposal)</i>			
C (7-0)	284	Amend the size limit for Kenai River early-run king salmon from 36 inches to 34 inches to be consistent with the size limit in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> .	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 10:42:55am</i>
<i>Southeast Area Commercial Salmon (1 proposal)</i>			
C/A (6-0)	277	Add the Crawfish Inlet Terminal Harvest Area and West Crawfish Inlet to waters that may be opened to a hatchery chum salmon troll fishery. <i>(Jensen recused. Substituted with language found in PC2.)</i>	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 10:45:22am</i>
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 2: NORTON SOUND COMMERCIAL KING CRAB, BRISTOL BAY AREA COMMERCIAL SALMON, KUSKOKWIM AREA SUBSISTENCE SALMON, AND FRESHWATER SPORT FISHING (7 proposals – Chair Payton)			



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<i>Norton Sound Commercial King Crab (4 proposals)</i>			
C (6-1)	273	Amend the season dates for king crab in the Northern District Norton Sound Section. <i>(The board initially substituted the language found in RC34, but tabled the proposal. The proposal was later taken off the table and substituted with language in RC39.)</i>	Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 11:16:19am & Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 04:27:15pm
C (7-0)	274	Limit the number of pot tags per permit per season in the Norton Sound Section commercial king crab fishery.	Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 11:29:39am
C/A (7-0)	275	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Norton Sound red king crab fishery after operating commercial Pacific cod pots in the Norton Sound Section within 14 days prior to the opening of the Norton Sound red king crab fishery. <i>(Substituted with the language in RC32.)</i>	Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 11:36:07am
N/A (7-0)	276	Allow a person or vessel to operate commercial Pacific cod pots in the Norton Sound Section within 14 days of the closure of the Norton Sound red king crab fishery after participating in the Norton Sound red king crab fishery. <i>(No action taken based on the proposer's request to withdraw the proposal in RC33.)</i>	Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 11:44:21am
<i>Bristol Bay Area Commercial Salmon (1 proposal)</i>			
C (4-0)	279	Allow two Bristol Bay drift gillnet CFEC permit holders to fish concurrently from the same vessel and jointly operate up to 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear when the Naknek River Special Harvest Area is open. <i>(Jensen, Godfrey and Johnson recused on an ethics determination.)</i>	Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 11:45:21am
<i>Kuskokwim Area Subsistence Salmon (1 proposal)</i>			
C (7-0)	280	Allow use of set gillnets with 6" mesh to harvest salmon other than king salmon and other non-salmon fish species on the Kuskokwim River for subsistence purposes during times of king salmon conservation. <i>(Substituted with the language in RC29.)</i>	Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 01:25:03pm
<i>Freshwater Sport Fishing (1 proposal)</i>			
F (1-6)	281	Prohibit fishing in fresh water with live earthworms in the genus Lumbricus.	Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 01:28:40pm
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 3: KODIAK AREA SUBSISTENCE KING CRAB, ALASKA PENINSULA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS AREA SPORT FISHING			



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KING CRAB, KODIAK, CHIGNIK, AND ALASKA PENINSULA COMMERCIAL KING AND TANNER CRAB, BERING SEA AND ALEUTIAN ISLANDS COMMERCIAL KING AND TANNER CRAB, AND ONBOARD OBSERVER PROGRAM (17 proposals – Chair Jensen)			
<i>Kodiak Subsistence King Crab (1 proposal)</i>			
C/A (7-0)	256	Adopt amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence for king crab in the Kodiak Area. <i>(Amended by adopting Option D for the amount necessary for subsistence as found in RC4.)</i>	Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 01:49:53pm
<i>Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area Sport Fishing King Crab (1 proposal)</i>			
C (7-0)	267	Establish season and limits for golden king crab in the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area.	Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 01:59:15pm
<i>Kodiak, Chignik, and Alaska Peninsula Commercial King and Tanner Crab (5 proposals)</i>			
F (0-7)	257	Open the Kodiak District Tanner crab fishery December 15.	Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 02:02:46pm
C/A (7-0)	258	Align pot storage requirements and allow storage of pots in waters more than 25 fathoms for seven days following season closure for Tanner crab in the Kodiak District. <i>(Amended to include the Chignik District in the season closure.)</i>	Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 02:05:44pm
F (0-7)	259	Create a Chignik Registration Area commercial king crab fishery and provide for registration, seasons, size limits, lawful gear, pot storage requirements, inspection, and vessel length restrictions.	Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 02:13:58pm
C/A (7-0)	260	Align boundaries for the Chignik District commercial Tanner crab fishery with the commercial salmon fishery. <i>(Substituted with language in RC23.)</i>	Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 02:24:09pm
C (7-0)	264	Amend Area J Tanner crab season opening weather delay criteria.	Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 02:54:52pm
<i>Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area Commercial King and Tanner Crab (6 proposals)</i>			
C/A (5-2)	261	Adopt a new Bering Sea Tanner crab harvest strategy used to set annual harvest limits. <i>(Substituted with language in RC20. The proposal later received a motion for reconsideration which was passed, but failed as amended.)</i>	Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 02:57:24pm & Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 04:43:33pm
N/A (7-0)	262	Modify the Bering Sea C. opilio harvest strategy definition of “exploited legal males”. <i>(No action taken based on a request to withdraw by the proposer in PC2 and RC31.)</i>	Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 03:42:41pm



