

BOARD OF FISHERIES
Southeast and Yakutat Finfish
February 17-26, 2009, Sitka, Alaska

Preliminary Summary

- NA 43 Delete portions of groundfish guiding principles.
- NA 86 Repeal 58 foot seine vessel length limit.
- F 137 Establish a sport fish bag and possession limit for all species of fish that do not currently have a bag and possession limit. (*See Proposal 298 for board action on sablefish limits.*)
- F 199 Close commercial herring fisheries in Areas 1A thru 16.
- F 200 Establish minimum threshold levels for herring stocks in Section 13A.
- F 201 Allow harvests in District 3 by stock size.
- F 202 Increase guideline harvest level in District 10.
- C/A 203 Change Sections 13A and B harvest level and harvest rate for herring sac roe fishery. (*Set the harvest rate at 12 to 20 percent and the harvest threshold level at 25,000 tons.*)
- F 204 Include herring taken in test fishery in the guideline harvest limit in Sections 13A and B.
- NA 205 Set a 25 percent allocation of herring to gillnet fishery.
- NA 206 Change herring fishery allocation in Behm Canal.
- NA 207 Allow only gillnet fishery for herring in District 10.
- NA 208 Restrict fishing and tendering in the same herring fishery.
- F 209 Establish an equal shares fishery for Sitka Sound sac roe herring.
- NA 210 Establish an equal share quota for Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery.
- C/A 211 Require permit holders to be present only during placement and harvest of product. (*Repealed requirement to be present when kelp placed in pound.*)
- F 212 Allow use of multiple permits and aggregating units of gear in herring roe on kelp fishery.
- C 213 Clarify definition of "first day" in herring pound management plan for Sections 3-B, 12-A, and 13-C, and in District 7.
- F 214 Change date of required removal of pounds and gear to July 1 in sections 12A and 13C.
- NA 215 Expand the herring closed pound area in Section 3B.
- NA 216 Allow herring open pen anywhere in Section 3B except the west side of Fish Egg Island.
- C 217 Include Salisbury Sound in sac roe herring management area.
- NA 218 Allow use of two set gillnet permits and provide for use of additional gear.

- F 219 Designate Bradfield Canal king salmon as a stock of concern.
- NA 220 Adjust allocation to guided sport fishery by amount over or under previous year's allocation.
- NA 221 Apply the one king salmon per day bag limit to both residents and nonresidents.
- F 222 Close guided sport fishery in areas of high king salmon abundance during years of low overall abundance.
- C/A 223 Allow the use of two rods October through March. (*Amended to provide specific regulatory language.*)
- C/A 224 Allow exception for non-residents salmon bag limit to apply August 1-25. (*Amended to provide specific regulatory language.*)
- NA 225 Double sport bag limit for king salmon in all hatchery troll access corridors.
- F 226 Double bag limits in all troll access corridors for May and June in the Ketchikan area.
- F 227 Open troll fishery 7 days per week in District 8 when transboundary river fishery is open.
- NA 228 Open portion of Frederick Sound to trolling during May and June.
- C/A 229 Increase the nonresident annual limit for king salmon to a multiple of 4 daily bag limits. (*Set annual limit at six king salmon, over 28 inches.*)
- F 230 Open troll fishery 7 days per week in District 11 when transboundary river fishery is open.
- NA 231 Open troll fishery throughout District 11 when transboundary river fishery is open.
- F 232 Close subsistence gill netting before July 1 above Seduction Point in Chilkat Inlet.
- NA 233 Prohibit subsistence gill netting in Chilkat Inlet above marker before July 1.
- C/A 234 Increase the amount necessary for subsistence of herring spawn in Area 13-A and 13-B. (*Set the amount at 136,000 to 227,000 pounds.*)
- F 235 Expand permit and reporting requirement for all harvest of herring spawn in Sitka Sound area.
- NA 236 Modify amount necessary for subsistence finding for salmon.
- NA 237 Add salmon and smelt to list of customary and traditional resources in Section 15-A.
- NA 238 Allow use of seine boat to catch subsistence sockeye needed for Klawock.
- F 239 Close subsistence fishing at Falls Lake and Gut Bay.
- NA 240 Delete requirement that subsistence permit holder be physically at the net for portions of Chilkat River.
- C 241 Clarify weekly Yakutat subsistence fishing period during commercial fishing season.

