

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
2012 WORK SESSION - October 9-10, 2012
and
Western Alaska Salmon Stock Identification Project Report- October 11, 2012
 Egan Civic & Convention Center, Anchorage
TENTATIVE AGENDA

NOTE: This tentative agenda is subject to change throughout the course of the meeting. The board will not take oral testimony at its work session; written comments are welcome.

Tuesday, October 9, 8:30 a.m.

- 1) Call to Order; Introductions of Board Members and Staff
- 2) Election of Officers
- 3) Status of Chinook Salmon Research Plan ADF&G Staff
- 4) Board Committee and Task Force Reports:
 - Review and update of standing committee assignments Chair
 - a) Committee on Committees Brown
 - b) Board of Fisheries (BOF) Board of Game (BOG) Jensen
 - c) State/Federal Subsistence Vacant
 - d) Habitat Committee Webster
 - e) Joint Board of Fisheries/NPFMC Jensen
 - f) Legislation Kluberton
 - g) Sustainable Fisheries (*Suspended as of 10/4/11*)
 - h) Task Force on Possession Limits Jensen
- 5) 2012/2013 Standing Committee Assignments Board
- 6) Extended Jurisdiction Update ADF&G Staff
- 7) Escapement Goals
 - a) ADF&G Memos on Escapement Goals for fisheries in this cycle ADF&G Staff
- 8) Stocks of Concern
 - a) ADF&G Memos on Stocks of Concern for fisheries in this cycle ADF&G Staff

Wednesday, October 10, 8:30 a.m.

- 9) General Implications of Stacking (permits and permit holders) for CFEC CFEC Staff
- 10) Petitions Board
- 11) Agenda Change Requests (ACRs) *[see list on last page]* Board
- 12) Proposed changes to Motions to Reconsider Board
- 13) Approve Dates and Locations for 2014/2015 Cycle Meetings Wellard
- 14) Organize Proposals and ACRs for 2012/2013 Board
 - a) Schedule accepted ACRs, if any, to regulatory meetings
 - b) Schedule other action items, if any, to regulatory meetings
- 15) Record copies Board
 - a) Number of pages
 - b) Deadline
- 16) Update on Yukon Emergency Regulation (Summer 2012) ADF&G Staff
- 17) Miscellaneous Business, if any
- 18) ADJOURN

Thursday, October 11, 8:30 a.m.

- Western Alaska Salmon Stock Identification Project (WASSIP) report ADF&G Staff

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AGENDA CHANGE REQUEST ROADMAP

COOK INLET

- ACR 4** Modify the *Kenai River Late-run King Salmon Management Plan* in the Cook Inlet Area, including review and revision of current escapement goals, the time period the management plan is effective, burden of conservation between user groups, and priority of certain escapement goals. (5 AAC 21.359)
- ACR 17** Amend Kenai River Late-Run and Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run management plans to reflect new escapement goals to be adopted prior to the 2013 fishing season. (5 AAC 21.359; 5 AAC 57.160)
- ACR 11** Modify the *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan* in the Cook Inlet Area, including restrictions to the drift gillnet fleet, conditions for additional fishing time from July 16-31, addressing the 4.6 million fish trigger, and establishing that minimum escapement goals take priority on exceeding the upper end of other salmon species escapement goals. (5 AAC 21.353)
- ACR 20** Establish a specific date in the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan* in the Cook Inlet Area, when the project inriver run is less than 17,800 king salmon, during which certain established conservation measures are taken. (5 AAC 21.359(b)(3))
- ACR 14** Allow a selective gear comprised of a seine lead that directs salmon into a live box be used by a set gillnet permit holder in the waters along the east coast in the Central District in the Cook Inlet Area, including gear specifications and operations standards. (5 AAC 21.330(b)(3)(C))
- ACR 6** Modify the area in the Kenai River where a person may take salmon with a personal use dip net from shore. (5 AAC 77.540(c)(1)(D))
- ACR 18** Require the Department of Fish and Game forward identifying and permit information to the Department of Public Safety regarding an individual who fails to return a personal use salmon fishing permit after the season in the Upper Cook Inlet personal use salmon fishery and not issue a personal use salmon fishing permit to that individual during the next calendar year. (5 AAC 77.015(d); 5 AAC 77.540(a)(3))
- ACR 10** Direct the Department of Fish and Game provide a status of king salmon stocks and recommend that early-run Kenai River king salmon be declared a stock of concern at an unspecified level. (5 AAC 39.222; 5 AAC 57.160)

SOUTHEAST ALASKA

- ACR 9** Modify the waters in the Tsiu River in the Yakutat Area that are closed to commercial salmon fishing to facilitate an orderly fishery for the commercial and sport fisheries. (5 AAC 30.350(a)(12))

WESTWARD REGION COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

- ACR 5** Allow commercial salmon seine net depth in the Alaska Peninsula Area to be measured in feet and inches which would allow additional webbing to be attached beyond the current restriction of 350 meshes of 3.5 inch and 25 meshes at 7 inches. (5 AAC 09.332)
- ACR 2** Change the weather delay criteria for opening the Chignik District Tanner crab fishery from small craft advisory to gale force wind warning. (5 AAC 35.510(b)(2))
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- ACR 7** Change the vessel size limit for the Registration Area O (Aleutian Islands Area) red king crab fishery, in state waters from 172° W. long. to 179° W. long., from 90 feet or less in overall length to less than 60 feet in overall length. (5 AAC 34.610(d))
- ACR 8** Establish a pot limit of 10 pots per vessel fishing for red king crab near Adak Island in Registration Area O (Aleutian Islands Area). (5 AAC 34.625(x))
- ACR 13** Remove superexclusive and exclusive vessel registration for state-waters Pacific cod fisheries in the Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Chignik, and South Alaska Peninsula management areas. (5 AAC 28.267; 5 AAC 28.367; 5 AAC 28.467; 5 AAC 28.537; 5 AAC 28.577)
- ACR 15** Change the Board of Fisheries' meeting schedule to move Pacific cod issues in the Alaska Peninsula – Aleutian Islands areas so as not to conflict with the commercial fisheries. (5 AAC 96.600)
- ACR 16** Change the opening date of the commercial Tanner crab season in the South Peninsula District of Registration Area J (Westward) from January 15 to January 3. (5 AAC 35.510(c)(1))

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ACR 3 Establish times when a commercial set gillnet permit holder in the Lower Yukon Area may use dip net and beach seine gear to commercially harvest chum salmon during the summer season, including specifications and operations provisions for dip net and beach seine gear. (5 AAC 05.330(a); 5 AAC 05.362)

STATEWIDE

ACR 1 Designate Pacific herring as a forage fish under the provisions of the Forage Fish Management Plan. (5 AAC 27; 5 AAC 39.212)

ACR 19 Include “salmon stream terminus” in the closed waters regulation as the reference point from which to measure the 500-yard salmon stream closure. Sever all regulatory terms and legal descriptions associated with the Anadromous Waters Catalog (AWC) from the enforcement of closed waters for commercial salmon fishing. (5 AAC 39.290; 5 AAC 39.975; 5 AAC 95.011)

ACR 21 Clarify the commissioner of fish and game’s inseason management authority to preclude and to mitigate an “economic disaster and allow alternative means to harvest surplus salmon stocks. (5 AAC 39.XXX)