

2020 Kodiak Finfish Meeting Meeting Roadmap

Alaska Board of Fisheries KODIAK FINFISH

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TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP

(Revised 12/31/2019: revision highlighted.)

(37 proposals)

<u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 1</u>: KODIAK SPORT FISHING, KODIAK AREA GROUNDFISH AND HERRING, and ALEUTIAN ISLANDS GROUNDFISH (16 proposals – Chair: Wood)

Kodiak Archipelago Sport Fishing (4 proposals)

- 45 Amend the boundaries of the Kodiak Road Zone salt waters.
- Establish a sport fishing season for king salmon in the Dog Salmon River.
- 47 Modify the area closed to sport fishing in the Monashka Creek drainage.
- Establish a management plan for the Kodiak Area rockfish sport fishery and a guideline harvest range for the Kodiak Area commercial rockfish fishery.

Kodiak Area Commercial Groundfish (7 proposals)

- 49 Create a Kodiak Area commercial sablefish season.
- Exempt vessels using jig gear from exclusive and superexclusive groundfish registration restrictions.
- Allow six lines per mechanical jigging machine and six machines per vessel to be operated in the Kodiak Area Pacific cod fishery.
- Amend Kodiak Area Pacific cod state-waters guideline harvest level allocation to 40 percent jig gear and 60 percent pot gear, and amend the allocation annually based on harvest levels the previous year.
- Increase the guideline harvest level (GHL) for Pacific cod in the Kodiak Area to 17.5 percent of the estimated total allowable harvest of Pacific cod in the Central Gulf of Alaska Area and increase the pot gear allocation of the GHL to 65 percent.



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- Add unharvested Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod jig gear quota to the pot gear allocation the following calendar year.
- Open a Kodiak Area commercial pot gear Pacific cod fishery on May 8 for half of the remaining jig gear allocation.

Kodiak Area Commercial Herring (4 proposals)

- Open the Kodiak Area sac roe herring fishery April 1.
- Amend the *Kamishak Bay District Herring Management Plan* to remove restrictions to the Shelikof Strait food and bait herring fishery.
- Establish guideline harvest levels for the Kodiak Area food and bait herring fishery.
- Eliminate allocation and fishing area splits by seine and gillnet gear in the Kodiak herring food and bait fishery.

Aleutian Islands Commercial Groundfish Fishery (1 proposal)

Amend season dates for the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict Pacific cod fishery.

<u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 2:</u> KODIAK AREA COMMERCIAL SALMON (21 proposals – Chair: Johnson)

Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan (5 proposals)

- Close the Cape Igvak commercial salmon fishery prior to July 8.
- Modify the definition of the total Chignik sockeye salmon catch used to determine allocation percentages in the *Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan*.
- Reduce the Cape Igvak Section allocation from 15 percent to five percent of the total Chignik Area sockeye salmon catch.
- Amend the *Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan* to 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.
- Require reporting prior to commercial fishing in the Cape Igvak Section and upon leaving the section.

Northern Region Salmon Fisheries (5 proposals)

63 Create "seaward" and "shoreward" zones in the Kodiak Management Area and amend management plans to restrict the commercial seine fishery June 1–July 25 based on those zones.



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- Create "seaward" and "shoreward" zones in the Kodiak Management Area and amend management plans to restrict the commercial seine fishery June 28–July 25 based on those zones.
- Close the Katmai, Alinchak, and Cape Igvak Sections to commercial salmon fishing June 28–July 25
- Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries.
- 66 Create a Kodiak Area Salmon Management Plan.

In addition to these five proposals, the board is also seeking a committee discussion on RC9 from the 2019 Lower Cook Inlet Finfish meeting as it relates to Proposal 37. RC9 is available at the following link:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/fisheriesboard/pdfs/2019-2020/lci/rcs/rc009 UCIDA Comments Proposal 37.pdf.

Gear and Seasons (2 proposals)

- Allow the use of single filament mesh web in a set gillnet in the Kodiak Area.
- Repeal the sunset date for the use of commercial set gillnets in the Alitak District.

Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plans (9 proposals)

- 69 Amend the *Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan* to include even-year returns of pink salmon to the Karluk River in management of the Central and North Cape Sections.
- Amend the *Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan* to include returns of pink salmon to the Karluk River.
- Amend the *Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan* to close the Anton Larsen Bay, Sharatin Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Terror Bay, Inner Uganik Bay, Spiridon Bay, Zachar Bay, and Uyak Bay Sections until escapement objectives are projected to be achieved.
- Limit the Inner Ayakulik Section commercial salmon fishery to openings of not more than six consecutive hours June 10–July 15.
- Establish a closure in the Inner Ayakulik Section of at least 24 hours between commercial salmon fishing periods.
- Close waters within 500 yards of the terminus of the Ayakulik River to commercial salmon fishing June 10–July 15.
- Post seasonal regulatory markers 500 yards from the terminus of the Ayakulik River.



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- Open the Outer Karluk and Central Sections concurrent with when the Inner Karluk Section is opened by emergency order.
- Close waters within 500 yards of the terminus of the Ayakulik River to commercial salmon fishing September 1–October 31.