- NA 242 Extend southern boundary subsistence harvest in Chilkoot Inlet.
- F 243 Allow subsistence harvest of rockfish and lingcod by rod and reel.
- NA 244 Exclude from allocation formula the enhanced salmon production from private nonprofit associations not receiving enhancement tax revenues.
- NA 245 Modify enhanced salmon allocation plan for Northern Southeast Alaska.
- NA 246 Close Coffman Cove to commercial trolling, gill netting, and seining.
- C 247 Provide for reopening closed waters for troll fishery in District 8 to match drift gillnet openings.
- C 248 Uncouple troll and set gillnet openings in the Yakutat area.
- C/A 249 Allow gillnet and troll gear on board vessel while participating in either fishery. *(Amended to provide specific regulatory language.)*
- NA 250 Allow only one unit of troll gear and one unit of gillnet gear to be on board vessel simultaneously.
- C/A 251 Add gear stowage requirements for dual licensed vessels and allow salmon harvested from only one gear type onboard. *(Amended to provide specific regulatory language and specified that a maximum of two gear types would be allowed.)*
- C/A 252 Require vessels participating in both troll and gillnet fisheries deliver product from one fishery before starting the next. *(Amended to provide specific regulatory language.)*
- T 253 Increase length limit for Southeast salmon seine vessels to 75 feet. *(Tabled to board's restructuring committee.)*
- F 254 Change measurement method for Southeast salmon seine vessels.
- F 255 Provide incentive for dual permit use by allowing additional fishing time or gear in drift gillnet fishery.
- F 256 Allow dual permit use and use of additional 100 fathoms of gillnet.
- F 257 Change first day of gillnet openings to Mondays.
- NA 258 Change first day of open periods to Monday.
- C/A 259 Change open day of weekly periods to Monday for District 8. *(Amended to provide specific regulatory language.)*
- F 260 Open Zimovia Straits concurrently with openings in District 8 gillnet fishery north of Pt. Nemo and south of Chichigof Pass.
- NA 261 Develop pink salmon management plan for Districts 11, 12, and 14 to allow series of openings based on migration and stock ID.
- F 262 Amend Northern Southeast seine salmon fishery management plans.
- F 263 Allow purse seine vessels to carry an extra net onboard.
- NA 264 Close commercial salmon fishing from July 1-15 in Klawock area.

- C/A **265** Change the opening and closing dates for sockeye season in Klawock area. (Set closing date of August 7.)
- F **266** Increase allowable set gillnet length for Yakutat Area.
- NA **267** Allocate equal time between seine and gillnet fishing in Nakat Inlet Special Harvest Area.
- NA **268** Modify allocation of seine and gillnet time for Neets Bay Special Harvest Area.
- NA **269** Expand boundary of terminal king salmon harvest area in the Neets Bay fishery, establish a two fish bag limit and liberalize the annual limit.
- F **270** Close shoreline fishing at Herring Cove and change king salmon release location.
- NA **271** Modify ratio of seine and gillnet openings for Anita Bay area.
- F **272** Address Gunnuk Creek Hatchery area management plan.
- C/A **273** Use a one to one ratio for gillnet and seine openings in Deep Inlet for 2009 to 2011. (Specified one to one time ratio by specific dates for Deep Creek, Neets Bay, and Anita Bay.)
- NA **274** Allocate equal time between seine and gillnet fishing in Deep Inlet Special Harvest Area for three years.
- C **275** Amend Nakat Inlet Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan and Nakat Inlet Special Harvest Area.
- C **276** Repeal Carroll Inlet Terminal Harvest Area regulation.
- C **277** Establish openings by regulation for Kendrick Bay Terminal Harvest Area.
- C **278** Correct definition of Wrangell Narrow-Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area.
- C **279** Repeal Eastern Passage Terminal Harvest Area regulation.
- C **280** Establish openings by regulation for Port Armstrong Special Harvest Area.
- C **281** Establish closure in regulation for Mist Cove Special Harvest Area.
- C **282** Establish in regulation dates for cost recovery in Northern SE Regional Aquaculture Association SHA.
- C **283** Establish cost recovery openings and modify boundaries for Sheldon Jackson SHA.
- C **284** Establish management plan for Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area.
- C **285** Repeal Burro Creek Farms special harvest area regulation.
- F **286** Define possession limit as the maximum number of fish a person may have in possession until returning to their domicile.
- NA **287** Define possession limit as the maximum number of fish a person may have in possession until returning to his/her domicile.
- F **288** Establish an annual limit of 12 coho for nonresidents and require a harvest record.

