



**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**  
**Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Areas Finfish**

January 14-18, 2023 | Egan Center, Anchorage

**PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

*This summary is informational only. The actions indicated below will have legal effects in regulations that provide the sole legal action of the board. All references to meeting materials,*

*including this summary, may be located on the Board of Fisheries meeting website at:*

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=01-14-2023&meeting=anchorage>

**Board Members Present**

Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair    John Jensen, Vice-chair  
Tom Carpenter    Mike Heimbuch  
McKenzie Mitchell    John Wood  
Stan Zuray

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

Action	#	Proposal	Audio Tracking Info <sup>1</sup>
<b><i>North Alaska Peninsula Dungeness Crab and Prince William Sound Groundfish (3 proposals)</i></b>			
<b>C/A</b> 6-1	170	Establish vessel and overall fishery pot limit for the North Peninsula Dungeness crab fishery. <i>Amended with substitute language in RC 42.</i>	<a href="#">01-16-23</a> 09:31:17 AM
<b>C/A</b> 7-0	171	Allow groundfish pots to be longlined in the Prince William Sound Area. <i>Amended with substitute language in RC 43.</i>	<a href="#">01-16-23</a> 10:00:27 AM
<b>N/A</b>	172	Adopt gear marking requirements for longlined pot gear in the Prince William Sound Area. <i>No action based on the action taken on Proposal 171.</i>	<a href="#">01-16-23</a> 10:11:41 AM
<b><i>Tanana Subsistence and Sport Fisheries (12 proposals)</i></b>			
<b>F</b> 0-7	63	Establish an annual bag limit of 20 northern pike and modify daily bag limit of fish greater than 30 inches in the Chatanika Harvest Area subsistence fishery.	<a href="#">01-16-23</a> 01:46:12 PM

<sup>1</sup> The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry "Meeting 01-16-23" indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the proposal began according to the meeting audio.



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<b>F</b> 0-7	64	Modify the daily bag limit to require retention of the first 10 fish caught and length limit for northern pike in the Chatanika Harvest Area subsistence fishery.	<a href="#">01-16-23</a> 02:02:39 PM
<b>C/A</b> 7-0	65	Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Tanana River Area. <i>Amended with substitute language in RC 48. The board further clarified their intent that this not apply to stocked lakes.</i>	<a href="#">01-16-23</a> 02:10:47 PM
<b>F</b> 3-4	66	Allow a catch-and-release fishery for northern pike in Harding Lake.	<a href="#">01-16-23</a> 02:19:58 PM
<b>N/A</b>	67	Prohibit retention of northern pike caught on set lines in the Tanana River drainage.	<a href="#">01-16-23</a> 02:32:57 PM
<b>F</b> 0-7	68	Repeal setline prohibition and bag and possession limit for burbot in T Lake.	<a href="#">01-16-23</a> 02:35:01 PM
<b>F</b> 0-7	69	Restrict the sport fishing season for Arctic grayling in the lower Chena River.	<a href="#">01-16-23</a> 02:40:39 PM
<b>C/A</b> 7-0	70	Allow harvest of Arctic grayling in the lower Chena River from June 1 to March 31. <i>Amended with substitute language in RC 47</i>	<a href="#">01-16-23</a> 02:49:14 PM
<b>C</b> 7-0	71	Remove the size limit for lake trout in Fielding Lake.	<a href="#">01-16-23</a> 02:58:50 PM
<b>C</b> 7-0	72	Allow for catch-and-release fishing in Bathing Beauty Pond, Bear Lake, Moose Lake, Polaris Lake, Piledriver Slough, and Moose Creek.	<a href="#">01-16-23</a> 03:07:54 PM
<b>C</b> 7-0	73	Update the Tanana River Area stocked waters regulations.	<a href="#">01-16-23</a> 03:11:17 PM
<b>C</b> 7-0	74	Update the Tanana River Area Stocked Waters Management Plan.	<a href="#">01-16-23</a> 03:14:03 PM
<b><i>Kotzebue and Norton Sound Commercial and Sport Fisheries (4 proposals)</i></b>			
<b>C</b> 6-1	75	Modify Arctic grayling bag, possession, and length limits in the Northwestern Area.	<a href="#">01-16-23</a> 03:48:42 PM
<b>C/A</b> 7-0	76	Allow Kotzebue commercial salmon fishermen to leave their set gillnet gear unattended during commercial fishing periods. <i>Amended with substitute language in RC 44.</i>	<a href="#">01-16-23</a> 04:10:13 PM
<b>F</b> 3-4	77	Establish an optimal escapement goal of 7,000-12,000 sockeye salmon for the Salmon Lake drainage within the Port Clarence District.	<a href="#">01-16-23</a> 04:31:47 PM
<b>C</b> 7-0	78	Modify the start and end dates of the herring sac-ro, and food and bait fishing seasons.	<a href="#">01-16-23</a> 04:50:21 PM
<b><i>Yukon Subsistence, Personal Use, Commercial, and Sport Fisheries (11 proposals)</i></b>			
<b>C</b> 7-0	79	Allow hook and line attached to a rod or pole when subsistence fishing upstream of the Nulato River mouth, to and including the Koyukuk River drainage up to the closed waters of the Koyukuk and the subsistence permit area.	<a href="#">01-17-23</a> 02:18:04 PM



