

**MEMORANDUM****STATE OF ALASKA****DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

Boards Support Section

<b>TO:</b>	Alaska Board of Fisheries	<b>DATE:</b>	March 10, 2022
<b>THRU:</b>		<b>PHONE:</b>	907-465-6095
<b>FROM:</b>	Glenn Haight, Executive Director Alaska Board of Fisheries	<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Missing Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee Recommendations from the Prince William Sound Meeting

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Immediately following the conclusion of the Prince William Sound (PWS) Finfish and Shellfish meeting in Cordova earlier this month, it was discovered that recommendations from an October 14, 2020, Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee (Mat-Valley AC) meeting related to the PWS meeting were not presented to the Board of Fisheries (board). Thereafter a second set of recommendations from an earlier October 7, 2020, meeting was found.

In total, the Mat-Valley AC provided recommendations on the first 41 proposals. In six cases, the final outcome by the board differed with the Mat-Valley recommendation. The table below provides these 41 proposals, the Mat-Valley recommendations, and the board outcome. Proposals with differing outcomes are highlighted. The full Mat-Valley recommendations are provide in the Board's workbook (RC1) as Advisory Committee Comments 11.

I will start by offering my apologies to both the board and Mat-Valley AC. AC recommendations are a cornerstone of Alaska's fish and game public process and critical to the board's deliberations. Boards Support had significant turnover in several positions since Mat-Valley met in the fall of 2020 and it is my responsibility to bridge the work of changing personnel.

In discussion with the Department of Law, and in confirmation with Chairwoman Carlson-Van Dort, I offer the following remedy. Given these recommendations were not presented in Cordova, they may represent new information to board members. The chair is willing to waive the 24-hour requirement in the Motion to Reconsider Policy in this instance to allow any board member on the prevailing side of the board outcome to seek a reconsideration with 24-hours of the start of Southeast board meeting. It is recommended that any reconsideration vote be scheduled during the Southeast board meeting, and any successful reconsideration vote will be scheduled for final action at the March shellfish meeting.

Proposal	Mat Valley Recommendation	Meeting Date	Board outcome (Prevailing votes)
1 Establish a longline skate fishery in Prince William Sound	Oppose 0-9	10/14/20	F (0/6)
2 Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Prince William Sound Area directed lingcod fishery	Support 10-1	10/7/20	C (6/0)
3 Clarify possession and landing requirements for the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Prince William Sound Area	Support 10-1	10/7/20	C (6/0)
4 Clarify possession and landing requirements for the state-managed sablefish fishery in the Prince William Sound Area	Support 10-1	10/7/20	C (6/0)
5 Establish an optimal escapement goal for Copper River king salmon	Support 10-0	10/7/20	F (2/4) – as amended • Mitchell • Jensen • Wood • Godfrey
6 Require inseason reporting of subsistence, sport fish, and personal use harvest and effort	Oppose 0-10	10/7/20	F (1/5)
7 Prohibit guiding in subsistence finfish fisheries	Oppose 4-5	10/7/20	C (4/2) • Carlson-Van Dort • Jensen • Wood • Godfrey
8 Prohibit dipnetting near tributary mouths of the Upper Copper River District	Support as amended 9-0	10/7/20	F (0/6)
9 Prohibit dipnetting from a boat in the Glennallen Subdistrict	Oppose 0-9	10/7/20	F (0/6)
10 Prohibit dipnetting from a boat in the Upper Copper River District	Oppose 0-9	10/7/20	F (0/6)
11 Prohibit dipnetting from a moving boat in a portion of the Chitina Subdistrict.	Oppose 0-9	10/7/20	F (0/6)
12 Prohibit dipnetting from a boat when within 50 feet of a person dipnetting from shore in the Chitina Subdistrict	Oppose 0-9	10/7/20	F (0/6)
13 Prohibit dipnetting from a boat within 75 feet of an operating fish wheel in the Glennallen Subdistrict	Oppose 0-9	10/7/20	F (0/6)
14 Prohibit the use of gillnet mesh in dip nets	Oppose 1-8	10/7/20	F (0/6)
15 Prohibit the use of gillnet mesh in dip nets	Oppose 1-8	10/7/20	F (0/6)
16 Prohibit the use of depth or fish finders on boats in the Upper Copper River District	Oppose 0-9	10/7/20	F (0/6)
17 Establish specific permit and bag limits when dipnetting from a boat in the Glennallen Subdistrict	Oppose 0-9	10/7/20	F (0/6)
18 Extend the lower boundary of the Chitina Subdistrict downstream ½ mile.	Oppose 1-8	10/7/20	F (3/3)
19 Reduce the maximum harvest level in the Chitina Subdistrict Personal Use Fishery when the Copper River commercial fishery harvest is 50% below the 10-year average on June 1.	Oppose 0-9	10/7/20	F (0/6)