- F **289** Amend harvest reporting requirements for nonresidents to include coho salmon.
- F **290** Prohibit the retention of steelhead in fresh and salt waters except in 16 streams.
- C **291** Prohibit the retention of steelhead only in high use systems, fall steelhead drainages, Ward Creek, Thorne River and Karta River.
- NA **292** Reduce Dolly Varden bag and possession limit to 4 fish, of which only one may exceed 20 inches.
- F **293** Liberalize dogfish bag and possession limits and repeal annual limit.
- F **294** Close regional aquaculture association terminal harvest areas to guided sport harvest of salmon species not financed by state.
- NA **295** Develop plan to address catch and release mortality.
- NA **296** Modify definition of sport fishing gear for the Southeast Alaska area.
- T **297** Modify the definition of a fishing rod for the Southeast Alaska area. *(Tabled to Statewide Finfish meeting, March 2010.)*
- C/A **298** Allow the use of electric reels for sport fishing. *(The board took no action on the use of electric reels - see Proposal 297 above. The board amended Proposal 298 to specify sport fishing limits for sablefish as follows: bag limit of 2 fish, possession limit of 4 fish, and annual limit of 8 fish.)*
- NA **299** Add beach seine, cast net, purse seine, and gill net as legal gear type for herring.
- C/A **300** Correct an error by amending unbaited and artificial lure sport fishing regulations. *(Specified use in freshwater only.)*
- F **301** Require single barbless hook if catch and release salmon fishing.
- F **302** Prohibit catch and release fishing in guided sport fishery.
- NA **303** Allow unguided anglers an additional rod or line for jigging herring.
- F **304** Prohibit removing steelhead under 36 inches from the water.
- C/A **305** Prohibit use of felt soles for wading in freshwater. *(Specified an effective date of January 1, 2011.)*
- C **306** Consolidate regulations for sport fishing services into one section.
- F **307** Prohibit charter vessel use in subsistence or personal use fisheries within 30 days of use in guided sport fishery.
- NA **308** Restrict subsistence and personal use fishing by commercial lodge or charter operators when paying clients are present.
- F **309** Establish allocation of coho salmon for guided sport fishery based on past 10 years of harvest.
- NA **310** Develop fish ticket system to monitor inseason harvest within guided sport fishery.

- NA 311 Establish regulation to allow enforcement access to vessels, lodges, and processing facilities.
- NA 312 Establish regulation to allow monitoring and inspection of private vessels and freezer facilities associated with charter fishing.
- NA 313 Establish regulation to allow monitoring and inspection of freezer facilities at lodges and bed and breakfasts associated with charter fishing.
- C 314 Reduce sockeye salmon bag and possession limit in the Situk-Ahrnklin Estuary.
- C 315 Open Ketchikan Creek to sport fishing from September 15 through May 3.
- C/A 316 Prohibit snagging from May 1 through November 1 in salt waters between the Macaulay Salmon Hatchery fish ladder to the Channel Wayside fishing dock. *(Amended to provide specific regulatory language.)*
- C 317 Prohibit retention of steelhead in all streams crossed by Juneau road system.
- 318 *This shellfish proposal was addressed during the January 2009 meeting.*
- NA 319 Close Port Banks, Whale Bay, and Baranof Island to anchoring and snagging within 200 feet of the falls.
- C/A 320 Allow uncaught Chinook quota to be available during spring troll fishery. *(Amended to provide specific regulatory language.)*
- F 321 Adjust guideline harvest level in winter salmon troll fishery for hatchery component.
- NA 322 Remove closure in winter salmon troll fishery for District 8.
- C 323 Repeal Cross Sound pink and chum troll fishery.
- NA 324 Allow fishing 7 days a week until June 30 in Cross Sound.
- F 325 Extend closing date for Coho Salmon Troll Fishery to September 30.
- F 326 Lengthen coho commercial troll season.
- F 327 Extend closing date for troll fishery in portion of Behm Canal and Clarence Straight to September 30.
- NA 328 Allow holders of transferable hand troll permits to use two powered troll gurdys.
- C/A 329 Increase allowable number of handtroll gurdies to 4 after July 1 west of Cape Spencer. *(Amended to provide specific regulatory language.)*
- C 330 Specify use of degrees and decimal minutes in logbooks for Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area.
- NA 331 Close guided sport and commercial bottom fisheries in Port Frederick between Christ Point and Cannery Point.
- NA 332 Close area around Naha Bay to all bottomfish fishing.
- F 333 Raise guideline harvest level for lingcod in central outside Southeast Alaska area.

