

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
ALASKA PENINSULA / ALEUTIAN ISLANDS
FEBRUARY 26–MARCH 4, 2013**

(Following is a list of proposals that were considered at the above meeting sorted by numerical order. This board summary is for informational purposes only and the actions below will have legal affects in regulations that provide the sole legal action of the board.)

*C=Carried, F=Failed, C/A= Carried as Amended, N/A=No Action
(Vote Count)*

PROPOSAL NUMBER (48) SUBJECT

Alaska Peninsula Salmon Gear (1 proposal)		
N/A	15	Allow set gillnet anchors and running lines at registered sites to remain in the water during closed periods. <i>(No action based on Department of Law’s advice that the board has no authority to address proposed changes.)</i>
Bering Sea – Aleutian Islands Groundfish (2 proposals)		
C/A (7-0)	162	Close all waters of Unalaska Bay to groundfish fishing with pelagic trawl gear. <i>(Carried as amended to move trawl start date from August 1 to September 1.)</i>
C (7-0)	163	Modify state-waters sablefish season to coincide with federal sablefish season.
South Alaska Peninsula and Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Groundfish (1 proposal)		
C (7-0)	164	Specify regulatory fishing seasons for black rockfish.
South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Southeastern District Mainland Salmon (6 proposals)		
C/A (7-0)	173	Allow for concurrent fishing times between Chignik and Southeastern District Mainland (SEDM) and increase SEDM allocation to 20%. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language contained in RC #147.)</i>
N/A	174	Modify the Southeastern District Mainland (SEDM) management plan to establish weekly fishing periods from June 10 thru July 10 to gillnet gear, and from July 11 thru July 25, establish 48-hour periods followed by 48-hour closures to both setnet and seine gear. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #173.)</i>
N/A	175	Modify the Southeastern District Mainland (SEDM) management plan to establish fishing periods for set gillnet gear from June 6 through July 25. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #173.)</i>
C/A (7-0)	176	Open and close the Northwest Stepovak Section, including Orzinski Bay, by emergency order (EO), between July 1 and July 25. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language contained in RC #158.)</i>
F (0-7)	177	Create a <i>Southeastern District Post-July Salmon Management Plan</i> in regulation.
N/A	178	Modify the Southeastern District Mainland (SEDM) management plan to open weekly fishing periods in the Southeastern District to set gillnet gear in September and October. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #177.)</i>
South Alaska Peninsula Salmon June Management Plan (5 proposals)		

F (0-7)	179	Reinstate the chum salmon cap and limit fishing time in the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands salmon fisheries.
N/A	180	Incorporate a chum salmon catch cap of 350,000 salmon in the South Alaska Peninsula Area (Area M) salmon fisheries. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #179.)</i>
N/A	181	Modify the <i>South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan</i> to base management on the Bristol Bay forecast, reduce time and area, and implement a harvest cap of 400,000 chum salmon. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #179.)</i>
N/A	182	Modify the <i>South Unimak and Shumagin Islands Management Plan</i> and the <i>Northern District Salmon Management Plan</i> to include a cap of allowable sockeye salmon harvest based on the Bristol Bay forecast and create terminal harvest areas around the mouth of each river system in the Northern District. <i>(No action taken based on action taken on Proposal #179.)</i>
C/A (4-3)	183	Change the season opening date from June 1 to June 15 in the Northwestern, Unimak, Southwestern, Southcentral, and Southeastern districts. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language contained in RC #124.)</i>
South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Post-June Management Plan (8 proposals)		
C (7-0)	184	Amend the <i>Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Peninsula</i> and clarify regulation language conflicting with the regulatory language within the <i>Southeastern District Mainland (SEDM) Salmon Management Plan</i> .
F (0-7)	185	Provide the department more flexibility when conducting the Shumagin Islands Section test fisheries.
F (0-7)	186	Allow a pink salmon fishery within waters of Ramsey Bay in the Stepovak Flats Section.
C/A (7-0)	187	Amend fishing periods in the <i>Post-June South Peninsula Management Plan</i> , consolidating fishing periods. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language contained in RC #139.)</i>
N/A	188	Amend fishing periods in the <i>Post-June South Peninsula Management Plan</i> , consolidating fishing periods. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #187.)</i>
N/A	189	Amend fishing periods in the <i>Post-June South Peninsula Management Plan</i> to increase fishing time. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #187.)</i>
N/A	190	Amend fishing periods in the <i>Post-June South Peninsula Management Plan</i> . <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #187.)</i>
F (0-7)	191	Limit fishing periods in Bechevin Bay Section to four days in seven.
Alaska Peninsula Salmon Closed Waters (2 proposals)		
C (7-0)	192	Amend the closed water definition at Christianson Lagoon to better define closed waters as determined by the current lagoon exit channel.
F (0-7)	193	Reduce the closed water area in Grub Gulch.
Alaska Peninsula Salmon Gear (4 proposals)		
N/A	194	Change the distance between set gillnets from 900 to 1,800 feet in the Southeastern District Mainland (SEDM) of Area M set gillnet fishery. <i>(No action based on Department of Law's advice that the board has no authority to address proposed changes.)</i>

