

### Alaska Department of Fish and Game Board of Fisheries

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# ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES ALASKA PENINSULA / ALEUTIAN ISLAND / CHIGNIK FINFISH February 23–February 29, 2016 Sheraton Hotel, Anchorage

## Alaska Board of Fisheries TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP

(59 proposals)

### <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 1</u>: CHIGNIK AREA SALMON AND GROUNDFISH (5 proposals – Chair Johnson)

### Chignik Area Commercial Salmon (4 proposals)

- Increase the passage of sockeye salmon above the Chignik River weir to provide additional subsistence fishing opportunity.
- Reduce waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon in Kujulik, Portage, and Ivanof bays in the Chignik Area.
- 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.
- 175 Create a pink salmon management plan in the Chignik Area.

#### Chignik Area Groundfish (1 proposal)

Allow bycatch retention of Pacific cod in the Chignik Area salmon seine fishery. (This proposal will be heard at the Pacific cod meeting, and heard and deliberated on at the Alaska Peninsula/Chignik/Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting.

# <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 2:</u> ALASKA PENINSULA/ALEUTIAN ISLANDS COMMERCIAL HERRING AND GROUNDFISH, ALEUTIAN ISLANDS SALMON, AND SUBSISTENCE AND SPORT (9 proposals – Chair Jeffrey)

### Aleutian Islands Groundfish (2 proposals)

194 Close all waters of Unalaska Bay to commercial fishing for groundfishwith pelagic trawl gear. (*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*)

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195 Update logbook requirements for Aleutian Islands state-waters sablefish fishery.

#### Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Herring (1 proposal)

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.

### Aleutian Islands Commercial Salmon (1 proposal)

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.

### Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Subsistence (1 proposal)

197 Clarify when commercial salmon fishing license holders may subsistence fish for salmon in the Alaska Peninsula Area.

### Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Sport (4 proposals)

- Require non-retention of king salmon in the Sandy River.
- Amend the freshwater bag limit provisions for salmon species other than king salmon.
- 200 Close Swanson Lagoon and its tributaries to sport fishing for sockeye salmon.
- 201 Reduce the possession limit for coho salmon in Illiuliuk Creek.

### <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 3:</u> AREA BOUNDARY AND NORTH ALASKA PENINSULA SALMON (28 proposals – Chair Jensen)

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.

- 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.
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- Move all waters of the Northern District east of the latitude of Cape Seniavin from the Alaska Peninsula Area to the Bristol Bay Area.

### North Alaska Peninsula Commercial Salmon (25 proposals)

- 151 Consider the catch of non-local salmon as a factor in management of Northern District salmon fisheries.
- 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.
- Include information on the abundance of non-local stocks as a factor in managing Northern District commercial salmon fisheries.



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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.
155	Close the Outer Port Heiden Section of the Northern District to commercial salmon fishing.
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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.
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 any seven day period.
147	Repeal sequential closures in the Bear River, Three Hills, and Ilnik sections.
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.
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.
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.
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.
169	Implement global positioning satellite coordinates for all district and section boundaries in the Northern District of the Alaska Peninsula Area.
170	Redefine the boundaries of the Outer Port Heiden Section using GPS coordinates.
171	Implement global positioning satellite coordinates for all district and section boundaries in the Northern District of the Alaska Peninsula Area.
150	Describe waters of Cinder Lagoon open to commercial salmon fishing.
148	Allow commercial fishing for salmon with drift gillnet gear in the Ilnik Section.
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.
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.
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.

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- Manage commercial salmon fishing in the Black Hills Section and in Moffet Lagoon in the Izembek-Moffet Bay Section based on Moffet Lagoon escapement.
   Open the Urilia Bay Section of the Northwestern District to regular fishing periods.
   Reduce closed waters in Christianson Lagoon.
- 149 Create a directed sockeye salmon fishery in the Cinder River Section.

### <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 4:</u> SOUTH ALASKA PENINSULA SALMON (17 proposals – Chair Mumford)

### South Alaska Peninsula Southeastern District Mainland Commercial Salmon (5 proposals)

- Amend Southeastern District Mainland commercial salmon set gillnet fishery season opening times and fishing periods.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Require all salmon harvested in the Southeastern District Mainland fishery to be landed within the Southeastern District.

### South Alaska Peninsula Salmon June Management Plan (6 proposals)

- 181 Repeal the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.
- Modify the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to shift the opening date for the drift gillnet fishery to coincide with the set gillnet fishery opening date.
- Modify the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to stagger opening days for the drift and purse seine fisheries.
- Repeal the current South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and readopt the management plan in place during 2003-2004.
- 185 Establish a Dolgoi Island Section and Dolgoi Island Section Management Plan.
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### South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Post-June Management Plan (1 proposal)

Modify the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for South Alaska Peninsula to provide the department authority to make openings for specific gear groups.

### Alaska Peninsula Commercial Salmon Gear and Seaward Boundary (5 proposals)

- Allow for dual permit vessels and increased gear limits for dual permit vessels in the Alaska Peninsula Area commercial salmon purse seine fishery.
- 190 Change purse seine depth measurement standard from number of meshes deep to an equivalent depth measurement in feet and inches.
- Repeal minimum mesh size standards for drift gillnet gear.
- 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.
- 193 Change the Southwestern and Unimak District seaward boundary.