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PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND and UPPER COPPER & SUSITNA
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TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP
(53 proposals)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 1: GROUND FISH (9 proposals: Chair - Cain)

Sport Groundfish (3 Proposals)

- PROPOSAL 1 Reduce the bag and possession limits for lingcod in the Prince William Sound Area.
- PROPOSAL 2 Reduce the bag and possession limits for lingcod in a portion of the Prince William Sound Area.
- PROPOSAL 3 Modify and align bag and possession limit of rockfish in the Prince William Sound Area.

Commercial Groundfish (6 Proposals)

- PROPOSAL 4 Establish a pelagic rockfish jig fishery with a separate guideline harvest level (GHL) in the Outside District of the Prince William Sound Area.
- PROPOSAL 5 Specify that bycatch allowance of lingcod in the Prince William Sound Area is measured as round weight.
- PROPOSAL 6 Allow vessels fishing for halibut in the Prince William Sound Area to retain all Pacific cod bycatch when directed Pacific cod fisheries are closed due to reaching the federal halibut bycatch allowance.
- PROPOSAL 7 Clarify lawful gear requirements for Prince William Sound Area groundfish fisheries.
- PROPOSAL 8 Add specific registration requirements for Prince William Sound Area groundfish fisheries.



PROPOSAL 9 Clarify procedures for obtaining, completing, and submitting log sheets for the Prince William Sound Area sablefish fishery.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 2: ESCAPEMENT GOALS, SUBSISTENCE, PERSONAL USE, SPORT, and MINTO FLATS NORTHERN PIKE (19 proposals: Chair - Payton)

Copper River Escapement Goal (1 Proposal)

PROPOSAL 10 Set an optimal escapement goal for Copper River sockeye salmon.

Upper Copper River Subsistence and Personal Use Salmon (8 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 11 Remove the requirement to open the Batzulnetas subsistence fishery by emergency order.

PROPOSAL 12 Require operators of fish wheels without live boxes to be present when fishing in the Glennallen Subdistrict subsistence fishery.

PROPOSAL 13 Prohibit using a dip net from a boat to harvest salmon in the Glennallen Subdistrict.

PROPOSAL 14 Modify the season dates for the Glennallen Subdistrict subsistence salmon fishery based on the preseason king salmon harvest projection.

PROPOSAL 15 Prohibit the use of monofilament or gillnet mesh in dip nets.

PROPOSAL 16 Require log books for all charters operating in personal use and subsistence fisheries

PROPOSAL 17 Extend the lower boundary of the Chitina Subdistrict downstream to the Uranatina River.

PROPOSAL 18 Repeal the reduction in maximum harvest level in the Chitina Subdistrict Personal Use fishery when the Copper River commercial fishery is closed 13 or more consecutive days.

Prince William Sound/Copper River Subsistence and Personal Use Salmon and Herring (4 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 19 Allow salmon to be taken for subsistence purposes at any time between May 1 and November 30 in the Copper River District.

PROPOSAL 20 Open all waters of the Copper River District to subsistence fishing for salmon from April 20 through October 15.

PROPOSAL 21 Close the Prince William Sound subsistence herring fishery, limit gear to 60 feet in length, and monitor the number of permits and area fished.

PROPOSAL 22 Allow Pacific herring to be taken for personal use in the Prince William Sound Area.



Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Sport (3 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 23 Prohibit catch-and-release sport fishing in the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River drainages.

PROPOSAL 24 Amend sockeye salmon regulations in the Gulkana River drainage.

PROPOSAL 25 Remove the unbaited, single-hook artificial lure restriction in flowing waters of the Upper Susitna River drainage.

Prince William Sound/Copper River Sport (2 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 26 Allow bow fishing for pink and coho salmon in the Valdez terminal harvest area.

PROPOSAL 27 Remove a closed water provision for Clear Creek.

