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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Islands / Chignik Finfish
 February 23–February 29, 2016
 Anchorage, AK

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

(This summary is informational only. The actions indicated below will have legal affects in regulations that provide the sole legal action of the board.)

Board Members Present

Tom Kluberton, Chair
 Fritz Johnson
 Orville Huntington
 Robert Mumford

John Jensen, Vice-Chair
 Sue Jeffrey
 Reed Morisky

C=Carried, F=Failed, C/A=Carried as Amended, F/A=Failed as Amended, N/A=No Action

ALASKA PENINSULA / ALEUTIAN ISLANDS / CHIGNIK FINFISH (59 PROPOSALS)

SUBJECT (# Proposals)			<i>Audio tracking info*</i>
Action	Proposal	Description	
GROUND FISH (5 proposals)			
<i>Chignik Area Commercial Salmon (4 proposals)</i>			
C/A (7-0)	172	Increase the passage of sockeye salmon above the Chignik River weir to provide additional subsistence fishing opportunity. (<i>Amended by substitute language found in RC105.</i>)	<i>Area M Day 3: 02-25-16: 2:12:02</i>
F (0-7)	173	Reduce waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon in Kujulik, Portage, and Ivanof bays in the Chignik Area.	<i>Area M Day 3: 02-25-16: 2:36:07</i>
F (0-7)	174	In July and August close Chignik Area commercial salmon fisheries between Castle Cape and Kupreanof Peninsula when the Southeastern District Mainland is closed to commercial salmon fishing with set gillnet gear.	<i>Area M Day 3: 02-25-16: 3:09:18</i>
F (0-7)	175	Create a pink salmon management plan in the Chignik Area.	<i>Area M Day 3: 02-25-16: 3:14:25</i>
<i>Chignik Area Groundfish (1 proposal)</i>			



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N/A (7-0)	2	Allow bycatch retention of Pacific cod in the Chignik Area salmon seine fishery. <i>(The board took no action on this proposal given it lacked regulatory authority.)</i>	Area M Day 3: 02-25-16: 3:38:05
ALASKA PENINSULA/ALEUTIAN ISLANDS COMMERCIAL HERRING AND GROUND FISH, ALEUTIAN ISLANDS SALMON, AND SUBSISTENCE AND SPORT (9 proposals)			
<i>Aleutian Islands Groundfish (2 proposals)</i>			
--	194	Close all waters of Unalaska Bay to commercial fishing for groundfish with pelagic trawl gear. <i>(This proposal will be heard at the Alaska Peninsula / Chignik / Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting, and be heard and deliberated on at the Statewide Finfish meeting.)</i>	Area M Day 3: 02-25-16: 3:41:39
C (7-0)	195	Update logbook requirements for Aleutian Islands state-waters sablefish fishery.	Area M Day 3: 02-25-16: 3:41:51
<i>Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Herring (1 proposal)</i>			
C (5-2)	196	Change the date fishermen using purse seine gear may access the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring gillnet allocation from July 25 to July 20.	Area M Day 3: 02-25-16: 3:44:36
<i>Aleutian Islands Commercial Salmon (1 proposal)</i>			
F (0-7)	188	Establish open commercial salmon fishing periods in the Unalaska District that coincide with the last two open fishing periods in July in the Shumagin Islands Section.	Area M Day 3: 02-25-16: 3:53:25
<i>Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Subsistence (1 proposal)</i>			
C/A (7-0)	197	Clarify when commercial salmon fishing license holders may subsistence fish for salmon in the Alaska Peninsula Area. <i>(Amended with substitute language from RC 117.)</i>	Area M Day 3: 02-25-16: 3:59:39 Area M Day 4: 02-26-16: 0:00:19
<i>Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Sport (4 proposals)</i>			
C/A (4-3)	198	Require non-retention of king salmon in the Sandy River. <i>(Amended with substitute language in RC 72, and further amended to change "of any size" to "20 inches or greater".)</i>	Area M Day 3: 02-25-16: 4:27:01
C (7-0)	199	Amend the freshwater bag limit provisions for salmon species other than king salmon.	Area M Day 3: 02-25-16: 5:01:09
C (7-0)	200	Close Swanson Lagoon and its tributaries to sport fishing for sockeye salmon. <i>(Amended with substitute language found in RC 110.)</i>	Area M Day 3: 02-25-16: 5:05:13
C (7-0)	201	Reduce the possession limit for coho salmon in Illiuliuk Creek.	Area M Day 3: 02-25-16: 5:11:18
AREA BOUNDARY AND NORTH ALASKA PENINSULA SALMON (28 proposals)			



