ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp, Misc. Shellfish March 16-20, 2009, Anchorage, Alaska

Preliminary Summary

<u>C/A</u>	44	Establish a Prince William Sound Commercial Pot Shrimp Management Plan. (Adopted a plan including a 110,000 lbs. threshold, a 40 percent allocation to commercial, a three area rotation, and numerous registration requirements.)
<u>F</u>	49	Require exclusive registration for sport or commercial participation in spot shrimp fishery.
<u>C/A</u>	356	Allow Dungeness crab fishing vessels to simultaneously tender Dungeness crab for other fishing vessels in the Kodiak District of Area J. (Amended to provide specific regulatory language.)
<u>_F</u>	357	Increase allowable twine size on Dungeness pots from 60 to 90.
<u>C/A</u>	358	Open a closed-water area near Kodiak Island to scallop fishing under an exploratory scallop fishing permit. (Provided for harvest in specific areas.)
<u>C</u>	359	Clarify reporting requirements for statewide scallop fisheries.
<u>C</u>	360	Repeal Commissioner's permit for Kamishak District scallop fishery and put into effect management elements previously stipulated in permit.
NA	361	Allow subsistence fishing by proxy in Alaska Peninsula shellfish fishery.
NA	362	Allow subsistence crab pots in Alaska Peninsula shellfish fishery.
<u>_F_</u>	363	Reduce razor clam limit to 30 per day.
NA	364	Reduce razor clam limit in Clam Gulch to the first 15 dug.
NA	365	Reduce razor clam limit to 25.
<u>C/A</u>	366	Close commercial, sport, and personal use shellfish harvest in Kachemak Bay (Shipwreck Cove and Otter Rock) from April 15 through September 15. (Amended to clarify specific area to be closed.)
<u> </u>	367	Allow for written permission to use another person's shrimp or crab gear.
<u>C/A</u>	375	Require that all groundfish taken in a commercial fishery be reported on a fish ticket statewide. (Amended to provide specific regulatory language.)
<u>T/A</u>	377	Increase allowable length of set gillnets from 25 fathoms to 35 fathoms for the Naknek River Special Harvest Area in Bristol Bay. (Amended to clarify net use. Tabled to next Bristol Bay Finfish meeting in December 2009.)
<u>C</u>	378	Clarify prohibition on blocking a channel in areas with a braided stream or multiple channels statewide.
<u>C/A</u>	380	Repeal Bear Lake Management Plan and replace with a Trail Lakes Hatchery Sockeye Salmon Management Plan that incorporates elements of

the Bear Lake Management Plan. (Amended to apply to the 2009 and 2010 seasons only; expires in May 2011.)

Other actions

The board denied a petition for emergency action to raise the sport fishing daily bag limit for black cod in the Southeast Alaska.

The board generated a proposal to A) increase the resident and nonresident daily bag limit for black cod in Southeast Alaska from two fish to four fish, and B) to remove the resident annual limit. The proposal was scheduled for consideration during a teleconference late April 2009.

The board denied a petition for emergency action to list Alexander Creek king salmon as a stock of concern.

The board delegated authority to the Commissioner to liberalize sport bag limits for Northern pike in Alexander Lake.

The board failed a motion to generate a proposal to close early season fishing periods in the Cook Inlet Northern District commercial fishery.

The board denied a petition for emergency action on escapement goals in Cook Inlet.

The board denied a petition for emergency action on the department's use of emergency order authority.

The board delegated authority to the Commissioner to allow online registration in the Bristol Bay commercial fishery.

The board adopted a resolution in support of funding research projects.

The board adopted informal criteria to apply when selecting meeting locations in the future.