



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Lower Cook Inlet Finfish and Supplemental Issues

November 28–December 1, 2023 | Land’s End Resort, Homer

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

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

[https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=11-28-2023&meeting=homer#.fixed..12,](https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=11-28-2023&meeting=homer#.fixed..12)

Board Members Present

John Wood, Chair Tom Carpenter, Vice-chair
 Märít Carlson-Van Dort Gerad Godfrey
 Greg Svendsen Mike 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 ¹
<i>KING SALMON SPORT FISHERIES - Upper Cook Inlet Summer Fishery</i>			
	1	Amend the <i>Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan. (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting).</i>	
	2	Amend the <i>Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Management Plan. (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting).</i>	
	3	Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late-run king salmon fisheries. <i>(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting).</i>	

¹ The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry “Meeting 11-30-2023” indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the proposal or matter began according to the meeting audio.



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	4	Redefine the boundaries of the Upper Cook Inlet Area. <i>(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting).</i>	
C/A 6-1	5	Allow fishing from shore in the marine waters adjacent to Ninilchik River and Deep Creek year round. <i>Amended to allow fishing from shore for species other than king salmon in all three conservation zones.</i>	11-30-2023 08:30:56 AM
<i>KING SALMON SPORT FISHERIES - Lower Cook Inlet Summer Fishery</i>			
C/A 6-1	6	Create a management plan and establish a guideline harvest level for the lower Cook Inlet summer saltwater king salmon sport fishery. <i>Amended to create a GHL of 8,500 king salmon in the LCI summer saltwater king salmon fishery.</i>	11-30-2023 08:50:38 AM
C 7-0	7	Prohibit snagging and spear fishing for king salmon in Seldovia Harbor and Lagoon until June 24.	11-30-2023 09:19:16 AM
N/A	8	Prohibit snagging in Seldovia Bay. <i>No action based on the board action taken on proposal 7.</i>	11-30-2023 09:41:15
<i>KING SALMON SPORT FISHERIES – Winter Fishery</i>			
C/A 7-0	9	Review management options in the <i>Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan. Amended to increase the GHL to 5,500 king salmon and directed the department to utilize a size restriction of greater than 20” if needed to stay within the GHL.</i>	11-30-2023 09:41:55 AM
N/A	10	Modify king salmon limits in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery. <i>No action based on the boards action taken on proposal 9.</i>	11-30-2023 10:05:35 AM
F 0-7	11	Allow Alaska resident anglers to use two rods for salmon.	11-30-2023 10:07:22 AM
<i>KING SALMON SPORT FISHERIES – North Gulf Coast</i>			
N/A	12	Modify the <i>North Gulf Coast King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan. No action taken due to the request to withdraw from the proposal’s author.</i>	11-30-2023 10:14:02 AM
<i>KING SALMON SPORT FISHERIES – Fresh Water</i>			
C/A 7-0	13	Create a management plan for the Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River king salmon sport fisheries. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC46.</i>	11-30-2023 10:14:47 AM
C/A 4-3	14	Modify the Ninilchik River hatchery king salmon limits and season. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC47.</i>	11-30-2023 10:38:37 AM



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F 2-5	15	Extend the area open to hatchery king salmon on the Ninilchik River	11-30-2023 11:07:01 AM
C 7-0	16	Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth-Only fishery	11-30-2023 11:39:14 AM
N/A	17	Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth-Only fishery. <i>NO action taken based on the board's action on proposal 16.</i>	11-30-2023 11:43:51 AM
<i>GROUND FISH – Sport Fisheries</i>			
N/A	18	Modify rockfish bag and possession limits. <i>No action taken based on the board's action on proposal 19.</i>	11-30-2023 11:53:03 AM
C 7-0	19	Reduce rockfish limits in Cook Inlet - Resurrection Bay.	11-30-2023 11:44:16 AM
N/A	20	Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits. <i>No action taken based on the board's action on proposal 19.</i>	11-30-2023 11:54:17 AM
N/A	21	Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits. <i>No action taken based on the board's action on proposal 19.</i>	11-30-2023 11:54:17 AM
F 0-7	22	Establish a sport fishing closure for rockfish in Cook Inlet from June 1 - July 31.	11-30-2023 11:54:46 AM
N/A	23	Reduce Lower Cook Inlet lingcod sport limits.	11-30-2023 01:30:33 PM
F 0-7	24	Remove limits for spiny dogfish in Cook Inlet waters.	11-30-2023 01:31:08 PM
<i>GROUND FISH – Commercial Fisheries</i>			
F 0-7	25	Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport rockfish harvest limits.	11-30-2023 01:34:19 PM
C/A 7-0	26	Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport lingcod harvest. <i>Amended to reduce the sport lingcod limit to 1 fish/day and 2 in possession. Further amended to maintain the existing commercial GHL.</i>	11-30-2023 01:41:30 PM
C 7-0	27	Open Cook Inlet commercial sablefish season earlier.	11-30-2023 01:58:53 PM
F 0-7	28	Change gear group allocation in the <i>Cook Inlet Pacific Cod Management Plan.</i>	11-30-2023 02:03:29 PM
<i>OTHER SALMON, TROUT, HERRING – Sport Fisheries</i>			
F 2-5	29	Prohibit use of helicopters to transport anglers to select Cook Inlet waters.	12-1-2023 07:31:21 AM
<i>OTHER SALMON, TROUT, HERRING – Personal Use & Subsistence</i>			
C 7-0	30	Add provisions to allow for subsistence harvest on herring spawn on kelp.	12-1-2023 07:53:52 AM