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N/A	80	Restrict subsistence king salmon harvest in the middle and upper Yukon River. <i>The board took no action on this proposal based on a request by the proposal's author.</i>	<a href="#">01-17-23</a> 02:40:35 PM
F 0-7	81	Implement a Yukon River drainage subsistence salmon permit to allow retention of king salmon less than 24 inches with an annual limit 10 fish during times of king salmon conservation.	<a href="#">01-17-23</a> 02:41:06 PM
March 2023	82	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30. <i>The board received public comment at this meeting and the proposal will be deliberated at the board's March 2023 meeting.</i>	<a href="#">01-17-23</a> 02:49:59 PM
C 7-0	83	After August 15, a person may not take salmon with a gillnet that has a mesh size greater than six inches in the Yukon Area Personal Use Salmon Fishery.	<a href="#">01-17-23</a> 02:50:47 PM
C/A 7-0	84	Repeal and readopt Yukon Area subsistence fishery lawful gear and gear specifications. <i>Amended with substitute language in RC 55 and further amended.</i>	<a href="#">01-17-23</a> 02:58:29 PM
C 7-0	85	Modify Yukon Area Personal Use Salmon Fishery specifications for selective gear types and gillnet mesh size during times of salmon conservation.	<a href="#">01-17-23</a> 03:15:32 PM
C/A 7-0	86	Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Yukon River Area. <i>Amended with substitute language in RC 54.</i>	<a href="#">01-17-23</a> 03:49:17 PM
March 2023	87	Establish a definition of an eel stick. (To be heard at this meeting and deliberated during the Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues meeting). <i>The board received public comment at this meeting and the proposal will be deliberated at the board's March 2023 meeting.</i>	<a href="#">01-17-23</a> 03:56:21 PM
C 6-0	88	Repeal and replace Yukon Area commercial salmon fishing gear specifications. <i>Member Zuray recused.</i>	<a href="#">01-17-23</a> 04:01:28 PM
N/A	89	Modify Yukon Area commercial dip net gear operations in the commercial fishery to include a single rigid handle with a single line attached. <i>The board took no action on this proposal after being advised that it was already legal.</i>	<a href="#">01-17-23</a> 04:08:07 PM
<b><i>Kuskokwim Subsistence, Commercial, and Sport Fisheries (8 proposals)</i></b>			
F 0-7	90	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.	<a href="#">01-18-23</a> 08:56:03 AM
C 7-0	91	Modify Kuskokwim Area lawful gear and gear specifications and operation to provide greater opportunity to harvest salmon other than king salmon, during times of salmon conservation.	<a href="#">01-18-23</a> 09:01:52 aM
C 7-0	92	Increase subsistence opportunity before, during, and after commercial fishing periods set by emergency order.	<a href="#">01-18-23</a> 09:06:22 AM



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<b>F</b> 0-7	93	Close the Buckstock River between June 14 and September 1 to all fishing.	<a href="#">01-18-23</a> 09:09:49 AM
<b>F/A</b> 2-5	94	Close sport fishing for chum salmon to nonresidents in the Kanektok River from June 1 to July 15. <i>Amended date range to June 1-June 30.</i>	<a href="#">01-18-23</a> 09:16:28 AM
<b>F</b> 0-7	95	When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Department of Fish and Game would not provide set gillnet fishing periods prior to June 12 when the projected escapement is within the drainagewide escapement goal range.	<a href="#">01-18-23</a> 09:29:28 AM
<b>F</b> 0-7	96	When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Department of Fish and Game would not provide directed king salmon fishing periods after June 11 when the projected escapement is within the drainagewide escapement goal range.	<a href="#">01-18-23</a> 09:35:00 AM
<b>C</b> 5-2	97	Establish times when a commercial gillnet permit holder in Kuskokwim Area may use dip net and beach seine gear to commercially harvest salmon and standardize Kuskokwim Area dipnet lawful gear specifications and operation.	<a href="#">01-18-23</a> 09:36:26 AM

### Miscellaneous Business:

The board received information (RC 22) about the Joint Board of Fisheries/Board of Game Committee that met on Dec 20, 2022. The board agreed with the Joint Committee recommendation that the scope of the call for proposals should include 5 AAC Chapters 97, 97, and 99 and also that the proposed Joint Board meeting dates of March 25-29, 2024 is acceptable. Since the Board of Game has not set their 2024 schedule yet, the board opted to allow the BOG to officially call the Joint Board meeting once their schedule is established.

The board reviewed a draft letter (RC 52) regarding enforcement funding. The board approved the letter in concept and delegated the Chair the authority to make minor edits and then send the letter to the Governor, ADF&G Commissioner, and to the appropriate leadership in the Alaska Legislature.

The board had a brief discussion to clarify that their intent in the adoption of the substitute language (RC 48) for proposal 65, that the regulation not be applied to stocked lakes.

The board considered two emergency petitions:

RC 29 contained a petition to expand tendering for Dungeness crab in Registration Area J. By a vote of 0 in favor and 7 against, the board did not find that an emergency existed based on the criteria found in 5 AAC 96.625(f).

RC 49 contained a petition to expand tendering for Tanner crab in the Kodiak Area. By a vote of 0 in favor and 7 against, the board did not find that an emergency existed based on the criteria found in 5 AAC 96.625(f).