F (0-7)	195	Allow drift gillnet gear to operate in the Southwestern District of Area M from June 1–August 31.
F (1-6)	196	Allow for the use of monofilament gillnet gear in the Alaska Peninsula Area.
F (2-5)	197	Modify the allowable set gillnet and drift gillnet gear depth from 70 meshes to 45 meshes in the Northern District of the Alaska Peninsula Area salmon fishery.
North Alaska Peninsula Salmon Northern District (11 proposals)		
C/A (7-0)	198	Close the north side of Cape Seniavin and Nelson Lagoon on August 15 instead of September 30. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language contained in RC #155.)</i>
N/A	199	Close the north side of Cape Seniavin until July 15. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #198.)</i>
C/A (6-1)	200	Establish a sockeye salmon fishery from June 20 through September 30 in the Cinder River Section. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language contained in RC #136, Option 1.)</i>
N/A	201	Close the Outer Port Heiden Section to commercial salmon fishing for Area M drift gillnet permit holders. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #198.)</i>
N/A	202	Close the Outer Port Heiden Section to commercial fishing from June 1 to July 31. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #198.)</i>
C/A (6-1)	203	Close the Outer Port Heiden Section, amend the Inner Port Heiden Section boundary, and create a new super exclusive fishery in Area T. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language contained in RC #136, Option 2.)</i>
N/A	204	Allow Area T CFEC permit holders to fish both the Inner and Outer Port Heiden sections. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #203.)</i>
N/A	205	Create terminal harvest areas in the Sandy, Ilnik, and Bear rivers for the drift gillnet fishery in Area M. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #198.)</i>
N/A	206	Modify <i>Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan</i> time and area management. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #198.)</i>
N/A	207	Modify <i>Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan</i> time and area management. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #198.)</i>
N/A	208	Modify boundary description of the Northern District and create terminal fisheries. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #198.)</i>
Genetics (3 proposals)		
N/A	209	Using genetic data, create terminal harvest areas in Area M. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #198.)</i>
F (3-4)	210	Placeholder for possible regulatory changes based on results from Western Alaska Salmon Stock Identification Project (WASSIP).
N/A	211	Placeholder for possible regulatory changes based on results from Western Alaska Salmon Stock Identification Project (WASSIP). <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #210.)</i>
Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands Sport Fish (2 proposals)		
C/A (7-0)	212	Special provisions for methods and means in the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area. Restrict the Sapsuk River king salmon fishery to flyfishing only, single-hook, artificial fly, no retention. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language contained in RC #156.)</i>

