

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES  
BRISTOL BAY FINFISH**  
December 4–12, 2012  
Bristol Bay Borough School  
2 School Road, Naknek, Alaska

**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 **DECEMBER 5 AT 2:00 P.M.***

**Tuesday, December 4, 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)

CFEC PRESENTATION

PUBLIC AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ORAL TESTIMONY<sup>2</sup>

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.

**Wednesday, December 5, 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.**

Public and Advisory Committee Oral Testimony (continued)

**Thursday, December 6, 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.**

*Morning*

Public and Advisory Committee Oral Testimony (continued)

*Afternoon*

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 1

(Genetics (1), Bristol Bay Restructuring Plan and Process (1), and Vessels (4))

*Mid Afternoon*

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DELIBERATIONS PREPARATION GROUP 1

**Friday, December 7, 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.**

Morning

BOARD DELIBERATIONS: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 1

Mid Afternoon

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 2  
(Permit Stacking (23))

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DELIBERATIONS PREPARATION GROUP 2

**Saturday, December 8, 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.**

Morning

BOARD DELIBERATIONS: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 2

Afternoon

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 3  
(Allocation Plans (15))

Mid Afternoon

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DELIBERATIONS PREPARATION GROUP 3

**Sunday, December 9, 2012, 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.**

Morning

BOARD DELIBERATIONS: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 3

Afternoon

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 4  
(Management Plans (5))

Mid Afternoon

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DELIBERATIONS PREPARATION GROUP 4

**Monday, December 10, 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.**

Morning

BOARD DELIBERATIONS: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 4

Mid Morning

Organize for Committees<sup>3</sup>

Afternoon

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

Committee A: Subsistence, Sport, Commercial Herring, and some Commercial Salmon (*Jensen (Chair), Brown, Huntington*)

Committee B: Commercial Salmon (*Webster (Chair), Kluberton, Jeffrey*)

Mid Afternoon

Board Committee Summary Preparation and Distribution to the Public

**Tuesday, December 11, 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.**

Morning

BOARD DELIBERATIONS on Committees A and B

Afternoon

BOARD DELIBERATIONS on Committees A and B (continued)

**Wednesday, December 12, 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.**

Morning

BOARD DELIBERATIONS on Committees A and B (continued)

Afternoon

BOARD DELIBERATIONS on Committees A and B (continued)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, including 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 representatives. These times may be changed by the chair in order to manage the volume of the workload. Advisory committee representatives may present reports either at the beginning or end of public testimony. The representative should notify the board secretary whether they prefer 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.

# Alaska Board of Fisheries

## BRISTOL BAY FINFISH

December 4–12, 2012

King Salmon/Naknek

### TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP (91 proposals)

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: Gear, Vessels, Permits, and Plans (49 proposals)

##### Genetics (1)

57 Placeholder for possible regulatory changes based on results from Western Alaska Salmon Stock Identification Project.

##### Bristol Bay Restructuring Plan and Process (1)

62 Develop a process for dealing with future proposals deemed as Bristol Bay Salmon Industry Restructuring proposals.

##### Vessels (4)

32 Increase vessel length up to 42 feet in length, in the Bristol Bay Drift gillnet fishery based on vessel processing capabilities.

33 Increase vessel length to 36 feet if vessel chills catch and 39 feet if the vessel processes and freezes catch.

34 Increase vessel length up to 36 feet.

35 Increase vessel length over 32 feet.

##### Permit Stacking (23)

36 When fishing in the NRSHA, dual permit drift gillnet vessels would not be allowed the additional 50 fathoms of gear in any district of Bristol Bay.

37 Allow an individual to have two drift gillnet permits registered in one name.

238 Requirements and specifications for use of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear in Bristol Bay.

38 Allow one permit holder who owns two drift gillnet permits 200 fathoms of drift gillnet.

39 Allow one permit holder who owns two drift gillnet permits 200 fathoms of drift gillnet.

40 Allow dual drift gillnet permit holders 200 fathoms in other districts when NRSHA is open.

41 No permit stacking in Bristol Bay.

42 No additional gear for vessels with two drift gillnet permits.

- 43 No additional drift gillnet gear for dual permit vessels in the Togiak District.
- 44 Repeal sunset clause for dual set gillnet permits for single permit holder.
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- 55 Allow two set gillnet permit holders to fish 100 fathoms on a single site.
- 82 Allow dual drift gillnet vessels to have up to 200 fathoms on board in the Wood River Special Harvest Area (WRSHA).
- 84 Allow dual set gillnet permit holders to have up to 50 fathoms of gear on board and fish two sites with up to 25 fathoms at each site.

#### **Allocation Plans (15)**

- 58 Open General District and allow a harvest of up to 25% of projected sockeye salmon run.
- 59 Create two new general districts when all the eastside river systems have met their escapement goals or on July 17, whichever comes first.
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- 61 After all eastside Bristol Bay rivers have reached escapement goals, remove existing boundaries and allow open access on or after August 1.
- 63 Increase set gillnet allocation to 20% in Nushagak, Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik districts.
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- 65 Increase set gillnet allocation to 20% in Nushagak, Egegik, and Ugashik districts, and to 22% in the Naknek-Kvichak District.
- 66 Remove set and drift allocations.

