

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES  
ARCTIC-YUKON-KUSKOKWIM FINFISH**

January 15–20, 2013  
Sheraton Hotel - Anchorage  
401 East 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**TENTATIVE AGENDA<sup>1</sup>**

**NOTE: This tentative agenda is subject to change throughout the course of this public meeting. It is provided to give a general idea to the public of the board's anticipated schedule. The board will attempt to hold to this schedule; however, the board is not constrained by this Tentative Agenda.**

**Deadline for SIGN UP TO TESTIFY will be JANUARY 16 AT 2:00 P.M.**

**Tuesday, January 15, 8:30 a.m.**

Morning

OPENING BUSINESS

Call to Order; Introductions of Board Members and Staff

Board Member Ethics Disclosures

STAFF REPORTS

Afternoon

STAFF REPORTS (continued)

BOARD DISCUSSION ON DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS ON STOCKS  
OF CONCERN

Mid Afternoon

Public and Advisory Committee Oral Testimony

**Wednesday, January 16, 8:00–8:30 a.m.**

Morning

Public and Advisory Committee Oral Testimony (continued)

Public testimony will continue until members of the public who have signed up before the deadline and who are present have been given an opportunity to testify.

Afternoon

Public and Advisory Committee Oral Testimony (continued)

Mid Afternoon

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 1

[Kuskokwim Area Salmon (4), Including Amounts Reasonably Necessary for  
Subsistence (ANS) Oral Report]

**Thursday, January 17, 8:00–8:30 a.m.**

Morning

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DELIBERATIONS PREPARATION GROUP 1

Mid Morning

BOARD DELIBERATIONS: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 1

Afternoon

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 2  
[Yukon Area Salmon (12), including ANS Oral Report]

Mid Afternoon

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DELIBERATIONS PREPARATION GROUP 2

Late Afternoon

BOARD DELIBERATIONS: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 2

**Friday, January 18, 8:00–8:30 a.m.**

Morning

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 3  
[Genetics (1), Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area Salmon (7)]

Mid Morning

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DELIBERATIONS PREPARATION GROUP 3

Afternoon

BOARD DELIBERATIONS: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 3

Mid Afternoon

Organize for Committees<sup>3</sup>

Late Afternoon

COMMITTEE WORK (*Committee A concurrently with Committee B*)  
Committee A: Sport and Subsistence Resident Species and Sport Salmon  
[Board Members: Jensen (Chair), Huntington, Brown]  
Committee B: Subsistence and Commercial Salmon  
[Board Members: Jeffrey (Chair), Kluberton, Webster]

**Saturday, January 19, 8:00–8:30 a.m.**

Morning

COMMITTEE WORK (*Committee A concurrently with Committee B*) (continued)

Afternoon

Board Committee Summary Preparation and Distribution to the Public

**Sunday, January 20, 8:00–8:30 a.m.**

*Morning*

BOARD DELIBERATIONS on committees A and B

*Afternoon*

BOARD DELIBERATIONS on committees A and B (continued)

*Mid Afternoon*

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, including Stocks of Concern status, Petitions, Findings, Resolutions, Letters, Other

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**AGENDA NOTES:**

- 1) This agenda is TENTATIVE and subject to change during the meeting. A list of staff reports and roadmap will be available at the meeting. Schedule updates will be posted at the meeting. An audio of the meeting should be available at the Board of Fisheries webpage (<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.main>) during periods when the board is on the record.
- 2) Testimony is expected to be limited to three (3) minutes for individuals and groups and ten (10) minutes for advisory committee representative and regional advisory council representatives. These times may be changed by the chair in order to manage the volume of the workload. Advisory committee and regional advisory council representatives may present reports either at the beginning or end of public testimony. The representative should notify the board secretary whether he or she prefers the beginning or end of public testimony.
- 3) **BOARD COMMITTEES AND PUBLIC PANELS:** The board has established a number of board committees to provide additional review of proposals. Board committees are comprised of board members. The board selects public advisors to the committees from a list of qualified and interested members of the public compiled by the committee chairs following the oral testimony portion of the meeting. Advisory committee representatives are ex-officio advisors to all board committees and may move between board committees as they choose. The purpose of the committee process is to: 1) broaden public participation in the regulatory process; 2) provide another forum for stakeholders to discuss resolution of contentious issues; and 3) provide additional detailed information relative to proposals.

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**TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP**

**(70 proposals)**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (24 proposals)**

**Kuskokwim Area Salmon (4)**

***Amounts Necessary for Subsistence and Management Plan (3 proposals)***

- 104 Review amounts reasonably necessary (ANS) for subsistence salmon in Kuskokwim River Drainage Area. (ANS oral)
- 105 Update and clarify *Kuskokwim River Salmon Rebuilding Management Plan* and strategies.
- 106 Adopt a drainagewide optimum escapement goal (OEG) for king salmon in the Kuskokwim River, adjust tributary goals accordingly, and add preseason and inseason management tools.

