

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands Finfish
February 2 - February 6, 2010
Egan Center, Anchorage

TENTATIVE AGENDA¹

NOTE: This tentative agenda is subject to change throughout the course of the meeting.

This Tentative Agenda is provided to give a general idea to the public of the board's anticipated schedule. The board will attempt to hold to this schedule; however, the board is not constrained by this Tentative Agenda. Those of you who wish to testify must sign-up by the deadline. Public testimony will continue until those present at the meeting are heard; the board will continue working through its agenda immediately upon conclusion of public testimony.

Tuesday, February 2, 8:30 a.m.

Morning

OPENING BUSINESS

Call to Order; Introductions of Board Members and Staff
Board Member Ethics Disclosures

STAFF REPORTS

Afternoon

PUBLIC AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ORAL TESTIMONY²

Wednesday, February 3, 8:30 a.m.

Morning

Continue PUBLIC TESTIMONY

*Deadline for SIGN-UP TO TESTIFY will be
9:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 3.*

Afternoon

Continue PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Organize for Board Committees and Public Panels³

COMMITTEE WORK (Committee A concurrent with Committee B)

COMMITTEE A – South Alaska Peninsula Groundfish

COMMITTEE B – Salmon: Gear Requirements, June, and Post June Fishery

Thursday, February 4, 8:30 a.m.

Morning

COMMITTEE WORK continued (Committee C concurrent with Committee D)

COMMITTEE C – Herring and Salmon

COMMITTEE D – Salmon: Sportfish and North Peninsula Management

Afternoon

Continue committee work as needed

Friday, February 5, 8:30 a.m.

Morning

Board committee report preparation and distribution to the public

Afternoon

BOARD DELIBERATIONS

Saturday, February 6, 8:30 a.m.

Morning

Continue BOARD DELIBERATIONS

Afternoon

Continue BOARD DELIBERATIONS

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, including Petitions, Findings, Resolutions, Letters,
Other

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AGENDA NOTES:

- 1) This agenda is TENTATIVE and subject to change during the meeting. A list of staff reports and roadmap will be available at the meeting. Schedule updates will be posted at the meeting.
- 2) Testimony will be limited to three (3) minutes for individuals and groups and ten (10) minutes advisory committee representatives. These times may be changed by the chair in order to manage the volume of the workload. Advisory committee representatives may present reports either at the beginning or end of public testimony. The representative should notify the board secretary whether they prefer the beginning or end of public testimony.
- 3) BOARD COMMITTEES AND PUBLIC PANELS: The board has established a number of board committees to provide additional review of proposals. Board committees are comprised of board members. The board selects public advisors to the committees from a list of qualified and interested members of the public compiled by the committee chairs following the oral testimony portion of the meeting. Advisory committee representatives are ex-officio advisors to all board committees and may move between board committees as they choose. The purpose of the committee process is to: 1) broaden public participation in the regulatory process; 2) provide another forum for stakeholders to discuss resolution of contentious issues; and 3) provide additional detailed information relative to proposals.

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TENATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP

COMMITTEE A – SOUTH ALASKA PENINSULA GROUND FISH

Board committee members: Brown (chair), Morris, Delo

(14 Proposals)

- 101 Clarify groundfish management area descriptions
- 102 Repeal fishing season regulations that allow groundfish to be taken at any time
- 103 Limit vessel size to 58 feet in the South Alaska Peninsula Area parallel groundfish fishery
- 104 Limit vessel size to 58 feet in the South Alaska Peninsula Area parallel groundfish fishery
- 105 Exclude longline gear from the South Alaska Peninsula Area parallel groundfish fishery
- 106 Implement a 60 pot or 5 jig machine limit in the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Western Gulf of Alaska
- 107 Modify allowable gear and vessel size for the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the South Alaska Peninsula Area
- 108 Increase the guideline harvest level in the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod management plan
- 109 Increase the guideline harvest level in the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod management plan
- 110 Implement a 7-day stand down period
- 111 Close the waters of Unalaska Bay to groundfish fishing with trawl gear
- 112 Modify groundfish pot storage requirements
- 113 Specify that pot gear may be fished on a longline
- 114 Allow pot vessels 100 feet or less to participate in the B season

