

Alaska Board of Fisheries
Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues
March 9 - 13, 2007
Anchorage

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

Statewide Commercial Salmon Fishing General Provisions

- F 226 Registration of commercial fishing vessels
- F 227 Identification of stationary fishing gear
- C 229 Rewrite 5AAC 39.130 Reporting Requirements
- F 231 Disallow single filament monofilament gillnet gear
- C/A 243 Require recording of all steelhead caught commercially
Specified reporting number retained on fish ticket at time of landing

Statewide Sport Fish and Personal Use General Provisions

- N.A. 233 Amend emergency order authority
- C 239 Amend SF emergency order authority to include annual limits
- F 234 Allow the taking of sockeye salmon unintentionally hooked
- N.A. 235 Eliminate sport fish proxy system in non-subsistence areas
- N.A. 236 Eliminate sport fish proxy system for kings and coho salmon
- N.A. 237 Only two proxies per year for a proxy holder
- C/A 238 Only two proxies per year for a proxy holder in a calendar year
Specified reporting and delivery requirements
- F 240 Allow Northern Pike to be taken by spear
- F 241 Add definition of "tip up"
- F 242 Allow for freshwater king salmon bag limit
- N.A. 244 Allow ADF&G to sell hatchery reared game fish to public
- C/A 261 Establish reporting requirements for finfish with annual limits
Adopted specific regulations
- C 262 Prohibit movement of certain invasive species within the state
- C 258 Allow use of sport caught pink and chum salmon as legal bait
- F 245 Create bag limit for dipnetting same as hook and line bag limit
- F 246 Disallow dipnetting on streams until BEG is met

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Supplemental Issues

- C/A 148 Customary trade in Norton Sound-Port Clarence area
Allowed up to \$200 per household annually by permit
- C/A 255 Allow non-commercial harvest of aquatic plants
Specified permit requirements and daily harvest limit
- C/A 256 Create new regulation to address transport of live fish
Prohibited export of live finfish from state
- C/A 257 Create statewide permit for allowing use of net pens
Allowed net pen use by permit
- C 259 Close specified state waters to protect essential fish habitat
- F 228 Repeal Policy for the Management of Sustainable Salmon Fisheries
A board committee (Williams, Campbell, Edfelt) was asked to begin a review of the policy
- N.A. 230 Amend Policy for statewide salmon escapement goals
- N.A. 232 Policy for statewide salmon escapement goals

Other Topics

Bristol Bay habitat committee. The board found that the current habitat protections for Bristol Bay fishery resources are not sufficient and acted to continue its Bristol Bay habitat committee. The committee will identify appropriate options, including consideration of state refuge status, and make recommendations to the board about what additional actions should be taken. The board voted to take no action on Proposal 121 because of its redundancy with pending legislation. Proposal 157 will be scheduled during the October 2007 worksession for a meeting next cycle.

Upper Cook Inlet management plans issue paper. The board received the final Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plans and Issues paper prepared by its Upper Cook Inlet Committee. The paper is intended to be helpful for groups and individuals submitting proposals for changing Cook Inlet fishing regulations by the April 10, 2007 deadline.

Petition regarding Cook Inlet salmon management plans. The board voted to approve a finding of emergency regarding issues identified in two emergency petitions. It scheduled a teleconference to address the topics April 16.

Petition regarding Yukon River salmon gillnet mesh size. The board voted against a finding of emergency regarding issues identified in an emergency petition asking for changes in mesh size based on its examination of the issues during its February 2007 meeting.

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