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UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH

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TENTATIVE PROPOSAL ROADMAP

(171 proposals)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 1: Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (15 Proposals – Chair: Carlson-Van Dort)

Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (15 Proposals)

- 88 Amend the *Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan* to increase inriver goal ranges.
- 102 Amend the *Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan* to manage for the lower bound of the sustainable escapement goal and replace inriver goals with allocation ranges.
- 90 Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to manage primarily for sport, personal use and guided sport anglers; increase the sustainable escapement goal; and limit commercial fishing periods.
- 96 Increase the Kenai River sockeye salmon sustainable escapement and inriver goals, increase sockeye salmon bag and possession limits, and pair closures.
- 92 Reduce the Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon sustainable escapement goal range to 450,000–750,000 salmon.
- 91 Lower the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon sustainable escapement goal.
- 103 Make numerous amendments to the *Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan*.
- 98 Establish an annual limit for the Kenai River sockeye salmon sport fishery.
- 89 Amend the *Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan* to manage primarily for sport, personal use and guided sport anglers and increase the sustainable escapement goal range to 1,300,000-1,750,000 salmon.
- 100 Amend the *Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan* to open commercial fishing periods to stay within ten percent of daily inseason run projections.
- 97 Create sport and personal use allocations of sockeye on the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers.
- 101 Amend the preamble to the *Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan* by removing minimize language and adding a provision for common property fishery harvest.
- 95 Amend the *Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan* to remove and replace the provision to manage for commercial uses with a provision to manage for commercial, sport, and personal use groups.



- 99 Establish mandatory closed inriver fishing windows for sockeye salmon.
- 94 Implement an additional 24-hour closure in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery at run strengths greater than 4,600,000 Kenai River sockeye salmon.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE—GROUP 2: Susitna Sockeye Stock of Concern, Central District Drift Fishery Management Plan, Set Gillnet and Drift Gillnet Time and Area, Upper Cook Inlet Coho Salmon, and Upper Cook Inlet Pink Salmon (34 Proposals – Chair: Wood)

Susitna Sockeye Stock of Concern

Susitna Sockeye Stock of Concern discussion and potential board action.

Central District Drift Fishery Management Plan (12 proposals)

- 133 Amend the *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan* with additional mandatory area restrictions to regular fishing periods.
- 123 Rename Drift Gillnet Area 2 to the "Conservation and Northern District Allocation Sanctuary Area".
- 126 Close the Central District drift gillnet fishery corridor.
- 135 Allow one additional regular fishing period in the Central District drift gillnet fishery July 24– 31.
- 134 Add Drift Gillnet Area 1 to the list of sections that are allowed to be fished during additional fishing time July 16–31 in the *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan*.
- 132 Remove restrictions to the drift gillnet fishery so that the fishery would occur during two inlet-wide fishing periods per week.
- 125 Amend the *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan* and include inseason assessments.
- 131 Remove restrictions to the drift gillnet fishery so that the fishery would occur during two inlet-wide fishing periods per week.
- 129 Allow the commissioner to limit Central District drift gillnets to less than 150 and 200 fathoms in length and 29 meshes in depth.
- 82 Allow two regular 12-hour commercial fishing periods per week.
- 128 Amend the *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan* to remove the provision to minimize the harvest of Northern District and Kenai River coho salmon and add a provision for reasonable opportunity for common property fishery harvest.
- 124 Amend the purpose of the *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan* to include inriver users.

Set Gillnet and Drift Gillnet – Time and Area (15 proposals)

- 195 Amend the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet one percent rule to a two percent rule beginning July 31 instead of August 7.
- 194 Amend the one percent rule to a three percent rule for both Upper Subdistrict set and Central District drift gillnet fisheries.



- 193 Amend the one percent rule to a three percent rule beginning August 1 in Cook Inlet Area subdistricts.
- 192 Amend the one percent rule in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery to apply starting July 31 instead of August 7.
- 186 Eliminate the one percent rule in both Upper Subdistrict set and Central District drift gillnet fisheries.
- 190 Eliminate the one percent rule in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery.
- 191 Eliminate the one percent rule in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery.
- 188 Eliminate the drift gillnet one-percent rule.
- 189 Eliminate the one percent rule in the Central District drift gillnet fishery.
- 187 Eliminate the one percent rule in the Central District drift gillnet fishery and create mandatory area restrictions based on escapement goals.
- 178 Permanently close drift gillnetting in the Upper Subdistrict within one mile of mean high tide north of the Kenai River and within one and one-half miles of mean high tide south of the Kenai River.
- 180 Allow regular weekly fishing periods after August 15 in the Upper Subdistrict sockeye salmon set gillnet fishery based on abundance.
- 179 Extend the commercial salmon fishery season closing date in the Kenai and East Forelands Sections August 15 – September 15.
- 183 Extend the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet season to August 20.
- 181 Delay all Upper Cook Inlet set and Central District drift gillnet commercial fishing opening dates.

