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TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP

(24 proposals)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 1: SUBSISTENCE, SPORT, AND STATEWIDE GEAR (8 proposals – Chair Morisky)

Subsistence (1 proposal)

224 Customary and traditional subsistence uses of shellfish stocks and amounts necessary for subsistence uses.

Methods and Means/Gear (1 proposal)

202 Prohibit the use of felt bottom boots in all waters, while fishing.

Special Harvest Area Management (1 proposal)

203 Expand emergency order authority to close sport fishing in special harvest areas if hatchery cost recovery goals may not be met.

Methods and Means, Bag Limits (5 proposals)

204 Modify the definition of an artificial fly to include the use of a bare single hook.

205 Clarify that a bead not attached to a hook is an attractor, and not a lure or fly.

206 Revise definition of “closely attended” as it applies to coho salmon fishing.

207 Allow a bang stick to be used to dispatch sport-caught fish.

208 Establish bag limits by port of call.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 2: COMMERCIAL (14 proposals – Chair Jeffrey)



Forage Fish (3 proposals)

- 209 Designate Pacific herring as a forage fish.
- 210 Prohibit directed fisheries on forage fish species, for the purpose of fish meal production.
- 211 Prohibit the production of fish meal from whole forage fish.

Herring (1 proposal)

- 126 Establish a commercial open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound. *(Tabled at 2015 Southeast Finfish meeting for consideration at this meeting.)*

Identification of Gear (2 proposals) *(This set of proposals was also heard at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting where public testimony was taken.)*

- 27 Require that a CFEC permit holder's name displayed on a set gillnet site marking sign complies with the same character size marking requirements for permit numbers.
- 28 Change the character size requirements for set gillnet marking signs.

Salmon (1 proposal)

- 212 Repeal or modify the requirement to designate a single salmon net registration area.

Groundfish (7 proposals)

- 213 Clarify possession and landing requirements for Pacific cod and walleye pollock.
- 214 Specify that bycatch in excess of the allowable amount will be surrendered to the state and donated to charity and establish fines for bycatch in excess of the allowable amount.
- 215 Establish a 58' overall length limit for vessels participating in South Alaska Peninsula parallel walleye pollock fishery using trawl gear.
- 194 Close all waters of Unalaska Bay to commercial fishing for groundfish with pelagic trawl gear. *(This proposal was heard at the Alaska Peninsula / Chignik / Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting where public testimony was taken.)*
- 216 Establish a state waters walleye pollock purse seine fishery in Southeast Alaska.
- 217 Establish fishing season for walleye pollock that does not conflict with salmon season.
- 218 Establish state-waters walleye pollock jig fishery management plans with guideline harvest levels deducted from total allowable catch (TAC) for the Eastern Gulf of Alaska, Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Chignik, South Alaska Peninsula and Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands.



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 3: BRISTOL BAY EROSION-RELATED DISTRICT SPECIFIC PROVISIONS (2 proposals – Chair Mumford)

Naknek/Kvichak (1 proposal)

59 Revise boundaries of closed waters at Graveyard Point in the Naknek-Kvichak District.

Nushagak (1 proposal)

63 Change the seaward minimum distance between set gillnet gear in the Clark's Point area in the Nushagak District.