20 Amend the annual limit for salmon in the Chitina Subdistrict	Oppose 0-9	10/7/20	F (0/6)
21 Amend the opening date of the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery from June 7 to June 1	Oppose 0-9	10/7/20	F (0/6)
23 Reverse the positive customary and traditional subsistence use determination for rainbow and steelhead trout in the Prince William Sound Area, or establish amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence and bag and possession limits for rainbow and steelhead trout in the Prince William Sound Area.	Oppose 0-9	10/14/20	F (0/6)
24 Add bag and possession limits for Dolly Varden in the Prince William Sound freshwater finfish subsistence Fishery	Support 9-0	10/7/20	C (6/0)
25 Establish allowable gear in the Prince William Sound freshwater finfish subsistence fishery	Support 9-0	10/7/20	C (6/0)
26 Create a community subsistence salmon permit for Prince William Sound	Oppose 0-9	10/7/20	F/A (1/5)
27 Amend subsistence fishing season to remove linkage between subsistence salmon fishing opportunity and commercial salmon fishing periods	Oppose 0-9	10/7/20	N/A (6/0)
28 Amend household harvest limits for subsistence-caught salmon	Oppose 0-9	10/7/20	C/A (6/0)
29 Allow use of drift gillnets to harvest salmon for subsistence uses throughout Prince William Sound	Oppose 0 9 Concerns that allowing drift gillnets could affect management and allocation, potential for excessive harvest.	10/14/20	C SL RC104 (6/0)
30 Extend single-hook, artificial fly regulations in the Gulkana River to include the area under the Richardson Highway Bridge	Support 7-2	10/7/20	C (6/0)
31 Increase the possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Upper Copper River	Support 9-0	10/14/20	C (4/2)
32 Allow harvest of rainbow trout 20 inches or less in a portion of the Gulkana River	Oppose 1-8	10/14/20	F (0/6)
33 Allow harvest of rainbow trout 18 inches or less in the Gulkana River	Oppose 2-7	10/14/20	F (0/6)
34 Remove the 14-inch size limit for Gulkana River Arctic grayling	Support 9-0	10/14/20	C (6/0)
35 Amend bag and possession limits for Arctic grayling and methods and means in Moose Creek	Support 7-2	10/14/20	F (0/6)
36 Increase the bag and possession limit of lake trout in Crosswind Lake	Oppose 1-8	10/14/20	F (1-5)
37 Establish sport bag and possession limit for lake trout in the Prince William Sound area	Support 9-0	10/14/20	C (6/0)

38 Establish restrictions in the Copper River Delta coho salmon sport fishery based on the number of days the commercial fishery is closed	Oppose 0-9	10/14/20	F (0/6)
39 Extend the area closed to sport fishing in Ibeck Creek	Oppose 0-9	10/14/20	TNA – Request to withdraw RC97
40 Close 18 Mile or Silver Creek to coho salmon fishing August 1 to November 1	Oppose 0-9	10/14/20	F (3/3)
41 Repeal mandatory closed waters from the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan	Oppose 0-9	10/14/20	F (2/4)