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**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**

**Kodiak Finfish**

January 10-13, 2017

**PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

*This summary is informational only. The actions indicated below will have legal affects in regulations that provide the sole legal action of the board.*

**Board Members Present**

John Jensen, Chair

Reed Morisky

Sue Jeffrey, Vice Chair

Israel Payton

Orville Huntington

Robert Ruffner

Al Cain

*C=Carried, F=Failed, C/A=Carried as Amended, F/A=Failed as Amended, N/A=No Action*

<b>SUBJECT (26 Proposals)</b>			
Action	No.	Proposal	Audio tracking info*
<b><i>Bering Sea Tanner Crab (1 proposal)</i></b>			
<b>F/A</b> (3-3)	278	Amend the Bering Sea District Tanner crab harvest strategy to remove the mature female Tanner crab biomass threshold for opening the fishery and remove provisions allowing a harvest in waters east of 166° W. long. ( <i>Substituted with language found in RC 49, but failed on final vote. Member Jeffrey was recused.</i> )	<i>BOF Meeting 01-12-17 afternoon: 0:57:55</i>
<b><i>Kodiak Area Groundfish Management (2 proposals)</i></b>			
<b>F</b> (0-7)	49	Remove the 5-day stand down period and increase trip limits in the black rockfish fishery.	<i>BOF Meeting 01-12-17 afternoon: 1:47:56</i>
<b>C</b> (7-0)	50	Change dates when the Kodiak Area can become a nonexclusive registration area for jig gear from October 30 to June 10.	<i>BOF Meeting 01-12-17 afternoon: 1:55:54</i>
<b><i>Kodiak Archipelago Sport Fishing (5 proposals)</i></b>			
<b>C</b> (7-0)	66	Repeal closed water provisions for sport fishing for salmon and reduce bag and possession limits within the Kodiak Road Zone.	<i>BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 0:00:51</i>
<b>C</b> (7-0)	67	Decrease the rockfish sport fishery bag and possession limits in Chiniak Bay and Marmot Bay.	<i>BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 0:13:40</i>



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<b>F/A</b> (3-4)	68	Close the Buskin River drainage, from lake outlet to Bridge #2, to sport fishing April 20–June 1. <i>(The proposal was amended to change the closed season dates to April 20-May 20, but failed on final vote.)</i>	BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 0:25:17
<b>F</b> (1-6)	69	Allow only single hook lures in Kodiak fresh waters.	BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 0:53:35
<b>F</b> (0-7)	70	Prohibit use of bait in fresh waters of Kodiak Archipelago from October 1- August 15.	BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 1:06:28
<b>Regulatory Alignment (2 proposals)</b>			
<b>C</b> (7-0)	47	Correct inconsistent GPS coordinates for waters of Kitoi Bay closed to commercial salmon fishery.	BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 1:15:21
<b>C</b> (7-0)	48	Correct inconsistent GPS coordinates for waters of Kitoi Bay closed to subsistence salmon fishing.	BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 1:17:59
<b>Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan (6 proposals)</b>			
<b>F</b> (0-6)	51	Increase the minimum expected sockeye salmon harvest thresholds from 300,000 to 600,000 prior to July 8 and 600,000 to 1,000,000 fish after July 8, and from 600,000 to 1,000,000 fish in years when runs are as strong as expected. <i>(Member Jeffrey was recused.)</i>	BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 1:19:49
<b>F</b> (0-7)	52	Require commercial salmon fishermen to register prior to fishing in the Cape Igvak Section and check out upon leaving the section, and require tender operators to report fish ticket harvest data within 12 hours of taking a delivery.	BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 1:37:12
<b>F</b> (1-5)	53	Amend the <i>Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan</i> so that the harvest allocation applies only prior to July 9. <i>(Member Jeffrey was recused.)</i>	BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 1:44:00
<b>F</b> (0-6)	54	Redefine the area used to determine allocation percentages within the <i>Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan</i> . <i>(Member Jeffrey was recused.)</i>	BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 1:48:22
<b>F</b> (0-6)	55	Repeal the <i>Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan</i> and close commercial salmon fishing through July 25. <i>(Member Jeffrey was recused.)</i>	BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 1:50:11
<b>F</b> (0-6)	56	Reduce the Cape Igvak Section allocation from 15 percent to 7.5 percent of the total Chignik Area sockeye salmon catch. <i>(Member Jeffrey was recused.)</i>	BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 1:52:06
<b>Alitak District, Westside, and Spiridon Bay Salmon Management Plans (5 proposals)</b>			
<b>C/A</b> (7-0)	57	Allow set gillnet gear in the entire Alitak District after September 4. <i>(The proposal was substituted with language found in RC 57, and later further amended (6-1) after reconsideration to include a sunset date on the regulation change of December</i>	BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 2:14:04 & 2:26:09