- NA 334 Increase sport allocation of lingcod.
- NA 335 Set the lingcod allocation equally between the sport and dinglebar fishery.
- C/A 336 Amend lingcod possession and landing requirements in Eastern Gulf of Alaska to include Central Southeast Outside Section. *(Amended to provide specific regulatory language.)*
- NA 337 Make surplus dinglebar quota available to troll fleet.
- F 338 Allow trollers to retain lingcod as bycatch during April in Icy Bay District.
- C/A 339 Allow anglers to retain trophy lingcod 55 inches or greater in length. *(Specified nonresident bag and possession limit of one lingcod 55 inches or greater, from May 16-November 30, one fish annual limit.)*
- NA 340 Modify boundary for lingcod sport fishery near Cross Sound and Yakobi Island.
- C/A 341 Increase sport allocation of demersal shelf rockfish to 25 percent. *(Amended to retain the 16 percent allocation to sport fisheries, but based allocation on the amount after the estimated subsistence harvest is deducted from the total allowable catch.)*
- C 342 Amend regulations regarding demersal shelf rockfish fishing seasons for the Eastern Gulf of Alaska.
- F 343 Open summer season for directed fishing of demersal shelf rockfish.
- F 344 Extend commercial yellow eye rockfish fishery for jig fishing.
- C/A 345 Adjust bycatch allowance for demersal shelf rockfish. *(Amended to specify commissioner may close fishing season and reopen season with a different bycatch level based on harvest data.)*
- NA 346 Allow only bycatch of demersal shelf rockfish and provide for variable limits.
- F 347 Allow retention slope rockfish during summer in directed Pacific cod fishery.
- C 348 Clarify regulation on rockfish possession and landing requirements for Eastern Gulf of Alaska area.
- NA 349 Require use of a decompression device for releasing sport caught rockfish in Southeast waters.
- NA 350 Require use of a decompression device for releasing sport caught rockfish in Southeast waters.
- NA 351 Require release of demersal shelf rockfish at or near bottom of water in commercial fishery.
- NA 352 Require release of demersal shelf rockfish at or near bottom of water in sport fishery.
- F 353 Require retention of yelloweye rockfish and add specifications to release of other rockfish.
- C 354 Allow sale black rockfish that are retained as required in Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area.

- F **355** Open the inside waters to fishing for black rockfish and outside waters except Salsbury Sound.
- NA **368** Establish possession limits for nonresidents at one daily bag limit for all species.
- C/A **376** Modify Kodiak herring management plan. *(Amended to allow department to open to either purse seine or gillnet access to remaining allocation after April 30, based on preregistration.)*

Other actions

Approved an action plan for McDonald Lake sockeye salmon.

Scheduled a board generated proposal for sport fishing limits on shortspined and longspined thornyhead rockfish for the Statewide Finfish meeting (March 2010).

Denied an emergency petition to open a spring king salmon troll fishery in the Yakutat area.

Began work on a developing a charge statement for a task force on possession limits in the sport fishery.

Asked department to inform communities about the steps in developing Local Area Management Plans (LAMP) for the Yakutat and Hoonah areas.

Scheduled discussion of an emergency petition regarding Alexander Creek king salmon for the March 16-20, 2009 meeting.