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Alaska Peninsula Area/Bristol Bay Area Boundary (3 proposals) This set of proposals will be heard at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting, and heard and deliberated on at the Alaska Peninsula/Chignik/Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting.			
F (2-4)	22	Move the Cinder River, Inner Port Heiden, and Outer Port Heiden sections of the Northern District from the Alaska Peninsula Area to the Bristol Bay Area. <i>(Johnson recused.)</i>	<i>Area M Day 5: 02-27-16: 0:54:49</i>
N/A (7-0)	23	Move the Cinder River, Inner Port Heiden, and Outer Port Heiden sections of the Northern District from the Alaska Peninsula Area to the Bristol Bay Area. <i>(Johnson recused. Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 22.)</i>	<i>Area M Day 5: 02-27-16: 1:17:42</i>
N/A (7-0)	24	Move all waters of the Northern District east of the latitude of Cape Seniavin from the Alaska Peninsula Area to the Bristol Bay Area. <i>(Johnson recused. Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 22.)</i>	<i>Area M Day 5: 02-27-16: 1:18:16</i>
North Alaska Peninsula Commercial Salmon (25 proposals)			
F (1-6)	151	Consider the catch of non-local salmon as a factor in management of Northern District salmon fisheries.	<i>Area M Day 5: 02-27-16: 1:18:46</i>
N/A (7-0)	152	From June 20 through July 20 manage the Northern District salmon fisheries jointly with Alaska Department of Fish and Game Alaska Peninsula and Bristol Bay staff. <i>(The board took no action based on having no administrative authority over staffing decisions.)</i>	<i>Area M Day 5: 02-27-16: 1:24:58</i>
F (1-6)	153	Include information on the abundance of non-local stocks as a factor in managing Northern District commercial salmon fisheries.	<i>Area M Day 5: 02-27-16: 1:26:22</i>
N/A (7-0)	154	Link management actions in the Northern District of the Alaska Peninsula Area commercial salmon fisheries to salmon abundance in adjacent Bristol Bay Area districts. <i>(The board took no action based on having no administrative authority over staffing or administrative decisions.)</i>	<i>Area M Day 5: 02-27-16: 1:29:42</i>
F (3-4)	155	Close the Outer Port Heiden Section of the Northern District to commercial salmon fishing.	<i>Area M Day 5: 02-27-16: 2:04:37</i>
N/A (7-0)	156	Close the Outer Port Heiden Section of the Northern District to commercial salmon fishing. <i>(The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 155.)</i>	<i>Area M Day 5: 02-27-16: 2:57:32</i>
C/A (5-2)	159	Open waters of the Outer Port Heiden Section of the Northern District from one and one half miles to three miles offshore to commercial salmon fishing. <i>(The board amended the proposal to extend a buffer around Reindeer Creek to 1000 yards on either side of the creek during the commercial fishing openers.)</i>	<i>Area M Day 5: 02-27-16: 2:58:17</i> <i>Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 0:00:12</i>
N/A (7-0)	157	In the Inner and Outer Port Heiden sections of the Northern District restrict commercial fishing for salmon to no more than four days in	<i>Area M Day 5: 02-27-16: 1:15:46</i>



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		any seven day period. <i>(The board took no action based on the proposer's request to withdraw in RC75.)</i>	
C/A (7-0)	147	Repeal sequential closures in the Bear River, Three Hills, and Ilnik sections. <i>(The board amended the proposal with substitute language found in RC 174.)</i>	Area M Day 5: 02-27-16: 3:16:13 Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 0:36:30
F (3-4)	158	Restrict commercial salmon fishing in the Three Hills, Ilnik, and Outer Port Heiden sections of the Northern District to no more than one and one-half miles offshore.	Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 0:42:36
F (0-7)	160	Close waters of the Bear River and Nelson Lagoon sections of the Northern District between zero to one and one-half miles offshore to commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnet gear until escapement objectives have been met.	Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 1:10:20
F (0-7)	161	Close waters of the Northern District between zero and one and one-half miles offshore to commercial fishing with drift gillnet gear when Bear River and/or Nelson River coho salmon escapements do not meet objectives.	Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 1:16:29
F (0-7)	162	Close waters of the Northern District between zero and one and one-half miles offshore to commercial fishing with drift gillnet gear when Bear River and/or Nelson River sockeye salmon escapements do not meet objectives.	Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 1:20:44
F (1-6)	169	Implement global positioning satellite coordinates for all district and section boundaries in the Northern District of the Alaska Peninsula Area.	Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 1:25:58
N/A (7-0)	170	Redefine the boundaries of the Outer Port Heiden Section using GPS coordinates. <i>(The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 159.)</i>	Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 1:38:27
N/A (7-0)	171	Implement global positioning satellite coordinates for all district and section boundaries in the Northern District of the Alaska Peninsula Area. <i>(The board took no action on Proposal 171 given it is already required in regulation and would have no practical effect.)</i>	Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 1:39:59
C (7/0)	150	Describe waters of Cinder Lagoon open to commercial salmon fishing.	Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 1:45:49
N/A (7-0)	148	Allow commercial fishing for salmon with drift gillnet gear in the Ilnik Section. <i>(The board took no action based on the proposer's request to withdraw in RC136.)</i>	Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 1:48:18
N/A (7-0)	165	In the Nelson Lagoon Section allow the compliment of drift gillnet gear to be split into two 100 fathom nets that may be fished simultaneously. <i>(The board took no action on Proposal 165 given it is already required in regulation and would have no practical effect.)</i>	Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 1:48:49



