

Summary of AC08 Sitka AC Decisions on Session 3: Salmon and Non-Groundfish

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	Proposal	Position	Date	Page
80	Amend regulation to address payback provisions when the State of Alaska king salmon fisheries exceed Alaska’s annual king salmon all-gear harvest ceiling. AMENDMENT: : Overage should come out of the gear group that created the overage	Support (11-0)	Oct 27, 2021	36
81	Allocate any Alaska all gear-allocation king salmon remaining after September 1 to the commercial troll fishery. AMENDED: Add “The Troll Fishery AND Sport Fish with the current 80/20 split will be able to harvest excess fish” to line 6	Support w/amendment 12-0	Oct 27, 2021	36
82	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with the provisions of the 2019–2028 Pacific Salmon Treaty annex. AMENDED: * See page 37-39 of Sitka AC Minutes	Support w/ extensive amendments* 12-0	Oct 27 2021	37
83	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for an average sport harvest of 20% of the sport/troll allocation with commensurate regulations addressing sport fishery overages in the commercial troll fishery. *(See discussion Sitka AC minutes 69-71)	Unanimously Oppose (0-11)	Nov 17, 2021	69
84	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to ensure no closure of the resident king salmon fishery due to allocation concerns.	Oppose 4-7	Nov 17, 2021	71
85	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing closed periods and reducing bag	Unanimously Support 11-0	Nov 17, 2021	72

	<p>limits for nonresidents.</p> <p>***85 and 86 is consistent with the Sitka AC's support of proposal 82 with our proposed changes and makes it fair; Since SEAK does not have any saltwater subsistence king salmon fisheries, local residents met their subsistence needs via the sport fishery. Thus it is appropriate to prioritize resident sport above other uses, specifically above non-resident sport and even commercial.</p> <p>*(Sitka AC minutes pg 71-72)</p>			
86	<p>Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing closed periods and reducing bag limits for nonresidents.</p> <p>*See discussion under proposal 85 (Sitka AC minutes page 72)</p>	Unanimously Support 11-0	Nov 17 2021	73
	87 no comment			
88	<p>Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a sliding sport allocation between 16 and 24 percent with commensurate commercial troll fishery allocation modification under commercial regulation.</p>	Unanimously Oppose 0-11	Nov 17, 2021	73
89	<p>Allow the use of two additional fishing lines during periods of king salmon non-retention in all of the Southeast-Yakutat area if there is more than one CFEC power troll permit holder on board the vessel.</p> <p>*(See Discussion Sitka AC minutes 74-75)</p>	Unanimously Oppose 0-12	Nov 17, 2021	73
90	<p>Change trigger to from an annual abundance index (AI) number to a District 13 early- winter power troll CPUE tier.</p>	Unanimously Support 12-0	Nov 17, 2021	75
91	<p>Reallocate the annual troll harvest allocation between the winter, spring and summer troll fisheries.</p>	Unanimously Oppose 0-11	Nov 17, 2021	76
92	<p>Allow retention of king salmon greater than 26</p>	Support 12-1	Dec 1, 2021	83

	inches in hatchery terminal harvest areas by commercial trollers.			
93	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan by reducing the maximum nonresident annual limit to three king salmon.	Oppose 1-13	Dec 1, 2021	86
94	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing specific closed periods and reducing annual limits for nonresidents. ***We support Proposal 82 as amended, which is mutually exclusive to 94.	See comments on proposal 82 on page 37	Dec 1, 2021	86
95	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to provide for in season liberalization of management measures when the sport fish allocation will not be met	Support 13-1	Dec 1, 2021	86
	96,97 no comment			
99	Establish a gear rotation between purse seine and troll gear in the Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest area.	Support 10-2 2 abstain	Dec 1, 2021	87
100	Remove drift gillnet gear from allowed gear to participate in the Southeast Cove THA common property fisheries.	Oppose 2-12	Dec 1, 2021	87
101	Modify management plan to further consider potential effect of hatchery-produced salmon on wild-stock salmon.	Oppose 1-10 3 abstain	Dec 1 2021	88
102	Change the ratio of drift gillnet to purse seine openings from 2:1 to 1:2 in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area. AMENDED: make it a 1:1 ratio of seine days and gill net days	Support 13-1 W/amendment	Dec 1, 2021	88
103	Modify net gear allocation guidelines to further consider potential effect of hatchery produced salmon on wild-stock salmon and wild-stock	Oppose 1-11 2 abstain	Dec 1, 2021	89