COMMITTEE B – SALMON: GEAR REQUIREMENTS, JUNE, AND POST JUNE FISHERY

Board committee members: Jensen (chair), Woods, Johnstone

(20 Proposals)

Gear Requirement

- 160 Modify the length of seine webbing used as a lead for set gillnet gear from 10 fathoms to 50 fathoms
- 161 Modify the length of seine webbing used as a lead for set gillnet gear from 10 fathoms to 50 fathoms
- 162 Modify the length of seine webbing used as a lead for set gillnet gear from 10 fathoms to 25 fathoms

June Fishery

- 115 Require participation in a chum pool
- 116 Reinststate the 8.3 percent allocation of the pre-season Bristol Bay sockeye salmon forecast
- 117 Modify the depth of drift and set gillnet gear

Post June Fishery

- 118 Modify the Post-June Salmon Management Plan fishing schedule
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- 124 Address current commercial salmon fishing opportunity
- 125 Allow commercial salmon fishing in all terminal areas
- 126 Extend the existing terminal areas
- 127 Repeal the immature salmon test fishery or increase the threshold
- 128 Allow the seine fishery based on a ratio of the number of immature salmon caught
- 129 Extend the commercial salmon fishing season
- 130 Modify the depth of drift and set gillnet gear
- 131 Allow for the use of gillnets with mesh size less than five and one-quarter inches

COMMITTEE C – HERRING AND SALMON

Board committee members: Delo (chair), Jensen, Woods

(15 Proposals)

Herring

- 158 Change the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring set gillnet allocation
- 159 Allow seine gear in the Adak herring fishery

Southeast District Mainland

- 132 Allow harvest opportunity in SEDM
- 133 Establish a schedule in SEDM of 72-hour fishing periods
- 134 Modify the percentage of sockeye salmon caught in SEDM
- 135 Modify the SEDM allocation criteria
- 136 Modify the level of sockeye salmon harvest ensured to Chignik Management Area
- 137 Modify the allocation to allow incremental fishing time in SEDM
- 138 Allow concurrent fishing periods in SEDM and Chignik areas
- 139 Modify the description of closed waters in Grub Gulch
- 140 Repeal the closed waters near Kupreanof Point
- 141 Open Kupreanof Area to fishing for both Area M and Chignik fishermen on alternating schedules
- 142 Open the waters of Dorenoi Bay to commercial salmon fishing from June 1 through July 25
- 143 Open the waters of Dorenoi Bay to commercial salmon fishing before July 25
- 144 Modify the description of all closed waters in Stepovak Bay

COMMITTEE D – SALMON: SPORTFISH AND NORTH PENINSULA MANAGEMENT

Board committee members: Morris (chair), Johnstone, Brown

(16 Proposals)

Sport

- 163** Simplify bag and possession limits for king salmon in Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area

North Peninsula

- 29** Allow Area T permit in Alaska Peninsula Area, January 1 – December 31
- 30** Allow Area T permit in Alaska Peninsula Area, January 1 – December 31
- 145** Amend the weekly opening and closing times in Inner Port Heiden and Ilnik sections
- 146** Amend the weekly opening and closing times in Cinder River Section
- 147** Restrict openings in Northern District unless local escapement goals are met
- 148** Institute windows in Northern District
- 149** Modify the management of Ilnik Section
- 150** Close Outer Port Heiden Section to gillnet fishing from June 20 to July 15
- 151** Close Outer Port Heiden Section
- 152** Modify Northern District Fisheries Management Plan
- 153** Allow purse seine gear inside Ilnik Lagoon
- 154** Change the gear mesh depth to 45 meshes in Northern District
- 155** Allow set gillnet gear in Outer Port Heiden Section
- 156** Change seaward gillnet distance in Cinder River, Port Heiden, and Ilnik sections
- 157** Change the angle of the boundary line in Outer Port Heiden Section

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