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N/A (7-0)	263	Allow retention of incidentally harvested Bering Sea District C. bairdi during directed a C. opilio season. (No action taken based on a request to withdraw by the proposer in PC2 and RC31 .)	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 03:34:36pm</i>
C (7-0)	265	Update Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands crab registration regulations.	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 03:44:14pm</i>
N/A (7-0)	266	Change the season dates for the Registration Area O golden king crab fishery to March 1–October 31. (No action taken based on a request to withdraw by the proposer in RC25 .)	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 03:48:07pm</i>
C (7-0)	268	Allow gear transfers to be authorized by electronic mail.	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 03:48:40pm</i>
<i>Onboard Observer Program (4 proposals)</i>			
C (7-0)	269	Amend observer trainee permit revocation regulation.	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 03:52:36pm</i>
C (7-0)	270	Specify briefing and debriefing requirements for trainee and certified observers.	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 03:57:26pm</i>
C (6-0)	271	Specify marine safety requirements for fishing vessels carrying observers. (Wood absent.)	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 04:02:42pm</i>
C (7-0)	272	Amend observer trainee minimum qualifications.	<i>Meeting 03-10-20 BOF: 04:06:25pm</i>

* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry “Meeting 03-10-20 BOF:” indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the proposal began according to the meeting audio.

Other Board Action/Issues/Discussion:

Miscellaneous Business

1. **Agenda Change Request Instructions.** The board approved changes to the instructions found in the agenda change request form which clarified requests are for out-of-cycle subjects and to be scheduled in-cycle if accepted. The draft form is in [RC8](#). *Meeting 03-10-20
BOF: 05:12:05pm*

2. **Committee on Board Process.** Member Wood spoke to a desire to initiate a committee to review board process. It was agreed a worthy endeavor, but to wait until the work session to form it. *Meeting 03-10-20
BOF: 05:14:53pm*

3. **Board and Department Process for Handling Information Requests.** In [RC12](#) the department provided a draft policy that *Meeting 03-10-20
BOF: 05:16:50pm*



provided a framework for future board requests for department information. The board deferred action on the policy until the upcoming work session.

- 4. Committee on to Develop a Resolution to Identify Research Needs and Funding.** Member Wood spoke to a desire to initiate a committee to review pressing research needs that were in part identified through the meeting cycle and appropriate potential funding sources. Findings would be captured in a resolution. After some discussion by the board it was agreed to review the committee concept at the work session.

*Meeting 03-10-20
BOF: 05:28:22pm*

- 5. Scheduling Considerations for the 2021 Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish Meeting.** The department discussed the upcoming 2021 Southeast meeting, scheduled for January 4-16, 2021 in Ketchikan. The Pacific Salmon Treaty meeting would be held over the second half of the meeting. Department staff hoped to handle salmon issues on the front end of the board meeting to allow certain members to attend the Pacific Salmon Treaty meetings. Staff also recommended a shifting of subjects in an effort to reduce staff time and cost at the meeting. The board will review the subject again at the upcoming work session.

*Meeting 03-10-20
BOF: 05:37:36pm*

- 6. Continuation of the Crab Observer Oversight Task Force.** In [PC8](#), members of the Crab Observer Oversight Task Force sought the continuation of this board developed task force. The board approved the task force as set out in [RC37](#).

*Meeting 03-10-20
BOF: 05:39:36pm*

- 7. Proposal to Change Sitka Sac Roe Permit to Roe on Kelp Permit.** Member Jensen spoke to the ongoing request by stakeholders to be allowed to modify their Sitka Sac Roe permit to a Roe on Kelp permit, and that it was likely to come up next year at the Southeast Finfish meeting. The board expressed interest to make sure if such a proposal was submitted that it would come before the board.

*Meeting 03-10-20
BOF: 05:41:07pm*

- 8. Adak Boat Length Issue.** Member Jensen referenced RC41 which indicated there were developing issues related to the board's passage of boat length requirements earlier in the year in [Kodiak on Proposal 283 as amended](#).

*Meeting 03-10-20
BOF: 05:43:40pm*

Following comments to board members pending nominations and resigning from the board, the meeting adjourned at 5:45pm, March 10, 2020.