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	salmon management.			
	104-109	No comment		
110	Require reporting and recovery of lost drift gillnet gear.	Support 11-1 2 abstain	Dec 12, 2021	97
	111,112 no comment			
113	Change the maximum mesh size during periods established by emergency order from 6 inches to a range of five and one-quarter to 6 inches and define dates in Districts 6, 8 and 11 when the mesh size will be implemented.	Oppose 0-9 4 abstain	Dec 6, 2021	98
114	Allow the use of fishing rods in conjunction with downriggers by hand trollers.	Support 12-1 1 abstain	Dec 6, 2021	98
115	Modify the start date of the winter troll fishery. AMENDED: apply only in years when the winter fishery is scheduled to close March 15 instead of April 30. (See discussion in Sitka AC minutes pages 100-103)	Support 14-0 amended	Dec 6, 2021	100
116	Require retention of king salmon caught during periods of non retention to be retained if they are deemed too injured to be released and set price at one dollar for selling retained fish.	Unanimously Oppose 0-14	Dec 6, 2021	103
276	Allow for the retention of salmon during periods of commercial non retention when the sport fishery in the area is open for that species.	Support 14-4	Feb 24, 2021	20
117	Allow trollers the use of two additional fishing lines in designated chum troll fishing areas in August and September.	Oppose 1-13	Dec 6, 2021	103
	118-121 no comment			
122	Remove sunset date so regulation remains in effect.	Support 13-0 2 abstain	Dec 5, 2021	152
	123-130 no comment			
131	Modify fishing area and add hand purse seine as legal gear for the Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence salmon fishery. AMENDED: to move the boundary to 50 yards North of Existing Snagging Line	Support 14-0 w/amendment	Dec 5 2021	153

	*See discussion Sitka AC Minutes pages 134-137			
132	Prohibit the use of spears in Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence fishery from June 21 to August 1. ***See discussion Sitka AC minutes pages 105-109	No Action Alert to illegal spear Dive fishery?	Dec 6 2021	105
133	Allow the use of seine and gillnet gear in the waters of Redoubt Bay that are open to commercial salmon fishing. NOTE TO BOF: this proposal seeks to make changes to eliminate potentially conflicting regulations. ***Rather than support the proposal, the Sitka AC made the following motion that would make the changes to deal with the issues the department is concerned about in this proposal with the following language: Move that we ask the BoF to modify 5aac01.720(a)(1) such that seine and gillnet gear not be allowed for subsistence salmon fishing in Redoubt Bay except as allowed under a community harvest permit Full Sitka AC in support of motion (See discussion Sitka AC minutes pages 137-140)	Oppose 0-11 2 abstain	Dec 15, 2021	137
	134,135 no comment			
136	Include commercially harvested salmon to fish that may not be possessed on the same day sport or personal use salmon are taken.	Unanimously Oppose 0-13	Dec 15, 2021	141
	137-142 no comment			
143	Require inseason reporting of nonresident sport fish harvest.	Unanimously Support 15-0	Dec 20, 2021	155
144	Establish a logbook program for rental vessels used in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries.	Unanimously Support 13-0 See rebuttal Of staff comment 142	Dec 15, 2021	157
145	Establish nonresident bag, possession, and annual limits for coho and sockeye salmon in the fresh and salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.	Support 9-6	Dec 20, 2021	157
146	Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for coho, sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.	Oppose 3-11	Dec 20,2021	158

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147	Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for coho salmon in the fresh waters east of the longitude of Cape Fairweather.	Oppose 7-8	Def 20, 2021	159
148	Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.	Oppose 6-9	Dec 20, 2021	160
	149-153 no comment			
154	Allow the use of bow and arrow in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries.	Unanimously Oppose 0-15	Dec 20, 2021	161
155	Prohibit the removal of salmon from the water when non retention regulations apply and prohibit the use of a multiple hook in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries.	Support 13-2	Dec 20, 2021	161