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F (1-6)	163	Between the longitude of Three Hills and the northern boundary of the Outer Port Heiden Section restrict drift and set gillnets to 29 and one-half meshes depth.	<i>Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 1:49:55</i>
N/A (7-0)	166	Eliminate closed waters in Caribou Flats and allow drift gillnet fishing in Caribou Flats by emergency order if Nelson Lagoon escapement goals are achieved. <i>(The board took no action based on the proposer's request to withdraw in RC144.)</i>	<i>Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 2:02:42</i>
F (0-7)	164	Manage commercial salmon fishing in the Black Hills Section and in Moffet Lagoon in the Izembek-Moffet Bay Section based on Moffet Lagoon escapement.	<i>Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 2:03:05</i>
F (1-6)	167	Open the Uria Bay Section of the Northwestern District to regular fishing periods.	<i>Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 2:10:30</i>
F (0-7)	168	Reduce closed waters in Christianson Lagoon.	<i>Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 2:22:34</i>
N/A (7-0)	149	Create a directed sockeye salmon fishery in the Cinder River Section. <i>(The board took no action based on the proposer's request to withdraw in RC178.)</i>	<i>Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 2:26:29</i>
SOUTH ALASKA PENINSULA SALMON (17 proposals)			
<i>South Alaska Peninsula Southeastern District Mainland Commercial Salmon (5 proposals)</i>			
F (0-7)	176	Amend Southeastern District Mainland commercial salmon set gillnet fishery season opening times and fishing periods.	<i>Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 2:29:39</i>
F (0-7)	177	Revise the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow commercial salmon fishing with set gillnet gear concurrent to the Chignik Area commercial sockeye salmon fishery.	<i>Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 2:34:39</i>
F (0-7)	178	In the Southeastern District Mainland establish weekly fishing through July 10 for set gillnet gear and from July 11 through July 25 establish 48 hour open fishing periods and closures for set gillnet and purse seine gear.	<i>Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 2:42:18</i>
F (0-7)	179	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to establish that 40 percent of the sockeye salmon taken in the East Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay sections are considered to be of Chignik River origin.	<i>Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 2:46:14</i>
F (0-7)	180	Require all salmon harvested in the Southeastern District Mainland fishery to be landed within the Southeastern District.	<i>Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 2:48:50</i>
<i>South Alaska Peninsula Salmon June Management Plan (6 proposals)</i>			
F (0-7)	181	Repeal the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.	<i>Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 2:56:15</i>
F	182	Modify the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon	<i>Area M Day 6: 02-</i>