Upper Cook Inlet Coho Salmon (5 proposals)

- 154 Increase limits for Kenai River coho salmon from two to three fish.
- 153 Increase the bag limit for the Kenai River coho salmon sport fishery to three fish July 1 – August 31.
- 142 Create a commercial set gillnet fishery for coho salmon in the Upper Subdistrict.
- 218 Create an optimal escapement goal for McRoberts Creek coho salmon of 450-1,400 fish.
- 226 Require retention of coho salmon caught in the Little Susitna River sport fishery.

Upper Cook Inlet Pink Salmon (2 proposals)

- 136 Open two additional inlet-wide fishing periods per week between July 24 and August 15 in even-numbered years.
- 137 Repeal and readopt the *Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan* to manage for commercial priority and 40–70% exploitation rate.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 3: Upper Cook Inlet Subsistence, Personal Use, and Allocation Criteria (22 Proposals – Chair: Payton)

Upper Cook Inlet Subsistence (2 proposals)

- 242 Allow two additional fishing days per week in the Upper Yentna River subsistence salmon fishery.



- 243 Allow the harvest of other salmon in place of king salmon in the Tyonek Subdistrict subsistence fishery.

Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use (18 proposals)

- 234 Create a personal use salmon dipnet fishery on the Susitna River.
238 Create a personal use dip net fishery in Unit 1 of the Susitna River Drainage.
235 Create a lower Susitna River personal use dip net fishery.
237 Create a Susitna River personal use dip net fishery.
236 Create a Susitna River personal use dip net fishery.
173 Reduce the annual limit for the Kenai River dip net fishery and create tiered harvest quotas.
93 Manage the personal use dip net fishery on the lower Kenai River subject to achieving the inriver goal.
87 Eliminate the personal use salmon dip net fishery and prohibit catch and release fishing for salmon in the Kenai Peninsula area.
113 Establish paired restrictions to close personal use fisheries when commercial fisheries are closed.
145 Allow sport, personal use, and subsistence fishing for sockeye salmon on the Kenai River until August 15.
172 Limit personal use dipnetting on the Kenai River by day of the week.
170 Move the ADF&G regulatory marker for personal use dipnetting on the Kasilof River north shore beach.
174 Prohibit set gillnets in the personal use salmon fishery if the king salmon sport fishery in the Kenai or Kasilof Rivers is restricted.
163 Prohibit guiding in the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers personal use dip net fishery.
240 Create a personal use northern pike gillnet fishery in the Susitna River drainage.
239 Establish a personal use northern pike gillnet fishery in the Mat-Su valley.
127 Amend the *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan* to allocate 60-80% of northern-bound sockeye and coho salmon harvests to Northern Cook Inlet fisheries.
241 Establish provisions for the personal use of aquatic plants in the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area.

Allocation Criteria (2 proposal)

- 78 Amend the *Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan* to include weighted criteria for the allocation of fishery resources.
79 Establish a personal use priority for Cook Inlet salmon fisheries.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 4: Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan (17 Proposals – Chair: Godfrey)

Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan (17 proposals)

- 104 Adopt an optimal escapement goal and amend the paired restrictions in the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan*.
114 Modify the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan*.



- 105 Increase the Kenai River late-run king salmon sustainable escapement goal range to 15,000-35,000 salmon.
- 106 Increase the Kenai River late-run king salmon sustainable escapement goal range to 15,000–35,000 salmon.
- 116 Limit sport fisheries for king salmon on the Kenai River based on inseason abundance.
- 108 Reduce the number of hours the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet commercial fishery may be fished in the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan* paired restrictions.
- 111 Remove “paired” restrictions in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery.
- 149 Prohibit catch and release fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River.
- 171 Reduce the Kenai River personal use bag limit for king salmon to one salmon less than 36” in length.
- 196 Remove mandatory closed fishing periods or "windows" in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fisheries.
- 80 Prohibit retention of king salmon greater than 36” in the Upper Cook Inlet commercial gillnet fisheries.
- 84 Clarify the requirement of immediately releasing king salmon over 20 inches.
- 107 Allow the use of bait and modify maximum size above Slikok Creek when the escapement goal range is projected to be exceeded.
- 110 Modify "paired" restrictions to limit gear in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery only when retention of king salmon is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.
- 112 Remove gear restrictions in the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery when the use of bait is prohibited in the sport fishery.
- 109 Allow set gillnet fishing periods in the Kenai and Kasilof sections to be managed independently when under “paired” restrictions.
- 115 Allow the use of bait in the Kenai River king salmon sport fishery when the fishery is restricted to catch and release.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE—GROUP 5: Northern Cook Inlet King Salmon Escapement Goal Discussion, Northern Cook Inlet Sportfish Management Plans, Northern District King Salmon Management Plan and Northern District King Salmon Sport Fisheries (9 Proposals – Chair: Payton)

Northern Cook Inlet King Salmon Escapement Goal Discussion

Northern Cook Inlet king salmon escapement goal discussion.

