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**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES  
WORK SESSION  
Anchorage, AK  
October 21-22, 2015**

**AGENDA CHANGE REQUEST  
PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS AND OTHER ISSUES**

(This summary is informational only.)

**Board Members Present**

Tom Kluberton, Chair  
Fritz Johnson  
Orville Huntington  
Bob 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*

**Agenda Change Requests (18)**

SUBJECT (18 ACRs)		
Action	ACR	Description
<b>Agenda Change Requests</b>		
F (0/7)	1	Increase the allowable level of incidental harvest of C. bairdi crab from 5% to 40% of the weight of red king crab onboard while directed fishing for Bristol Bay red king crab east of 166° W longitude (5 AAC 35.506).
F (0/7)	2	Increase the allowable level of incidental harvest of C. opilio crab from 5% to 40% of the weight of C. Bairdi crab onboard while directed fishing for Bering Sea C. bairdi crab west of 166° W longitude (5 AAC 35.506).
F (0/7)	3	Amend the Bering Sea / Aleutian Islands Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Crab Fisheries Management Plan to allow a vessel operator to deploy baited pots in another Bering Sea rationalized crab fishery, for which the vessel is not registered, while the vessel operator delivers crab from another Bering Sea rationalized crab fishery (5 AAC 39.670).

*Audio tracking info\**

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3:17:48*



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C (7/0)	4	Establish an aggregate pot limit of no more than 20 pots per permit holder for the Norton Sound Section winter through the ice commercial fishery (5 AAC 34.925).	2015-bof-worksession: 3:24:47
C (7/0)	5	Establish customary and traditional use findings, and amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence, for Kodiak Dungeness and Tanner crab, miscellaneous shellfish, and shrimp in the Kodiak Area (5 AAC 02.466).	2015-bof-worksession: 3:29:39
F (2/5)	6	Amend the Alitak District Salmon Management Plan to achieve sockeye salmon escapement goal mid-points for Upper Station and Frazer Lakes and limit the escapement of jack sockeye salmon into Frazer Lake to no more than 10% of the total Frazer Lake sockeye salmon escapement (5 AAC 18.361).	2015-bof-worksession: 3:35:34
F (0/7)	7	Adopt a harvest strategy for Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery (5 AAC 35.31X, 5 AAC 35.310, 5 AAC 35.325, 5 AAC 55.022).	2015-bof-worksession: 3:59:06
F (0/7)	8	Amend the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan to allow the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area to open only after July 25 (5 AAC 21.365).	2015-bof-worksession: 4:15:56
F (0/7)	9	Amend the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan to set dates when commercial fishing with set gillnets can be restricted in the Kasilof Section (5 AAC 21.365).	2015-bof-worksession: 4:21:25
F (0/7)	10	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan to eliminate paired restrictions and set gillnet gear restrictions, but maintain existing escapement goal (5 AAC 21.359).	2015-bof-worksession: 4:36:52
F (0/7)	11	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to require additional commercial fishing time with set gillnets in the Upper Subdistrict when the department determines the Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon inriver goal range will be exceeded (5 AAC 21.360).	2015-bof-worksession: 4:47:29
F (0/7)	12	Amend the Kenai River Late Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to require additional commercial fishing time with set gillnets in the Kasilof Section when Kenai River sockeye salmon inriver goal is projected to be achieved and Kasilof River sockeye salmon escapement goal will be exceeded (5 AAC 21.365).	2015-bof-worksession: 4:54:27
F (0/7)	13	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to remove the 1% harvest rule (5 AAC 21.353).	2015-bof-worksession: 5:05:11
F (1/6)	14	Increase the amount of time and area allowed for fishing under the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan (5 AAC 21.353).	2015-bof-worksession: 5:16:34
F (0/6)	15	Reduce the Alaska hatchery-produced king salmon harvest percentage triggers when the preseason abundance index (AI) is 1.95 or greater (5 AAC 29.090). <i>Morisky recused on ethics conflict determination.</i>	2015-bof-worksession_Oct_22: 0:01:24
F	16	Amend the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan to allow	2015-bof-worksession:



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(0/7)		commercial fishing with set gillnet gear within 600 feet of the high tide mark in the Kasilof Section, and within the Kasilof Section, consider the area within 600 feet of the beach part of the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area (5 AAC 21.365).	4:31:40
F (0/7)	17	Amend regulations to define statistical area boundaries in the Upper Subdistrict of the Cook Inlet Area (5 AAC 21.200, 5 AAC 21.310, and 5AAC 21.330).	2015-bof-worksession: 4:58:52
F (0/7)	18	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan to allow commercial fishing with set gillnet gear in the Upper Subdistrict up to 36 hours per week in both the Kasilof and Kenai/East Foreland sections separately (5 AAC 21.359).	2015-bof-worksession: 4:42:03

\* 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.