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(3-4)		Management Plan to shift the opening date for the drift gillnet fishery to coincide with the set gillnet fishery opening date.	28-16: 3:04:45
F (0-7)	183	Modify the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to stagger opening days for the drift and purse seine fisheries.	Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 3:25:05
F/A (2-5)	184	Repeal the current South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and readopt the management plan in place during 2003-2004. <i>(The proposal was amended to remove set gillnet operations and ratios from the new plan. Later in the meeting the proposal was taken up for reconsideration which failed (3/4).)</i>	Area M Day 6: 02-28-16: 3:32:55 Area M Day 7: 0:01:37
N/A (7-0)	185	Establish a Dolgoi Island Section and Dolgoi Island Section Management Plan. <i>(The board took no action on Proposal 185 based on action taken on Proposal 186.)</i>	Area M Day 7: 0:54:46
C (7-0)	186	Establish a Dolgoi Island Section and Dolgoi Island Section June Management South Alaska. <i>(The board initially amended the proposal with substitute language found in RC 191, followed by an amendment, but that created regulatory uncertainty. The board later amended its original amendment with substitute language found in RC 192.)</i>	Area M Day 7: 0:18:01
South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Post-June Management Plan (1 proposal)			
F (0-7)	187	Modify the Post June Salmon Management Plan for South Alaska Peninsula to provide the department authority to make openings for specific gear groups.	Area M Day 7: 0:55:21
N/A (7-0)	189	Allow for dual permit vessels and increased gear limits for dual permit vessels in the Alaska Peninsula Area commercial salmon purse seine fishery. <i>(The board took no action based on it lacking regulatory authority.)</i>	Area M Day 7: 1:03:08
N/A (7-0)	190	Change purse seine depth measurement standard from number of meshes deep to an equivalent depth measurement in feet and inches. <i>(The board took no action based on the proposer's request to withdraw in RC172.)</i>	Area M Day 7: 1:04:50
C (7-0)	191	Repeal minimum mesh size standards for drift gillnet gear.	Area M Day 7: 1:05:11
F (2-5)	192	Allow commercial fishing for salmon with set gillnets in the area between Popof Head and Dark Cliffs any time the area is closed to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear.	Area M Day 7: 1:09:13
F (2-5)	193	Change the Southwestern and Unimak District seaward boundary.	Area M Day 7: 1:25:44

* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry "bof_worksession_10_15_14" indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the proposal began according to the meeting audio.



Miscellaneous Business Agenda

The Board took up five items under its miscellaneous business agenda at the end of the meeting.

1. **Erosion Criteria:** Member Morisky, chair of the temporary Committee on Coastal Erosion, provided an overview of the committee’s work to the board. Member Morisky and the board reviewed the draft Criteria for Board Deliberations on Commercial Set Gillnet Proposals Impacted by Coastal Erosion under RC 132, and passed it with unanimous consent as board policy 2016-283-FB following minor edits. The board approved providing public notice that it would schedule Proposals 59 and 63, previously tabled at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting, December 2-8, 2015, for the Statewide Finfish meeting, March 8-11, 2016. *Area M Day 7:
1:39:39*

2. **Draft Policy on Proposal Review Process:** Executive Director Haight provided opening remarks on the Joint Board subcommittee’s draft Policy on Proposal Review Process. The subcommittee met two times previously to look at potential options for reducing costs related to the board process. The draft policy, listed in RC 95, suggested the board convene its Committee on the Committees prior to the release of the proposal book to vet proposals for possible consent agendas, delegations, and other streamlining efforts. The board agreed to renew its review of the draft policy at its upcoming Statewide meeting. *Area M Day 7:
2:00:12*

3. **Policy on Postponing Proposals Indefinitely:** Chair Kluberton led a review of a proposed policy on postponing proposals indefinitely. Board actions in recent years led to tabling several proposals indefinitely pending the outcome of an external action or review. Current proposals in this holding pattern are: *Area M Day 7:
2:07:08*
 - the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission’s regulatory review related to the 2014/2015 Proposal 126 (to be deliberated on at the upcoming Statewide Finfish meeting),
 - a Section 7 consultation impact review by the National Marine Fisheries Service related to 2015/2016 Proposal 9 tabled at the 2015 Pacific cod Meeting,
 - the recent work of the board’s Committee on Coastal Erosion for 2015/2016 Proposals 59 and 63 (to be deliberated on at the upcoming Statewide Finfish meeting), and
 - work pending by Kuskokwim communities and the Division of Subsistence regarding 2015/2016 Proposals 95 and 222 tabled at the 2016 Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Finfish Meeting.

The board passed the policy 2016-282-FB by unanimous consent.



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4. **Emergency Petition - Jason Perrigo:** The board reviewed a February 16, 2016 emergency petition from Mr. Jason Perrigo, provided under RC 10, to allow possession, transport and delayed release of sport-caught fish during sport fishing derbies, generally regulated under 5 AAC 75. The board did not find the petition met the emergency petition criteria. The Department's response was provided under RC 151. *Area M Day 7:
2:11:11*

5. **Emergency Petition - Pilot Point Tribal Council:** The board reviewed a February 11, 2016 emergency petition from Victor Seybert of the Pilot Point Tribal Council under RC 9 to amend fishing days under 5 AAC 09.320. The board did not find the petition met the emergency petition criteria. *Area M Day 7:
2:17:20*