F (0-7)	213	Bag limits, possession limits, and size limits for Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area; 5 AAC 67.022. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Bristol Bay Area. Decrease coho salmon bag limit to one in the Ugashik, Dog Salmon, and King Salmon rivers.
Miscellaneous Proposal (1 proposal)		
C/A (7-0)	214	Waters closed to subsistence fishing; 5 AAC 65.051(4). Waters closed to sport fishing in the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area; 5 AAC 77.3XX. Waters closed to personal use fishing in the Alaska Peninsula Area. Close the Iliuliuk River upstream of the Church Hole to subsistence, sport, and personal use fishing for coho salmon. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language contained in RC #157.)</i>
Supplemental Proposals (2)		
F (0-7)	242	Allow commercial salmon seine net depth in the Alaska Peninsula Area to be measured in feet and inches, which would allow additional webbing to be attached beyond the current restriction of 350 meshes of three and one-half inch and 25 meshes of seven inches.
F (2-5)	250	For the Ugashik and Egegik districts, establish provisions to allow a person who holds two Bristol Bay CFEC set gillnet permits to "stack" those permits and operate extra gillnet gear within certain gear specifications, including length of gear and gear marking requirements.

Miscellaneous Business

1. Format of advisory committee reports/minutes:
 - Board will develop recommendations regarding minute format during the October 2013 Work Session. Board will discuss minute format at the October 2013 Joint Board meeting.
2. Swanson Lagoon sockeye salmon stock of concern:
 - In reference to RC #6, summary of recommendation establishing a stock of management concern for Swanson River sockeye salmon, and RC #7, Swanson Lagoon sockeye salmon stock status and action plan, 2012.
 - The board concurred with the department's recommendation to establish Swanson Lagoon sockeye salmon as a management concern.
3. Board-generated Proposal A for Swanson Lagoon with regulatory language in RC 39:
 - In RC 7, the board stepped through recommended actions, starting with the commercial fishery.
 - In the commercial fishery, department supported Action 2 in RC 7, to rescind weekly commercial fishing periods and open only by emergency order (EO).
 - In the subsistence fishery, the department stated the intent is not to change any subsistence fishing regulations except by EO in case of conservation concern. Department recommended status quo.
 - Board indicated intent that no restrictions to subsistence fishery prior to restrictions to other fisheries.
 - In the sport fishery, the department recommended status quo.

- The board moved to close the sport fishery and open only by EO.
 - Discussion of setting a Sustainable Escapement Threshold for Swanson Lagoon sockeye.
 - Department has yet to develop a meaningful process for developing SETs due to identifying specific stocks in a mixed stock fishery.
 - Clarification that the closure to the sport fishery was to close it for salmon, not for other species.
 - Roll call vote: C/A 7-0.
4. Board-generated proposal policy:
- Draft on the web; Boards Support will issue a public notice consisting of a deadline for the public to comment on the Board-generated Proposal Criteria and will provide a summary of any received comments at the March 2013 Statewide meeting. No objection by the board.
5. Placeholder proposals:
- Mentioning public process and comment concerns, Johnstone queried the board regarding a draft policy to be presented at the October 2013 Work Session regarding placeholder proposals.
 - In addition, “in cycle” ACRs will be added to the agenda for the board’s October 2013 Work Session. No objection by the board.
6. PowerPoint presentations during public testimony:
- The board suggested PowerPoint presentations need to be RC’d, and be included in the time limit for public testimony. It was also instructed to public that the PowerPoint be given to staff and included in the time limit.
 - It was also suggested adding to the October 2013 Work Session meeting to make a recommendation to the Joint Boards; no objection by the board.
7. Update on Cordova meeting logistics for the 2014/2015 Prince William Sound and Upper Copper/Upper Susitna finfish meeting:
- A discussion took place of waiting for the October 2013 Work Session to definitively schedule the meeting at the Cordova Convention center, which is not yet completed and for which the community has requested funding.
 - Discussion of the renovated elementary school facility as a fall-back.
 - Board requested staff visit Cordova to check out the facilities and logistics and report back to the March 2013 Statewide meeting.
8. Upper Cook Inlet Task Force update:
- RC 172 was discussed.
 - Edits to RC 172 was expressed of separating the task force’s authority and the board’s authority as the board views RC 172 as input and ideas for discussion, not recommendations. The board prefers keeping language that reflects RC 172 contains actions to be voted on by the board, and not actions simply for a vote of endorsement and asked Boards Support to clarify the document.