- 68 Open a new set gillnet fishery at Levelock when Kvichak River reaches minimum escapement.
- 70 Change the allocation plan in the Alagnak River Special Harvest Area (ARSHA) to 84% drift and 16% set.
- 71 Open the Naknek River Special Harvest Area (NRSHA) to set gillnet gear when the Naknek River escapement goal is met.
- 72 Open the Naknek River Special Harvest Area (NRSHA) to set gillnet gear when the Naknek Section is open.
- 73 Limit the amount of gillnet on board a drift vessel to 75 fathoms in the NRSHA.
- 81 Allow up to 150 fathoms on board a drift gillnet vessel when fishing in the Wood River Special Harvest Area (WRSHA).
- 83 When the Nushagak District is closed and the Wood River Special Harvest Area (WRSHA) is open, allow set gillnet permit holders to remain in the Nushagak District with 25 fathoms of gear.

#### **Management Plans (5)**

- 74 Revise king salmon reference points.
- 78 Revise sockeye salmon escapement reference points.
- 79 Allow separate drift and set gillnet fishing periods in the Wood River Special Harvest Area (WRSHA) and require all running lines, anchors and buoys shall be removed from the water during drift periods.
- 80 Allow separate drift and set gillnet fishing periods in the Wood River Special Harvest Area (WRSHA).
- 87 Change the waiving period to July 24 if escapement goal is projected to exceed 175,000 before July 27.

#### **COMMITTEE A: SUBSISTENCE, SPORT, COMMERCIAL HERRING AND SOME COMMERCIAL SALMON (20 proposals)**

Board committee members: XXX (chair), XXX, XXX

#### **Herring (5)**

- 10 Allow for unharvested herring stocks in the Togiak District to be reallocated to the Dutch Harbor food and bait fishery.
- 11 Remove the necessity for maintaining catch percentages between gear groups inseason by emergency order.
- 12 Split the Togiak District herring sac roe quota allocated to seine and gillnet gear 50/50.
- 13 Close the Togiak herring sac roe fishery through 2016.
- 14 Extend the closed waters area in Togiak Bay.

### **Sport Fishing (9)**

- 2 Increase nonretention, no bait waters of the Nushagak River.
- 3 Require barbless hooks in unbaited, single-hook, artificial fly waters.
- 4 Prohibit putting fish parts in water where use of bait is prohibited.
- 5 Decrease coho salmon bag limit to one in the Ugashik, Dog Salmon, and King Salmon rivers.
- 6 Clarify king salmon bag limit between Constantine and Newenham.
- 7 Reduce king salmon bag limit between Constantine and Newenham.
- 8 Reduce king salmon bag limit in the Togiak and Kulukak Rivers.
- 239 Require unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures for king salmon in the Nushagak River.
- 9 Limit guided access to rivers.

### **Subsistence (1)**

- 1 Allow for a weekend subsistence schedule in the Nushagak District.

### **Fishing Gear Specifications and Operations (2)**

- 24 Allow purse seine nets in Bristol Bay for permit holders who hold two CFEC Bristol Bay drift gillnet permits.
- 25 Create a new troll fishery for coho salmon outside commercial fishing districts of Bristol Bay.

### **North Peninsula Fisheries (3)**

- 200 Establish a sockeye salmon fishery from June 20 through September 30 in the Cinder River Section.
- 203 Close the Outer Port Heiden Section, amend the inner Port Heiden Section boundary, and create a new superexclusive fishery in Area T.
- 204 Allow Area T CFEC permit holders to fish both the Inner and Outer Port Heiden sections.

### **COMMITTEE B: COMMERCIAL SALMON (22 proposals)**

Board committee members: XXX (chair), XXX, XXX

### **Registration and Reregistration (1)**

- 56 Prior to June 25, if a drift gillnet permit holder intends to fish in either the Ugashik or Egegik district they must be registered for that district.

### **Fishing Gear Specifications and Operations and Vessel Identification (9)**

- 16 Allow set gillnet gear to remain in place between fishing periods on consecutive tides.

- 18 Allow a dual set gillnet permit holder or two permit holders to fish 100 fathoms on a single site.
- 19 Shorten the distance that a set gillnet can be set from the high-tide mark from 1,000 feet to 600 feet.
- 20 Allow only traditional set gillnet sites on the outside beaches of Ugashik District.
- 21 Require name of permit holder on stationary gear.
- 22 Change marking requirement from six inches to twelve inches in height.
- 23 Remove the drift gillnet marking requirement that a cork must be marked every 10 fathoms and mark only at each end of the drift gillnet with vessel ADF&G number.
- 31 Allow vessels with permanent markings to be exempt from dual marking requirements when vessel is used in more than one salmon fishery.
- 17 In the Nushagak District, no permit holder may operate a set gillnet seaward of another set gillnet.

**Closed Waters (4)**

- 26 Amend closed waters in Togiak District from June 1 to June 30 for king salmon conservation.
- 27 Change regulatory boundary descriptions for closed waters at the mouth of Igushik River.
- 28 Change regulatory boundary descriptions for closed waters at the mouth of the Togiak River.
- 29 Create a buffer zone that would be closed to commercial drift gillnet fishing at the mouth of the Togiak River.

**Landing Requirements (1)**

- 30 Allow set gillnet vessels to transport salmon through the Snake River Section provided they have no gear on board the vessel.

**Management Plans (7)**

- 67 Stagger fishing periods throughout run.
- 69 Open Alagnak River Special Harvest Area (ARSHA) to set gillnets when the Kvichak Section is open.
- 75 Increase king salmon escapement in the Nushagak River by restricting the drift gillnet fleet.
- 76 Restrict commercial fishing to no more than 3 tides in a 48-hour period and fishing time may not exceed 24-hours in length.



- 77 Restrict commercial fishing to no more than 12 hours of commercial fishing in any 24-hour period and no commercial fishing on consecutive high tides if there has been any sport fishing restrictions placed on the Nushagak.
- 85 Create a Togiak River king salmon management plan similar to Nushagak River plan.
- 86 Create a Togiak River coho salmon management plan similar to Nushagak River plan.