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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues March 8-11, 2016

Anchorage, AK

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

Tom Kluberton, Chair Fritz Johnson Orville Huntington Robert Mumford John Jensen, Vice-Chair Sue Jeffrey Reed Morisky

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

STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES (24 PROPOSALS)

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Action	Proposal	Description	Audio tracking info*
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С	224	Customary and traditional subsistence uses of shellfish stocks and	Day 2: 03-09-16:
(7-0)		amounts necessary for subsistence uses.	4:02:07
Methods			
F (0-7)	202	Prohibit the use of felt bottom boots in all waters, while fishing.	Day 2: 03-09-16: 4:08:13
Special			
F	203	Expand emergency order authority to close sport fishing in special	Day 2: 03-09-16:
(0-7)		harvest areas if hatchery cost recovery goals may not be met.	4:14:56
Methods			
C/A	204	Modify the definition of an artificial fly to include the use of a bare	Day 2: 03-09-16: 4:31:07 Day 2: 03-09-16: 4:35:01
(7-0)		single hook. (Amended with substitute language in RC 44.)	
C/A	205	Clarify that a bead not attached to a hook is an attractor, and not a	
(7-0)		lure or fly. (Amended by language in RC 41. The board provided	



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Action	Proposal	Description	Audio tracking info*			
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F (0-7)	215	Establish a 58' overall length limit for vessels participating in South Alaska Peninsula parallel walleye pollock fishery using trawl gear.	Day 3: 03-10-16: 1:21:03			
С (6-1)	194	Close all waters of Unalaska Bay to commercial fishing for groundfish with pelagic trawl gear. (<i>This proposal was heard at the</i> <i>Alaska Peninsula / Chignik / Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting where</i> <i>public testimony was taken.</i>)	Day 3: 03-10-16: 1:32:08			
F (1-6)	216	Establish a state waters walleye pollock purse seine fishery in Southeast Alaska.	Day 3: 03-10-16: 2:09:07			
F (0-7)	217	Establish fishing season for walleye pollock that does not conflict with salmon season.	Day 3: 03-10-16: 2:28:22			
C/A (7-0)	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. <i>(Amended with substitute language in RC 66.)</i>	Day 3: 03-10-16: 2:35:32			
Bristol	Bristol Bay Erosion-Related, District Specific Provisions (2 proposals)					
C/A (6-1)	59	Revise boundaries of closed waters at Graveyard Point in the Naknek-Kvichak District. (Amended with substitute language in RC 68.)	Day 4: 03-11-16: 0:01:12			
C/A (7-0)	63	Change the seaward minimum distance between set gillnet gear in the Clark's Point area in the Nushagak District. (Amended with substitute language in RC 70.)	Day 4: 03-11-16: 0:25:15			

* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry "*Day 3: 03-10-16*" indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the proposal began according to the meeting audio.

Miscellaneous Business:

Draft policy on proposal review process (RC 52)

The board discussed the draft proposal review process policy. The draft policy was an outcome of the Joint Board subcommittee's review of process changes that could save budget dollars. The policy would enlist the Board's Committee of the Committees to reduce proposal workload by creating consent agendas, recommending potential delegations to the department, and providing additional oversight on proposals. The board proposed significant edits to the document and plan to take it up at a teleconference later in the spring following adequate public notice.

Federal Subsistence Board letter re: MOU (RC 61)

The board reviewed the recent USF&W Federal Subsistence Board's letter providing its

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support to re-engage the reauthorization of the memorandum of understanding between the ADF&G and Boards of Game and Fisheries, and the USF&WS and Federal Subsistence Board. The Board of Fisheries agreed to lend its support and participation in the effort through its Federal/State Subsistence committee led by Member Huntington. Member Kluberton asked to be replaced on the committee given his tenure with the board would be up on June 30, 2016. Member Jeffrey volunteered to join the committee.

Fairbanks Advisory Committee Emergency Petition (RC 63)

The Board reviewed the Fairbanks Advisory Committee's emergency petition to reduce commercial fishing in the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Fishery and did not find it met the threshold of an emergency on a vote of 3-4.

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The Board and staff offered its appreciation for members Johnson, Mumford and Kluberton at the adjournment. Member Mumford's last day on the board is March 14, 2016. Members Johnson and Kluberton's terms will expire June 30, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 am.