

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Kodiak Finfish
January 11 - 14, 2011
Kodiak, Alaska

Preliminary Summary

Kodiak Groundfish

- F 52 Close state waters of Sitkalidak Strait to pelagic trawling.
- F 53 Close state waters of Marmot Bay to pelagic trawling.
- C/A 54 Amend rockfish fishery management plan. (*Added language to specify that vessels operating as catcher processors would be allowed to harvest 5,000 pounds per 5-day period not to exceed twice the legal limit onboard within a 10-day period.*)
- C/A 55 Define gear for harvesting lingcod. (*Added language to specify the commissioner may set lingcod bycatch levels for jig gear higher than other gear types.*)
- C 56 Repeal one type of mechanical jigging machine gear.
- C/A 57 Modify fishing season regulation that allows groundfish to be taken at any time in the Kodiak Area. (*Added language to specify that black rockfish may be taken from January 1 through December 31 unless closed earlier by emergency order.*)

Kodiak Herring

- C 58 Modify legal gear used in herring bait permit fishery.

Kodiak Subsistence Salmon

- C/A 59 Add dipnets for Settler's Creek at Port Lions. (*Added a personal use salmon dipnet fishery in the waters of Setter Cove west of 152° 50.80' W. Long. including freshwaters below falls of Crescent Creek.*)
- C/A 60 Change finfish reporting requirements. (*Applied language consistent in format as used in Bristol Bay.*)
- C/A 61 Revise recording procedures for subsistence caught fish. (*Required recording all harvested fish on a permit before concealing the fish from plain view or transporting the fish from the fishing site.*)
- NA 62 Amend regulations regarding recording of subsistence caught fish in the Kodiak Area. (*Based on Proposal 61.*)

Kodiak Commercial Salmon

- NA 63 Prohibit fishing multiple areas in same year. (*Based on scope of notice.*)
- F 64 Allow for pink salmon harvest from August 15-24 on Kodiak's west side.
- F 65 Allow for set gillnet fishing after August 15 if escapement goals are met in the northwest Kodiak Districts.
- NA 66 Allow for pink salmon harvest from August 15-24 on Kodiak's west side. (*Based on Proposal 64.*)
- F 67 Amend Kodiak Area Westside Management Plan to include escapement goals in the major sockeye systems of Olga Bay.

- F 68 Amend (e)(1) in the Inner Karluk Section Salmon Management Plan.
- F 69 Create new regulation to provide for power and or hand troll fishing in the Kodiak Management Area.
- F 70 Define "attending a fish site" in regulation.
- F 71 Amend regulation so sunset clause becomes permanent regulation.
- NA 72 Develop a special harvest area within the Northeast Kodiak District.
- NA 73 Develop a special harvest area within the Northwest Kodiak District.
- F 74 Amend closure times.
- NA 75 Close fishing for chinook salmon in the Mainland District until escapement goals are met. *(Support by author withdrawn.)*
- C 76 Amend subsection (f) in the Pauls Bay Section Salmon Management Plan.
- C 77 Amend closed water regulations and add a new paragraph.
- C 78 Amend (a)(3) in the Alitak District Salmon Management Plan.

Kodiak Sport Fisheries

- C 79 Close Kalsin Pond outlet stream to sport fishing.
- NA 80 Close Kalsin Pond outlet stream to sport fishing within 200 feet of Chiniak Highway. *(Based on Proposal 79.)*
- C 81 Open the American and Olds rivers to fishing for king salmon.
- C/A 82 Reduce the rockfish bag limit from 10 per day, 20 in possession to 5 per day, 10 in possession. *(Amended to specify bag limit of 5 per day, 10 in possession, only 2 of which may be non-pelagic, and only one can be yellow eye.)*

Karluk River King Salmon Action Plan

The board adopted several regulatory changes as part of the Karluk River King Salmon Action Plan under the Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy. It specified that

- 1) prior to July 30, if the department projects that the Karluk BEG will not be met and the sport fishery is restricted to non-retention or closure, the department
 - a) shall place non-retention restrictions on the commercial seine fishery between Cape Kuliuk and the south boundary of the Inner Aiakulik Section by requiring king salmon over 28 inches to be released; and
 - b) may place non retention restrictions on the subsistence fishery in the inner and outer Karluk and Karluk River waters by limiting gear to beach seines requiring king salmon be released; and
- 2) the pelagic and non-pelagic groundfish trawl fishery is closed in the waters from three nautical miles northeast of the mouth of the Karluk River to three nautical miles southwest of the mouth of the Karluk River continuing out to the state waters boundary.

Other

The board repealed the groundfish guiding principles (5 AAC 28.089) for the Kodiak Area.

The board confirmed no interest at this time for a Joint Board meeting to address non-subsistence areas.