

Alaska Board of Fisheries
STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES

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TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP
(29 proposals)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Group 1 (1 proposal)

- 249 Upper Cook Inlet Task Force placeholder for amendment of the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan*.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Group 2 (9 proposals)

Statewide Allocation, Management Plans, and Policies (6)

- 215 Create new subsection that would address allocations by percentages.
- 236 Establish allocation criteria with assigned point values to a user group as part of a weighted system when making allocation decisions among user groups in salmon fisheries.
- 216 Create a new section in statewide regulations regarding the use of salmon fishery management plans.
- 217 Mandate that king salmon returns be managed as a priority statewide to meet preseason goals and raise lower-end escapement goals 2 percent for the next 15 years.
- 218 A sustained escapement threshold (SET) shall be established for any stock that is listed as a yield or management concern.
- 219 Address fishery management terminology and put into definitions a consistent meaning for use.

Closed Waters (1)

- 248 Amend to clarify closed waters associated with salmon streams.

Statewide Herring (1)

- 243 Add Pacific herring to the forage fish management plan.

Tsiu River Salmon Fishery (1)

- 247 Modify closed waters in the Tsiu River for the Yakutat salmon fishery.

COMMITTEE A – COMMERCIAL FISHERIES (9)

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

Statewide Groundfish (2)

- 220 Amend to allow groundfish registration by facsimile, telephone, or e-mail as specified.
- 221 Remove federal regulatory reference.

General Provisions (4)

- 223 Specify a time during which a vessel may not have been use for salmon net fishing in the original area of registration prior to registering for a different area.
- 224 Amend the emergency order announcement process to add e-mail or facsimile as means of notification.
- 222 A new regulation that would require a CFEC permit holder to provide proof of identification when attempting to sell fish or at the request of a peace officer.
- 225 Create a new statewide policy that the board would have to follow when addressing permit stacking proposals.

Chignik District Tanner Crab (1)

- 244 Change the weather delay criteria for opening the Chignik District Tanner crab fishery from small craft advisory to gale warning.

Aleutian Islands Red King Crab (2)

- 245 Change red king crab fishery vessel size limit from 90 feet or less in overall length to less than 60 feet in overall length.
- 246 Establish a 10-pot limit, per vessel, fishing for red king crab near Adak Island in Registration Area O, Aleutian Islands Area.

COMMITTEE B – SPORT FISHERIES (10)

Board committee members: Morisky (Chair), Webster, Huntington.

- 226 Update regulations to accurately reflect changes to the statewide *Sport Shark Fishery Management Plan*, which allowed for an increased bag and possession limit of spiny dogfish shark and no annual limit requirement as follows.
- 227 Provide the department with emergency order authority to restrict sport proxy fishing.
- 228 Prohibit the practice of “high grading” by anglers.
- 229 Specify harvest record reporting requirements for additional sport fishing licenses and harvest records.
- 230 If duplicate licenses are issued, ensure that the section for season or annual limits is removed.
- 231 Define the term “compensation”.
- 232 Clarify the use of sport-caught bait.
- 233 Create an exemption for the use of footgear with felt soles for the disabled or handicapped fisherman.
- 234 Ban use of lead weights in fresh and salt waters of Alaska in sport fisheries.
- 235 Establish mandatory reporting system for sport fisheries statewide.