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C 7-0	31	Extend the China Poot personal use fishery season dates.	12-1-2023 07:59:45 AM
F 0-7	32	Move the China Poot personal use dip net regulations under the <i>Cook Inlet Personal Use Fishery Management Plan</i> .	12-1-2023 08:02:45 AM
F 0-7	33	Redefine the Kachemak Bay personal use dip net fishery area	12-1-2023 08:08:04 AM
<i>OTHER SALMON, TROUT, HERRING – Commercial Fisheries</i>			
F 0-7	34	Create a <i>Kamishak Bay Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan</i> .	12-1-2023 08:10:48 AM
F 1-6	35	Create a <i>Kachemak Bay Wild Fish Priority Management Plan</i> . <i>The board referred the issues raised in this proposal to their Habitat Committee. The committee may bring a proposal back to the board in the future.</i>	12-1-2023 08:14:33 AM and 09:19:41 AM
F 1-6	36	Amend the <i>Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan</i> .	12-1-2023 08:25:04 AM
F 3-4	37	Modify legal gear in the <i>Trail Lakes Salmon Hatchery Management Plan</i> .	12-1-2023 08:54:31 AM
N/A	38	Modify legal gear in Lower Cook Inlet special harvest areas. <i>No action was taken on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 37.</i>	12-1-2023 09:00:59 AM
C 7-0	39	Amend the list of waters closed to commercial fishing in Cook Inlet.	12-1-2023 09:01:19 AM
F 0-7	40	Amend waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon.	12-1-2023 09:05:11 AM
F 0-7	41	Close a portion of Tutka Bay to commercial fishing for salmon.	12-1-2023 09:07:26
F 0-7	42	Readopt the <i>Bear Lake Management Plan</i> .	12-1-2023 09:09:38 AM
	43	Amend Basic Management Plans. <i>(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting).</i>	
<i>SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES – Bristol Bay Sport Fisheries</i>			
C/A 6-0 <i>Member Godfrey absent</i>	256	Repeal the no bait regulation and all the use of non-roe bait for salmon, other than king salmon. <i>Adopted with substitute language found in RC 72.</i>	12-1-2023 02:30:41 PM
<i>SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES – Southeast Alaska</i>			
C/A 5-1 <i>Member Godfrey absent</i>	257	Amend the <i>Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan</i> to align with new methods to set catch limits adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission. <i>Adopted with substitute language found in RC 63.</i>	12-1-2023 02:36:57 PM



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N/A <i>Member Godfrey absent</i>	258	Amend the <i>Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan</i> to align with changes adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission to maintain the troll and sport fishery allocations. No action was taken based on the board’s action on proposal 257.	12-1-2023 03:20:36 PM
F 2-4 <i>Member Godfrey absent</i>	259	Manage the Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery to not exceed the annual sport fishery harvest allocation.	12-1-2023 03:21:14 PM

Additional Actions:

- The board implemented Action 1B in conjunction with Action 3 from the [Draft Mikfik Lake Sockeye Salmon Action Plan](#), and the McNeil River delisting criteria found in [RC 48 \(11-30-2023\)](#) at 04:48:50 PM).

Miscellaneous Business:

- The board adopted a definition of, and procedures for receiving Traditional Knowledge reports from the public as outlined in [RC 74](#) for the Kodiak and Upper Cook Inlet finfish meetings ([12-1-2023](#) at 03:46:17 PM).
- The board’s Habitat Committee was assigned the issues raised in proposal 35 to be explored in more detail and possibly bring proposed action back to the full board at a later, unspecified date. ([12-1-2023](#) at 03:53:57 PM).
- The board voted to remove proposal 59 from the proposals to be considered at the upcoming Kodiak finfish meeting ([12-1-2023](#) at 03:55:18 PM).