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		<i>19, 2019.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 4:16:49</i>
<b>C/A</b> (7-0)	58	Limit escapement of jack sockeye salmon into Frazer Lake to no more than 15 percent of total Frazer Lake sockeye salmon escapement. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC 32.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 2:48:13</i>
<b>F</b> (0-6)	59	Implement a mandatory minimum commercial salmon fishery closure of 63 consecutive hours during every 7-day period in both the Westside and Alitak districts. <i>(Member Jeffrey was recused.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 2:55:41</i>
<b>C/A</b> (6-0)	60	Create a special harvest area (SHA) allowing the Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association to harvest Karluk River sockeye salmon deemed excess to escapement needs. <i>(This proposal was tabled and then substituted with language in RC 61. Member Jeffrey was recused.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 3:00:57</i> <i>BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 3:57:24</i>
<b>C</b> (7-0)	61	Amend the <i>Spiridon Bay Sockeye Salmon Management Plan</i> to reflect cost recovery activities conducted by Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association.	<i>BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 3:09:55</i>
<b><i>Closed Waters and Seine Specifications (5 proposals)</i></b>			
<b>F</b> (0-6)	62	Close all waters within a 1,000-yard radius of the terminus of Ayakulik River to commercial salmon fishing June 1- July 15. <i>(Member Jeffrey was recused.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 3:12:33</i>
<b>F</b> (3-3)	63	Close all waters within a 500-yard radius of the terminus of Ayakulik River to commercial salmon fishing. <i>(Member Jeffrey was recused.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 3:27:29</i>
<b>C/A</b> (7-0)	64	Close commercial salmon fishing from July 10 to August 10 in all waters north of a line from Ouzinkie Point on Ouzinkie Island to Parokoda Island and then from Paroka Island to the old Alaska Department of Fish and Game marker on Spruce Island near Black Point. <i>(Amended to remove closure dates.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 3:37:18</i>
<b>F</b> (0-6)	65	Establish a four and one half inch minimum mesh size for salmon seines from June 1 to July 15. <i>(Member Jeffrey was recused.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 3:53:20</i>
<b>C</b> (7-0)	281	Retention of King salmon taken in a commercial fishery. <i>(This proposal was created as a board generated proposal (7-0) at the Kodiak Finfish meeting.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 2:29:04</i> <i>BOF Meeting 01-13-17: 4:12:54</i>

\* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry "BOF Meeting\_01-13-17" indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates roughly when board discussion on the proposal began according to the meeting audio.



## Miscellaneous Business Agenda

### **1. Sport fishing license age requirements and youth (under 16) fisheries**

The board was alerted to its revised authority gained through the passage of House Bill 137 during the 2016 Legislative session. Previously, the board had authority to establish youth fisheries for persons under 16 years of age. HB137, a bill that increased licensing fees for sport fishing and hunting, amended the board's authority to establish fisheries for residents under 18 and non-residents under 16. The board could review current youth fisheries in light of new authority, but it was not essential. The board chose to take no action on this new authority at this time.

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### **2. Discussion on Kodiak genetics sockeye and King salmon studies**

The board received two letters seeking major action by the board on Kodiak salmon management plans due to recent genetics studies on Kodiak salmon fisheries (RC 54 and RC 55). The department reported it would be a significant undertaking to open up Kodiak salmon management plans at the Upper Cook Inlet (UCI) meeting. Members of the board concurred there was not adequate time for the public to review the results and the department to prepare. The board discussed concerns regarding the timeliness of department reports and asked the department if it was possible to have additional reporting on Cook Inlet origin salmon caught in the Kodiak salmon fisheries at the UCI meeting, including the Kenai and Kasilof rivers, sockeye stocks of concern, and other stocks with high utilization and biological concern.

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4:41:01*

### **3. Long-term look at Bering Sea crab harvest strategy**

The board and department discussed a path to begin reviewing crab harvest strategies for Bering Sea fisheries. The department will have a proposed regulatory process for the board to consider in order to have revisions in place before next year's crab fishery.

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5:03:25*

### **4. Draft letter to Legislature on habitat permitting**

The board reviewed its draft letter to the Legislature that was developed at the Lower Cook Inlet Finfish meeting and revised based on board input. The board approved the revised copy to be sent to the Legislature. A final copy of this letter is posted on the Board of Fisheries website under Meeting Information, November 29, 2016 Joint Meeting of the Habitat and Legislation Committees, <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=11-29-2016&meeting=homer>.

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