

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES  
LOWER COOK INLET FINFISH  
November 11-13, 2004  
TENTATIVE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE and DELIBERATION ROADMAP

**I. COMMITTEE STRUCTURE:**

*The board will not conduct its committee process during this meeting. The board plans to convene a Committee of the Whole to discuss proposals 13, 14, and 15, concerning Cook Inlet and Resurrection Bay commercial salmon, and proposals 25, 26, and 30, concerning freshwater and resident species. No written committee reports will be distributed. However, the board will take oral and public testimony on all issues, and will deliberate as indicated below.*

Approximately Thursday, November 11 (afternoon)

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE**

Cook Inlet and Resurrection Bay Commercial Salmon Issues

- Allow setnet gear equal time to purse seine gear in Halibut Cove Subdistrict: 13
- Change the opening date for the Southern District: 14
- Make all of Resurrection Bay a cost recovery special harvest area for CIAA: 15

Freshwater and Resident Species

- Add another weekend to king season prior to Memorial Day on the Anchor River: 25
- Allow fishing for hatchery king salmon seven days per week on the Ninilchik River: 26
- Amend existing wild trout regulations to conform to the statewide standards: 30

Sport Fish Guide Licensing Requirements

Establish licensing, reporting, vessel registration requirements for sport fishing guide businesses and guides statewide: 452 (formerly ACR 23)

**II. DELIBERATIONS ROADMAP:**

*Following is the order in which the board will deliberate on all of the proposals submitted for the Lower Cook Inlet finfish meeting, including supplemental issues.*

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**GROUND FISH**

**Cook Inlet**

- \_\_\_ 1 Increase the GHL for Cook Inlet Pacific cod fishery to 6 percent of the federal Central Gulf TAC.
- \_\_\_ 2 Include a vessel size limitation of 58 feet in Cook Inlet.
- \_\_\_ 4 Calculate the jig percentage of Pacific cod GHL based on historical average harvest.
- \_\_\_ 3 Allow unbaited pots to remain in the water indefinitely after the pot closure.
- \_\_\_ 5 Allow a directed hook-and-line commercial shark fishery and allow sale of sharks taken as bycatch.
- \_\_\_ 11 Open a new directed longline fishery for spiny dogfish in Cook Inlet.

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- \_\_\_ 7 Limit the directed rockfish jig fishery to black rockfish and implement a logbook requirement.
- \_\_\_ 8 Require full retention of all rockfish bycatch in directed groundfish and halibut fisheries.
- \_\_\_ 9 Adopt a management plan for sablefish in Cook Inlet that includes a July 1 registration deadline, logbook requirement and a GHL divided equally among registered participants.
- \_\_\_ 10 Allow the commissioner to require lingcod be delivered with head on in commercial deliveries, and other requirements.

**Resurrection Bay**

- \_\_\_ 12 Clarify the definition of the minimum size limit of lingcod to provide a measurable reference point for determining head-off length.
- \_\_\_ 6 Delete Resurrection Bay from closed waters designation for sport fishing for lingcod.

**SALMON: COMMERCIAL**

Cook Inlet

- \_\_\_ 13 Allow setnet gear equal time to purse seine gear in Halibut Cove Subdistrict.
- \_\_\_ 14 Change the opening date for the Southern District to June 1.

Resurrection Bay

- \_\_\_ 15 Make all of Resurrection Bay a cost recovery special harvest area for CIAA.

**BRISTOL BAY**

- \_\_\_ 33 Repeal the December 31, 2004 sunset date which allows a vessel with two permit holders onboard to fish an additional 50 fathoms of drift gillnet gear.

**SALMON: SPORT**

Cook Inlet

- \_\_\_ 16 Close all waters of Cook Inlet north of the Kenai River to sport fishing.
- \_\_\_ 17 Apply slot limit to waters of Cook Inlet south of the Kenai River.
- \_\_\_ 18 Prohibit anchoring north of Anchor Point during commercial drift openings.
- \_\_\_ 19 Prohibit anchoring north of 59°45.00 during commercial drift openings.
- \_\_\_ 20 Prohibit anchoring south of the Kalgin buoy when drift boats are present.
- \_\_\_ 21 Prohibit anchoring near drift net vessels in Cook Inlet marine waters.
- \_\_\_ 22 Create "Youth Fishing Days" on the Homer Spit Fishery Enhancement Lagoon.
- \_\_\_ 23 Prohibit catch-and-release fishing when there is a conservation concern.

Freshwater

- \_\_\_ 24 Limit guides on the Anchor River and Deep Creek to no more than two clients at a time.
- \_\_\_ 25 Add another weekend to the king salmon season prior to the Memorial Day opening on the Anchor River.
- \_\_\_ 26 Allow fishing for hatchery king salmon seven days per week on the Ninilchik River.
- \_\_\_ 27 Prohibit fishing for jack salmon in waters closed to large salmon.

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Resurrection Bay

- 28** Open Resurrection River drainages to salmon fishing.
- 29** Create "Youth Only Fishing Days" on First Lake.

Resident Species

- 30** Amend existing wild trout regulations to conform to the statewide standards.
- 31** Modify the opening date for the area upstream of the confluence of the North and South Forks of the Anchor River.

**OTHER**

- 32A** Set apart fish reserve areas, refuges, and sanctuaries in Southcentral Alaska.
- 452** Sport fish guide licensing and reporting requirements (formerly ACR 23).