**Other Board Action/Issues/Discussion:**

1. Election of Officials: Kluberton was voted as Chair by unanimous consent. Jensen was voted as Vice-Chair by unanimous consent. *2015-bof-worksession:  
0:29:02*
  
2. 2015/2016 Committee Assignments: The Board Chair made 2015/2016 subcommittee assignments. Assignments include – *2015-bof-worksession:  
0:57:07*
  - a. Committees, Kluberton/Chair, Jeffrey, Johnson
  - b. Board of Fisheries/Board of Game, Mumford/Chair, Huntington, Morisky
  - c. Federal/State Subsistence, Huntington/Chair, Jensen, Kluberton
  - d. Habitat, Jeffrey/Chair, Mumford, Huntington
  - e. Joint BOF/NPFMC Protocol, Jensen/Chair, Jeffrey, Morisky, Kluberton (Alt.)
  - f. Legislation, Morisky/Chair, Jensen, Mumford

The Possession Limits Task Force, the Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy Task Force, the Gulf of Alaska Pollock Work Group, and the Kuskokwim Subsistence Salmon Panel were not reauthorized.

The board also discussed initiating the Board of Fisheries/Board of Game subcommittee to review board process changes that might help lower costs. *2015-bof-worksession\_Oct\_22:  
1:34:25*

3. 2017/2018 Meeting Locations and Dates: The board established the following locations and dates for its 2017/2018 meetings. *2015-bof-worksession:  
2:36:28*
  - a. Work session, Anchorage, October 18-19, 2017.
  - b. Prince William Sound and Upper Copper/Susitna Rivers Finfish, Valdez, December 1-5, 2017.
  - c. Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish, Ketchikan, January 11-23, 2018.



- d. Statewide Dungeness, Shrimp, Miscellaneous Shellfish and Supplemental Issues, Anchorage, March 6-9, 2018.

The board chose to combine the Southeast Finfish and Shellfish meetings.

4. ADF&G Escapement Goal and Stock of Concern Review: The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) staff provided information on Escapement Goals and Stocks of Concern. All reports can be found on the Board of Fisheries website under RCs 3-4 and 9-12.  
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=10-21-2015&meeting=anchorage>  
*2015-bof-worksession: 1:01:14*
5. 2016/2017 Call for Proposals Approval: The board approved the 2016/2017 call for proposal for the following regions and fisheries:
  - a. All finfish for all uses in the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet regions.
  - b. All finfish for all uses in the Kodiak region.
  - c. All king and tanner crab uses in all regions except Southeast and Yakutat.*2015-bof-worksession: 2:34:04*
6. Federal Waters: The board heard a report from ADF&G's Office of Extended Jurisdiction regarding management actions taken or under consideration by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.  
*2015-bof-worksession: 1:30:48*
7. ACR Meeting Time: The board determined which scheduled regulatory meetings to review accepted ACRs as follows:
  - a. ACR 4 was scheduled for the A-Y-K meeting, Fairbanks, January 12-16, 2016.
  - b. ACR 5 was scheduled for the Statewide Finfish meeting, Anchorage, March 8-11, 2016.*2015-bof-worksession\_Oct\_22: 0:09:10*
8. Budget update: ADF&G's Boards Support provided an update on the FY16 and FY17 budget. The report indicated even with status quo revenues to Boards Support, there were inadequate funds to meet the meeting schedule prescribed by both the Boards of Game and Fisheries for FY17.  
*2015-bof-worksession: 2:04:13*
9. Review and changes to the 2015/2016 Meeting Schedule: The board reviewed its workload for the 2015/2016 meeting schedule based on the number of proposals set for each meeting. Based on that review, the board determined it would reduce by one day the following meetings (revised dates provided):
  - a. Bristol Bay Finfish Meeting (December 2-8, 2015)
  - b. Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Finfish Meeting (January 12-16, 2016)
  - c. Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting (March 8-11, 2016)*2015-bof-worksession: 2:50:22*  
*2015-bof-worksession\_Oct\_22: 1:28:09*
10. Board generated proposal: The board adopted a board generated proposal to consider establishing a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during times of low king salmon runs. The proposal was scheduled for the A-Y-K meeting, Fairbanks, January 12-16, 2016.  
*2015-bof-worksession\_Oct\_22: 0:11:40*



11. Action on Date Shift for 2017 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting: Boards Support provided notice it was unable to secure with a meeting location in Anchorage based on the previously prescribed dates of February 15-28, 2017 and sought permission to change the dates to February 23-March 8, 2016. *2015-bof-worksession\_Oct\_22: 0:30:15*
  
12. Motion to Review 2017 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting location: The board approved a motion to review the location for the 2017 Upper Cook Inlet finfish meeting under miscellaneous business at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting. The motion passed 4-3. *2015-bof-worksession\_Oct\_22: 0:30:15*
  
13. Review of Delegation of Authorities: The board discussed the potential of issuing delegations to the ADF&G on specific subjects. The subjects covered included Division of Sport Fish regulations regarding fish transport and fish resource permits, and updating boundary coordinates using global positioning satellite data. The board will take final action on these potential delegations at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting. *2015-bof-worksession\_Oct\_22: 0:19:40*
  
14. Update on Cook Inlet Razor Clam 2015 Surveys: The board heard a report from the Division of Sport Fish on the 2015 Cook Inlet razor clam surveys. *2015-bof-worksession\_Oct\_22: 1:20:53*