Minto Flats Northern Pike Management Plan (1 Proposal)

PROPOSAL 228 Decrease the size of the area closed to subsistence fishing through the ice for northern pike on the Chatanika River.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 3: COMMERCIAL FINFISH (25 proposals:
Chair – Ruffner)**

Copper River Commercial Salmon (10 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 28 Repeal mandatory inside waters commercial salmon fishery closures in the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan.

PROPOSAL 29 Extend inside closure area to 1/4 mile off the southern shores of all barrier islands in the Copper River commercial drift gillnet salmon fishery.

PROPOSAL 30 Repeal certain closed waters provisions in the Copper River District commercial drift gillnet salmon fishery.

PROPOSAL 31 Reduce the maximum depth of drift gill nets in the Copper River District commercial drift gillnet salmon fishery to 29 meshes through the start of Statistical Week 24.

PROPOSAL 32 Prohibit commercial salmon fishing in the Copper River District, during the month of May, if the pre-season forecast for Copper River king salmon is below the 20-year average, or 35,000 king salmon.

PROPOSAL 33 Prohibit sale of commercially caught king salmon in the Copper River District if restrictions on Copper River drainage subsistence fisheries have been implemented.

PROPOSAL 34 Prohibit commercial salmon fishing in the Copper River District until a salmon is recorded at the Copper River sonar.

PROPOSAL 35 Open commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnet gear in the Copper River District on the Monday or Thursday closest to May 1.



PROPOSAL 36 Open the Copper River District commercial salmon fishery for a minimum of two twelve-hour periods per week.

PROPOSAL 37 Repeal commercial salmon fishery closed waters near Kayak Island and allow commercial salmon fishing with drift gillnet gear near Kayak Island with the same boundaries in effect in 1980.

Prince William Sound Commercial Salmon (12 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 38 Modify purse seine gear length in the Prince William Sound Area.

PROPOSAL 39 Allow permit stacking and increase the amount of purse seine gear that may be operated from a vessel with two limited entry purse seine permit holders onboard in the Prince William Sound Area commercial salmon fishery.

PROPOSAL 40 Establish minimum operation depth for drift gillnet gear fished within 90 fathoms of a set gillnet in the Crafton Island Subdistrict.

PROPOSAL 41 Prohibit operation of commercial salmon drift gillnet gear within 60 fathoms of the shoreward of a set gillnet in the Crafton Island Subdistrict.

PROPOSAL 42 Repeal maximum length for set gillnet gear in the Main Bay Salmon Hatchery Harvest Management Plan and prohibit operation of a drift gillnet within 20 fathoms of a set gillnet.

PROPOSAL 43 Clarify provisions for operation of drift gillnet and set gillnet gear in the Main Bay Subdistrict.

PROPOSAL 44 Specify that operation of each set gillnet or drift gillnet must be performed or assisted by a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission permit holder in the Prince William Sound Area commercial salmon fishery.

PROPOSAL 45 Limit each Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission permit holder to no more than four set gillnet sites deployed with lines and buoys in the Prince William Sound Area commercial set gillnet fishery.

PROPOSAL 46 Change boundary description of the Main Bay Subdistrict.

PROPOSAL 47 Include the value of all enhanced salmon produced in the Prince William Sound Area in the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan.

PROPOSAL 48 Allow commercial fishing for salmon in the Armin F. Koerning Hatchery Terminal and Special Harvest Areas prior to July 18.

PROPOSAL 49 Reduce harvest of sockeye salmon in the directed chum salmon fishery prior to July 18 in the Armin F. Koernig Hatchery terminal and special harvest areas.

Prince William Sound/Copper River commercial salmon area definitions (3 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 50 Define Copper and Bering River district seaward boundaries with geographic coordinates.



PROPOSAL 51 Amend district and subdistrict boundaries to match ADF&G statistical area boundaries within the Prince William Sound Management Area.

PROPOSAL 52 Amend Prince William Sound Area description to specify lines of longitude for the eastern and western boundaries.