***Subsistence (1 proposal)***

- 109 Allow for sale of subsistence-taken finfish in the Kuskokwim River Area.

**DELIBERATIONS**

**Yukon Area Salmon (12)**

***Amounts Necessary for Subsistence and Management Plans (9 proposals)***

- 130 Review amounts reasonably necessary (ANS) for subsistence salmon in Yukon-Northern Area. (ANS oral)
- 131 Require pulse protection in the king salmon management plan.
- 132 Prohibit sale of king salmon from the Yukon River drainage unless there is a directed king salmon commercial fishery.
- 133 Allow for a directed chum salmon commercial fishery in districts 1, 2, and 3 in the Yukon Area during times of king salmon conservation efforts using 5 ½-inch or smaller mesh size.
- 134 Require 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets, with a maximum depth of 30 meshes, during June to July in District-1 if king salmon are a stock of concern and revert back if king salmon are no longer a stock of concern.
- 135 Allow for a commercial summer chum salmon fishery with 6-inch or smaller mesh size in District 1 in the Yukon River, beginning July 1, and allow for additional fisheries upriver chronologically during times of conservation of king salmon.
- 136 Cap bycatch of king salmon in the summer chum fishery in districts 1 and 2 at 2,000 fish.
- 137 Develop an optimum escapement or inriver goal for the Yukon River summer chum salmon stock that originates above Pilot Station.

- 138 Modify the fall chum salmon management plan trigger point from 500,000 to 400,000.

***Subsistence and Commercial (3 proposals)***

- 146 Allow only 6-inch stretched mesh gillnet gear in the Yukon River drainage.  
149 Create a harvest reporting system for subsistence-taken salmon in the Yukon River.  
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**DELIBERATIONS**

**Genetics (1)**

- 103 Placeholder for possible regulatory changes based on results from Western Alaska Salmon Stock Identification Project (WASSIP).

**Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area Salmon (7)**

***Subsistence (4 proposals)***

- 115 Increase the amount of money a household may receive from the sale of subsistence-caught fish from \$200 to \$500.  
122 Allow subsistence fishing in Norton Sound Subdistrict 1 unless restricted by emergency order (EO).  
123 Allow subsistence fishing with beach seine nets in Subdistrict 1 without having to issue an emergency order (EO).  
124 Remove Sinuk River from closed waters and open a subsistence fishery for retention of sockeye salmon by beach seine in the Sinuk River up to Boulder Creek.

***Commercial (2 proposals)***

- 116 Create a new commercial fishery for pink or chum salmon to be opened and closed by emergency order (EO) in Subdistrict 1 of Norton Sound.  
117 Allow commercial fishing in Subdistrict 1 west of the longitude of Cape Nome for all species of salmon.

***Sport (1 proposal)***

- 129 Re-open a sport fishery for chum salmon in the Nome Subdistrict with a daily bag limit of three chum salmon.

**DELIBERATIONS**

**COMMITTEE A: SPORT AND SUBSISTENCE RESIDENT SPECIES AND SPORT SALMON (21 proposals)**

Board committee members: Jensen (Chair), Huntington, Brown.

**Northern pike (6)**

***Sport (2 proposals)***

- 96 Increase the season for northern pike to year-round.

- 97 Reduce northern pike bag and possession limits in the Yukon River from Holy Cross to Paimiut Slough.

***Subsistence (4 proposals)***

- 98 Reduce northern pike bag and possession limits for subsistence fishers in the Yukon River from Holy Cross to Paimiut Slough.
- 99 Repeal the regulation prohibiting subsistence retention of northern pike in portions of the Tanana River Drainage.
- 100 Allow retention of northern pike in Yukon and Tanana subsistence salmon fisheries.
- 101 Ban the use of gillnets in the subsistence fishery for northern pike in both Ten Mile Lake and Mark Lake.

**Stocked waters and methods and means (9 proposals)**

- 88 Close Rainbow Lake to fishing for rainbow trout from October 1–May 14.
- 89 Close Little Harding Lake to fishing for northern pike and remove Little Harding Lake from the Tanana River Area stocked waters management plan.
- 90 Remove Little Harding Lake, Harding Lake, Summit Lake, Monte Lake, and Donnelly Lake from special management and leave Rainbow Lake in special management.
- 237 Allow lakes of a specific size to be managed as trophy stocked waters.
- 91 Update the Tanana River Management Area stocked waters regulations and management plan.
- 92 Allow large hooks in all waters for taking fish other than salmon.
- 93 Clarify that a single-hook artificial lure is an artificial lure with one single-hook or one fly.
- 94 Modify method and means regulation for the Chena River to be consistent with the area regulations.
- 95 Prohibit putting fish parts in water where use of bait is prohibited.

