ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES Bristol Bay Finfish December 1-8, 2009, Anchorage, Alaska

Preliminary Summary

- F 1 Allow subsistence drift gillnets in Nushagak, Igushik, Snake, and Wood Rivers.
- NA 2 Allow subsistence drift gillnets in Nushagak River, June 1–September 30.
- <u>C</u> 3 Allow 25 fathoms of set gillnet in the Wood and Nushagak Rivers.
- <u>C</u> 4 Change herring allocation for gillnet and seine.
- **F 5** Eliminate reallocation of spawn on kelp quota.
- **F** 6 Allocate unharvested spawn on kelp quota to food and bait.
- <u>C</u> 7 Define Egg Island subsection.
- **F 8** Prohibit fishing below the bridge on Brooks River.
- **F 9** Close sport fishing within quarter mile of Klutak, lowithla, and Koggiling creeks.
- <u>C</u> **10** Revise regulations regarding Alagnak River closure.
- <u>C</u> 11 Correct regulatory error regarding sport fishing for king salmon in Big Creek Drainage.
- <u>C</u> 12 Correct regulatory error regarding bag and possession limits for king salmon in Bristol Bay Area.
 - **13** Request for additional habitat protections for Bristol Bay Area. (*The board took no regulatory action on this proposal. It declined to support the establishment of a fish refuge. The board decided to send a letter to legislature to express its concerns about the importance of Bristol Bay area fisheries and importance of protecting fish habitat, and recommend that the legislature review current statutory protections and make changes if needed.)*
- **F 14** Require removal of all setnet gear during drift gillnet openings.
- F 15 Eliminate 32 foot limit on vessels in Bristol Bay drift gillnet fishery.
- <u>NA</u> **16** Allow multiple permit use.
- <u>C/A</u> **17** Allow multiple set gillnet permit use. (Amended to include a three-year sunset clause.)
- NA 18 Allow multiple permit use.

- NA **19** Allow multiple permit use.
- ____ **E 20** Allow one person to own two permits and use 200 fathom nets.
- **____ 21** Allow use of 300 fathoms of gear with two stacked permits.
- <u>C</u> 22 Limit gear to 150 fathoms when Naknek River SHA Management Plan is in effect.
- _____ **E 23** Eliminate use of 200 fathom drift gillnets in Togiak District.
- F 24 Eliminate permit stacking.
- <u>C/A</u> **25** Once registered, permit holder must remain there until escapement goal is met. (Amended to provide specific regulatory language.)
- <u>C/A</u> **26** Eliminate super exclusive status of Togiak District. (Amended to provide specific regulatory language.)
- <u>C/A</u> **27** Eliminate the 48 hour transfer between gear types in the same district. (*Amended to retain the transfer reporting period but reduced it to 24 hours.*)
- **F 28** Eliminate 48-hour transfer for gear type in the same SHA.
 - **29** Allow Area T permit in Alaska Peninsula Area, January 1 December 31. (*This proposal was scheduled for initial discussion during the December 1-8, 2009 meeting and is scheduled for additional review and final action during the February 2-6, 2010 Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting.)*
 - **30** Allow Area T permit in Alaska Peninsula Area, January 1 December 31. (*This proposal was scheduled for initial discussion during the December 1-8, 2009 meeting and is scheduled for additional review and final action during the February 2-6, 2010 Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting.)*
- ____ **31** Allow fishing in General District.
- <u>C/A</u> **32** Allow 35 fathom set gillnet in Naknek River SHA. (Amended by allowing use of 37.5 fathoms of set gillnet and allowing 75 fathoms on board the vessel.)
- F 33 Require removal of all setnet gear during drift gillnet periods in Naknek River SHA.
- ____ **34** Change Naknek River SHA allocation to 84% drift and 16% set gillnet.
- ____ 35 Change Alagnak River SHA allocation to 84% drift and 16% set gillnet.
- <u>NA</u> **36** Change Alagnak River SHA allocation to 84% drift and 16% set gillnet.
- **F 37** Allow concurrent openings for drift and set gillnet with offset start times.
- F 38 Suspend allocation when fleet is less than 400 vessels or under limits.
- **F 39** Require removal of all set gillnet gear when closed to fishing.

- <u>C</u> **40** Delete sunset clause for the dude fishing regulation.
- <u>C</u> **41** Extend fishing season for dude fishery.
- <u>C/A</u> **42** Open Wood River SHA when Wood River escapement is projected over 700,000. (Amended by changing the threshold to a projected escapement of 1.4 million sockeye and an actual escapement of 1.1 million sockeye.)
- NA 43 Allow June drift periods in Wood River SHA if escapement is over 100,000.
- <u>C/A</u> **44** Modify southern boundary of Naknek/Kvichak District. (Amended to provide specific latitude and longitude coordinates.)
- <u>C</u> 45 Modify Snake River Section boundary.
- <u>C</u> **46** Modify fishing periods for Kulukak Section.
- <u>C</u> 47 Change landing requirements in Nushagak District.
- <u>C/A</u> **48** Modify fishing periods in the Ugashik District. (Amended by specifying a weekly fishing schedule starting on August 1 of 9:00 a.m. Thursday to 9:00 a.m. Monday.)

Other actions

The board adopted a board generated proposal on the confidentiality of processor capacity information. Specifically, that if requested by the department, the operator or authorized agent of the operator must provide information to the department regarding the operator's processing or buying activities, including processing or buying capacity.