Northern Cook Inlet Sportfish Management Plans (4 proposals)

- 216 Create a Deshka River large king salmon optimum escapement goal.
- 217 Create a Deshka River King Salmon Fishery Management Plan.
- 215 Create a Susitna and Yentna Rivers King Salmon Fishery Management Plan.
- 219 Create a Little Susitna River King Salmon Fishery Management Plan.

Northern District King Salmon Management Plan 4 proposals)

- 199 Amend the *Northern District King Salmon Management Plan*.



- 200 Close the Northern District commercial king salmon fishery when the sport fishery in the Susitna or Knik Arm drainages are restricted.
- 203 Provide additional fishing periods in the Northern District king salmon commercial fishery when the Deshka River king salmon sport fishery is liberalized.
- 201 Amend paired restrictions in the Deshka River king salmon sport and commercial fisheries.

Northern District King Salmon Sport Fishing (1 proposal)

- 225 Limit retention of king salmon in the Eklutna Tailrace to hatchery fish.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 6: Kasilof Salmon Management Plan, Northern District Salmon Management Plan, Landmarks and Waypoints, and Miscellaneous Commercial Fisheries (29 Proposals – Chair: Jensen)

Kasilof Salmon Management Plan (12 proposals)

- 121 Amend the *Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan* to prioritize achieving the lower end of the Kenai River late-run king salmon escapement goal.
- 119 Eliminate the Kasilof River sockeye salmon optimal escapement goal.
- 118 Amend the *Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan* to include the Kasilof River biological escapement goal.
- 185 Open the Kasilof Section set gillnet fishery June 20 instead of June 25 provided an estimated 20,000 sockeye salmon are in the Kasilof River.
- 182 Open the Kasilof Section commercial set gillnet fishery June 20 instead of June 25.
- 117 Increase open waters from within 600 feet of mean high tide to within 1,200 feet of mean high tide as a restrictive option in the Kasilof Section set gillnet fishery after July 8.
- 176 Allow commercial fishing with set gillnets in the North Kalifonsky Beach area starting July 8.
- 175 Allow commercial fishing with set gillnets in the North Kalifonsky Beach area starting July 1.
- 177 Open the North Kalifornsky Beach set gillnet fishery with the Kasilof section and limit the fishery to within 600 feet of the mean high tide.
- 120 Remove the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area from (c)(4) of the *Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan*.
- 184 Open extra commercial fishing periods at a set time of 7 a.m. in the Upper Subdistrict set net fishery.
- 122 Create a commercial dip net fishery in the Kasilof River.

Northern District Salmon Management Plan (11 proposals)

- 204 Amend the *Northern District Salmon Management Plan* to specify management priority of sockeye, pink, and chum salmon includes inriver users.
- 206 Amend the *Northern District Salmon Management Plan* to allow for regular amounts of set gillnet gear in the Northern District commercial sockeye salmon fishery during times of reduced effort in the Central District.
- 205 Clarify the definition of “minimize” in the *Northern District Salmon Management Plan*.



- 207 Remove the Eastern Subdistrict gear restrictions in the *Northern District Salmon Management Plan*.
- 202 Amend the *Northern District King Salmon Management Plan* to allow operation of one set gillnet per permit.
- 211 Eliminate the four set gillnet per person limit.
- 208 Modify description of waters open to fishing.
- 210 Close waters to drift gillnetting on the west side of Cook Inlet within one mile of shore from the West Forelands to Sea Otter Point.
- 139 Close the drift gillnet salmon fishery in Chinitna Bay.
- 130 Allow commercial fishing with drift gillnets in the Chinitna Bay subdistrict starting August 15.
- 138 Establish drift gillnet weekly fishing periods in the Chinitna Bay Subdistrict.

Landmarks and Waypoints (3 proposals)

- 198 Amend waypoint descriptions and provide coordinates for landmark names.
- 197 Provide waypoint locations for landmark names and modify waypoint locations in Chinitna Bay.
- 209 Amend the waypoint location for Light Point on Kalgin Island.