**Sport Salmon (6)**

***Kuskokwim (4 proposals)***

- 111 Close all sport fishing on the Eek River.
- 112 Close all sport and commercial guide fisheries in the Kwethluk River from June 1 through July 25 and limit the size of net gear used in both subsistence and commercial fisheries for the same time frame.
- 113 Prohibit catch and release fishing for salmon on the Kanektok River and the Arolik River.
- 114 Prohibit sport fishing on all salmon spawning beds on the Kanektok and Arolik River drainages.

***Yukon (2 proposals)***

- 153 Repeal the regulation that closes Fielding Lake to salmon fishing.
- 154 Close the Black River and its tributaries to sport fishing for king salmon.

## **COMMITTEE B: SUBSISTENCE AND COMMERCIAL SALMON (25 proposals)**

Board committee members: Jeffrey (Chair), Kluberton, Webster.

### **Norton Sound (9)**

#### ***Management Plans (3 proposals)***

- 118 Allow for a commercial set gillnet fishery in Golovin Bay once 4,800 coho salmon have escaped into the Niukluk River.
- 119 Allow for a commercial coho salmon fishery when there would be no impacts to the chum salmon escapement goals.
- 120 Allow for commercial chum and pink salmon fisheries before July 1 in the Unalakleet and Shaktoolik subdistricts.

#### ***Subsistence (3 proposals)***

- 121 Allow beach seines to harvest pink salmon for subsistence in Norton Sound subdistricts 5 and 6 except as specified by emergency order (EO).
- 125 Allow use of a dip net as legal subsistence gear for chum salmon in the Pilgrim River subsistence fishery.
- 102 Allow for the subsistence take of grayling in the Nome River by use of jigging with hook-and-line gear.

#### ***Commercial (3 proposals)***

- 126 Allow for an extension to the commercial fishery for coho salmon in the Norton Sound Subdistricts by emergency order (EO).
- 127 Allow for an increase in amount of commercial gillnet gear in the Norton Sound pink salmon fishery by emergency order (EO).
- 128 Allow commercial salmon fishermen the Norton Sound - Port Clarence Area to fish for pink salmon with set gillnet gear and use it for bait in other commercial fisheries.

### **Kuskokwim (3)**

#### ***Subsistence (2 proposals)***

- 107 Allow subsistence taking of 10 or more king salmon only for drying and cold-smoke use in the Kuskokwim River Area.
- 108 Require a permit and reporting requirements for all subsistence-caught salmon transported out of the Kuskokwim Management Area.

#### ***Commercial (1 proposal)***

- 110 Remove the option for gillnet mesh to be up to 8 inch in District 1 of the Kuskokwim River Area.

### **Yukon (13)**

#### ***Subsistence (10 proposals)***

- 139 Align Yukon subsistence regulations in districts 1–3 with current management practices, adjusting closures around commercial fishing periods, and allowing concurrent subsistence and commercial fishing by emergency order (EO).
- 140 Revert back to a windows-only fishing schedule in the Yukon River.

- 141 Allow for concurrent subsistence and commercial fishing periods in districts 1–3 of the Yukon River Area.
- 142 Open Yukon River District 5-D from July 4–18 for subsistence fishing.
- 143 Remove restrictions during the subsistence fall chum season in districts 1, 2, and 3 of the Yukon Area.
- 144 Restrict gillnets to 35 meshes in depth in the Yukon River drainage.
- 145 Restrict depth of subsistence and commercial nets in districts Y1–5 to 35 meshes.
- 147 Allow drift gillnets as legal gear in the subsistence fishery in District 4-A of the Yukon River, upriver to the community of Ruby.
- 148 Extend subdistricts 4-B and 4-C drift gillnet area downstream from the mouth of the Yuki River for king salmon.
- 151 Require primary use of subsistence-caught salmon within the Yukon Area be for direct personal or family consumption as food.

***Commercial (3 proposals)***

- 152 Open Acharon Channel in the Yukon River drainage to salmon fishing.
- 240 Establish times when a commercial gillnet permit holder in districts 1–3 may use dip net and beach seine gear to commercially harvest summer chum salmon.
- 241 Provide emergency order authority to restrict gear to fish wheels only, require fish wheels to be closely attended, and live-release of king salmon in District 6.

**DELIBERATIONS**