Miscellaneous Commercial Fisheries (3 proposals)

- 212 Eliminate the requirement to obtain a commissioner's permit for the Cook Inlet Smelt fishery.
- 141 Allow a vessel to carry more than a legal complement of gillnet gear in the Cook Inlet Area.
- 140 Allow a dual-permit vessel to have 200 fathoms of gear on board while in Chinitna Bay subdistrict, but fish with no more than 150 fathoms of gear in the subdistrict at any time.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE—GROUP 7: Upper Cook Inlet Areawide Sport Fisheries, Kenai/Kasilof Rivers Sportfish Guiding, Kenai/Kasilof Rivers Motors, Miscellaneous Sportfish, Kenai River Habitat, and Multiple Area and Multiple Region Plans (45 Proposals – Chair: Godfrey)

Upper Cook Inlet Areawide Sport Fisheries (9 proposals)

- 85 Limit the prosecution of fishing derbies.
- 86 Establish resident and non-resident annual limits for sockeye salmon in the Cook Inlet Area.
- 9 Establish a seasonal limit of five king salmon in Cook Inlet from October 1—April 30.
- 150 Require retention of sockeye salmon caught in the Kenai River.
- 147 Prohibit fishing for salmon on the upper Kenai River after taking the bag limit for that day.
- 146 Increase the sockeye salmon limit to six fish per day in the Kenai River when the commercial fishery is open.
- 151 Allow retention of sockeye salmon snagged on the Kenai River.
- 152 Prohibit barbed hooks when fishing in the Kenai River drainage.



- 148 Allow two unbaited, single-hook artificial flies and limit hook size throughout the Kenai River drainage.

Kenai/Kasilof Rivers Sportfish Guiding (9 proposals)

- 162 Remove restrictions to guided sport vessels on the Kenai River when the King salmon sport fishery is closed.
- 14 Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler.
- 161 Allow sport fishing from a guide vessel on the Kenai River on Mondays in August.
- 160 Allow transport of more than five persons per vessel used for guided sport fishing on the Kenai River in July.
- 159 Allow five anglers per vessel used for guided sport fishing on the Kenai River in July.
- 155 Allow sport fishing guides to sport fish while a client is present from the banks of the Kasilof River.
- 156 Allow sport fish guides to sport fish on the Kasilof River from shore while a client is present.
- 158 Prohibit sport fishing guides from sport fishing from shore while a client is present.
- 157 Limit the number of client groups per guide or guide vessel on the Kasilof River in July.

Kenai/Kasilof Rivers Motors (6 proposals)

- 168 Prohibit motorized vessels on the Kenai River.
- 166 Prohibit sport fishing from a motorized vessel on the lower Kenai River on Thursdays in July.
- 165 Prohibit sport fishing from a motorized vessel on the lower Kenai River on Thursdays in July.
- 167 Allow sport fishing from a vessel with a motor on board but not in use on the Kenai River on Mondays in July.
- 164 Prohibit motorized vessels on the Kenai River from Skilak Lake to the Soldotna Bridge May 1– August 31.
- 169 Prohibit motorized vessels on a section of the Kasilof River January 1—September 15.

Miscellaneous Sportfish (17 proposals)

- 221 Extend the use of bait to September 11 in Unit 2 of the Susitna River Drainage Area sport fishery.
- 144 Align spring sport fishing dates for Bishop and Bench creeks.
- 143 Clarify the fishing season for king salmon less than 20 inches in length on the Kasilof River.
- 232 Close a section of the south fork of Big River to sport fishing.
- 231 Establish limits in the Big River Drainage of two salmon 16" or greater in length.
- 230 Allow retention of snagged sockeye salmon in the Big River Lakes and Wolverine Creek.
- 229 Extend the hours of the Ship Creek youth fishery.
- 227 Open additional days in the sport fishery in the Fish Creek drainage.
- 228 Prohibit fishing while wading in Fish Creek.
- 213 Allow anglers to use 5 lines while fishing for northern pike through the ice.



- 222 Allow fishing for resident species on days closed to king salmon fishing in Unit 2.
- 233 Allow fishing for fish, other than salmon, in upper Threemile Creek and the Threemile Lake outlet.
- 214 Prohibit live release of northern pike in the Anchorage Bowl and Knik River drainages.
- 223 Allow more than one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure in the Susitna River.
- 224 Allow more than one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure in the rainbow trout fishery throughout the Susitna River Drainage.
- 220 Prohibit retention of rainbow trout and the use of bait in the Lake Creek drainage.
- 81 Manage fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet by designating types of salmon habitat.

Multiple Area and Multiple Region Plans (4 proposals)

- 83 Close all commercial fishing in Upper Cook Inlet.
- 15 Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides.
- 38 Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Upper and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries.
- 37 Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries.