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UPPER COOK INLET PROPOSALS BY THE
MATANUSKA VALLEY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AC 008)

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Summary of the Mat Valley AC and Department positions on regulatory proposals for Upper Cook Inlet finfish Board meeting and the page index to the Mat Valley Board Comments; Anchorage, February 23–March 5, 2024.

Proposal number	Mat Valley Comments Page #	Mat Valley AC		Depart position	Issue
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204	1	SA	11-0	N	Allow hook and line attached to a rod or pole as subsistence gear to take king salmon in the Yentna River drainage
205	18	S	12-0	N	Increase waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon in the <i>Northern District King Salmon Management Plan</i>
206	18	S	12-0	N	Reduce the number of king salmon that may be commercially harvested in the Northern District of Upper Cook Inlet
207	18	S	12-0	N	Adopt additional restrictions in the <i>Northern District King Salmon Management Plan</i>
208	21	S	12-0	N	Restrict the commercial king salmon fishery in the Northern District
209	21	S	12-0	N/O	Close the commercial king salmon fishery in the Northern District
210	22	S	12-0	N	Modify the <i>Northern District Salmon Management Plan</i> and <i>Northern District King Salmon Management Plan</i>
211	23	O	0-12	N	Repeal certain restrictive provisions of <i>Northern District Salmon Management Plan</i>
212	23	S	12-0	N	Adopt additional restrictions in the <i>Northern District Salmon Management Plan</i>
213	26	S	12-0	N	Adopt new ‘paired restrictive’ management measures for the Northern District commercial salmon set gillnet fishery
214	26	S	12-0	N/O	Adopt new ‘paired restrictive’ management measures for the commercial salmon set gillnet fishery within the <i>Northern District Salmon Management Plan</i>
215	26	O	0-12	N	Provide additional commercial fishing opportunity for salmon within the <i>Northern District Salmon Management Plan</i>
131	37	O	0-12	N	Modify Northern District weekly commercial fishing periods
216	26	SA	10-2	O	Reduce the commercial smelt guideline harvest level in Upper Cook Inlet
217	27	O	0-12	O	Repeal the <i>Cook Inlet Smelt Fishery Management Plan</i>
218	2	O	0-11	NA	Allow harvest of king salmon between 20 and 24 inches in Unit 4 of the Susitna River Drainage Area.
219	2	O	0-11	O	Close fishing for all species within the confluence of Unit 2 waters when sport fishing for king salmon is closed
220	3	S	11-0	S	Open additional waters in the Big River drainage to sport fishing for coho salmon
221	3	S	11-0	O	Create a bag and possession limit of 3 coho salmon in the Susitna River Drainage

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222	3	S	11-0	S	Increase the Susitna River drainage sport fish limits for pink salmon
223	4	O	0-11	O	Redefine the special management areas for rainbow trout in the Susitna Drainage Area
224	4	O	0-11	O	Extend the special management areas for rainbow trout to include the portion of Willow Creek upstream of the Parks Highway
225	4	O	0-11	O	Open rainbow trout fishing in Unit 4 of the Susitna River drainage year-round with a bag limit of 5 fish, 10 in possession
226	4	S	10-1	O	Allow anglers to use two artificial lures in tandem in the Susitna River Drainage waters
227	4	S	11-0	O	Remove the length restriction on Dolly Varden in Unit 4
228	5	S	11-0	S	Close dipnetting in the vicinity of Anderson Creek during the personal use fishery on the lower Susitna River
229	5	S	11-0	N	Increase the number of days the Susitna River dipnet fishery is open
230	5	S	11-0	N	Increase the open season of the Susitna River dipnet fishery
231	5	S	11-0	N	Modify dates of the Susitna River dipnet fishery
232	8	O	0-11	O	Allow Alaska residents to sport fish additional gear and take multiple limits in UCI
233	9	O	0-11	O	Establish sport fishing derby approval process
234	9	SA	11-0	S	Clarify the boundary of the Knik Arm management area and the Palmer-Wasilla Zone
235	10	S	11-0	O	Reduce the size of the Palmer-Wasilla Zone
236	10	S	11-0	S	Update the stocked lakes list for the Knik Arm drainage area
237	10	S	11-0	S	Allow bow and spear as legal gear for northern pike and Alaska blackfish year round in the Palmer/Wasilla Zone
238	10	O	3-8	O	Establish a motor size restriction for the Little Susitna River
239	11	SA	12-0	O	Establish a large king salmon escapement goal for the Little Susitna River
240	12	O	0-12	O	Increase the number of days bait is allowed in the Little Susitna River drainage
241	13	O	0-12	O/N	Allow use of bait in the Little Susitna sport fishery based on location of commercial fishery openings
242	13	O	0-12	O	Prohibit anglers from releasing coho salmon in the Little Susitna River
243	13	SA	12-0	O/N	Create a bag and possession limit of 3 coho salmon in the Knik Arm Drainages
244	16	S	12-0	S	Define the mouth of Fish Creek
245	16	S	12-0	S	Allow sport fishing in the Fish Creek drainage 7 days a week
246	17	S	12-0	S	Update the lists of lakes where anglers may use 5 lines while fishing for northern pike through the ice in designated Northern Cook Inlet waters
247	17	S	9-3	S	Prohibit chumming in Big, Mirror, and Flat Lakes
248	17	S	12-0	S	Restrict Big Lake Arctic char to catch-and-release in the Fish Creek drainage

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249	17	S	12-0	S	Remove the effective date of regulation pertaining to sport fishing from a motor driven boat
250	27	S	12-0	S	Modify the closure date for the Ship Creek king salmon fishery
251	27	S	12-0	S	Modify the Eklutna River drainage salmon bag and possession limits
252	28	S	10-1	N	Increase the bag and possession limit for salmon, other than king salmon
253	28	S	11-0	O	Allow anglers to use two artificial flies in tandem in a portion of Campbell Creek
254	28	O	0-11	O	Add portion of Chester Creek to Anchorage Bowl special management areas for trout
255	29	SA	10-1	N/O	Create a personal use dip net fishery for salmon in the 20-Mile and Placer Rivers
80				O	Modify the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i>
83				O/N	Modify the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i>
85	32	O	0-12	O/N	Prohibit use of motorized vessels in the Kenai River if the sport fishery is closed
86	32	S,A	12-0	O	Prohibit bait in the Kenai River through Oct 31 if the king salmon sport fishery is closed
87	32	O	0-12	O	Prohibit guided sport fishing on the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers when sport fishing for king salmon is closed
88				O	Prohibit nonresidents fishing from a guided vessel on the Kenai River if the king salmon sport fishery is closed
90	32	O	1-11	N	Expand weekly time-period “windows” where the commercial salmon fishery is closed
91				N	Amend criteria for commercial set gillnet fishing periods, in the Upper Subdistrict, after August 1
92				N	Exempt the East Foreland Section from ‘paired restriction’ measures in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i>
93				N	Exempt the East Foreland Section from paired restriction management measures within the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i>
94				N	Modify allowable gear when the set gillnet commercial fishery is restricted to achieve the Kenai River late-run king salmon optimal escapement goal
95				N	Modify the amount of set gillnet gear that can be used in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery when restricted to achieve the Kenai River late-run king salmon OEG
96				N	Modify operation of set gillnet gear in the Upper Subdistrict
97	33	O	0-12	N	Amend the <i>Kenai Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> to provide additional fishing opportunity in the sport and set gillnet commercial fisheries
98				N	Modify the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict when restricted to achieve the Kenai River late-run king salmon optimal escapement goal

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99				O/N	Make numerous changes to the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i>
100	33	O	0-12	N	Allow a 600-foot set gillnet commercial fishery when Kenai River late-run large king salmon escapements exceed 13,500 fish
101				N	Remove paired restrictive time and gear exemption from the 600-foot commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict
102				N	Provide additional commercial salmon fishing opportunity with set gillnet gear in the Upper Subdistrict
103	33	S	12-0	N	Allow use of dipnets in the Upper Subdistrict commercial salmon fishery
104	34	O	0-12	N	Adopt a new Kenai River late-run king salmon management plan for the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery
105				N	Allow a 600-foot set gillnet commercial fishery when the Upper Subdistrict would be closed to conserve Kenai River late-run king salmon
106	34	SA	12-0	N	Restrict legal set gillnet gear when the Upper Subdistrict commercial salmon fishery is open within 600 feet of shore
107				N	Repeal the 600-foot Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery and create a new opportunity with shallow set gillnet gear more than one half mile offshore
108				NA	Exempt the 600-foot set gillnet fishery from fishing time and gear restrictions in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i>
110				N/O	Provide additional commercial fishing opportunity for set gillnet gear within the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i>
116	35	O	0-12	N	Repeal mandatory weekly closures in the commercial set gillnet fishery
117	35	O	0-12	N	Repeal paired restrictions from Upper Cook Inlet salmon management plan
109				N/O	Create new set gillnet commercial salmon fishing opportunity based on Kasilof River sockeye salmon escapement
75	30	O	0-12	N	Remove the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon OEG
76				N	Remove the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon OEG
77				O	Modify the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon OEG
78				N	Modify the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon OEG
79				N	Create additional step-down measures to the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i>
81				N	Modify the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i>
82	31	O	0-12	N	Repeal portions of the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> and shorten plan duration

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84				N	Close fishing for Kenai River late-run king salmon when forecast is below 20,000
89				O	Prohibit nonresidents participating in the Kenai River late run king salmon fishery
146	48	S	12-0	S	Align the Kenai River Drainage Area method and means provisions with the season dates for Kenai River king salmon
147				O	Modify Kenai River king salmon annual limit
148	48	O	6-6	O/N	Prohibit fishing for king salmon from a motorized vessel in the Kenai River
149	49	O	0-12	O	Require mandatory retention of Kenai River king salmon
1	6	SA	11-0	S	Amend the <i>Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i>
2	8	O	0-11	O	Amend the <i>Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Management Plan</i>
3	8	O	0-11	O/N	Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late- run king salmon fisheries
4	8	O	0-11	O/N	Redefine the boundaries of the Upper Cook Inlet Area

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111				O	Adopt a Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon optimal escapement goal
112	35	S	9-3	N	Increase the upper bound of the Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon inriver goal
113				O	Adopt an optimal escapement goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon
114				O/N	Adopt an optimal escapement goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon
115	35	O	0-12	N	Modify intent of the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan
118				N	Reduce the Kasilof River sockeye salmon optimal escapement goal
119	36	O	0-12	O/N	Allow the Kasilof River SHA to remain open when the remainder of the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict is closed
120	36	O	0-12	N	Repeal portions of intent language within the <i>Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan</i>
121	36	O	0-12	N	Modify intent language within the <i>Central District Drift Gillnet Management Plan</i>
122	36	O	0-12	N	Repeal the ‘one percent rule’ in the Central District drift gillnet fishery
123	36	O	0-12	N	Repeal the “one percent rule” from Upper Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery management plans
124	36	O	0-12	N	Repeal the “one percent rule” from Upper Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery management plans
125	36	O	0-12	N	Repeal sections of the <i>Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan</i> to provide additional commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear
126	36	O	0-12	TNA	Increase drift gillnet fishing opportunity in Drift Gillnet Area 2
127	37	O	0-12	N	Modify weekly fishing periods in the <i>Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan</i>
128	37	O	0-12	N	Provide additional fishing opportunity with set gillnet gear in the Upper Subdistrict
129				N	Increase Upper Subdistrict set gillnet commercial salmon fishing opportunity
130				N	Lengthen Upper Subdistrict set gillnet commercial salmon fishing season
132	37	O	0-12	O/N	Provide additional commercial salmon fishing opportunity in Upper Cook Inlet based on salmon escapement
133	37	O	0-12	O/N	Modify weekly fishing periods in the Upper Subdistrict and adopt new ‘paired restrictive’ management measures
134	38	O	0-12	O/N	Modify weekly fishing periods
135				O	Close the Chinitna Bay Subdistrict to commercial fishing for salmon
136	38	S	12-0	N	Increase waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon
137	38	S	12-0	O/N	Increase waters closed to commercial fishing in Upper Cook Inlet

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138				O/N	Allo+E203:E219w use of a seine lead in the set gillnet fishery and define minimum distance between gear
139				N	Allow use of reef nets in the Upper Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery
140	47	S	9-3	N	Restrict set gillnet gear in the Upper Subdistrict
141	39	S	9-3	N	Increase the number of days the Susitna River dipnet fishery is open
142	38	O	1-11	O	Establish commercial fishery reporting requirements in Upper Cook Inlet
143	39	O	0-12	N	Allow Upper Cook Inlet set gillnet permit holders to fish in more than one registration area per year
43	40	S	7-2-3	O	Amend Basic Management Plans <i>Cook Inlet Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan</i>
144	43	O	1-11	N	Amend the <i>Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan</i>
145	43	O	0-12	O	Increase commercial fishing opportunity in the <i>Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan</i>
150				O	Create a <i>Kasilof River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i>
151	44	O	0-12	O/N	Add days and area to the nonmotorized restrictions on the Kenai River
152	44	O	0-12	O	Prohibit motorized vessels on the Kenai River
153	49	O	0-12	N	Allow guiding on the Kenai River on Sundays and Mondays
154	44	O	0-12	N	Allow guiding on the Kenai River without restrictions if king salmon fishery is closed
155	44	O	0-12	N	Allow guiding on the Kenai River Sundays and Mondays if king salmon fishery closed
156	44	O	0-12	N	Allow fishing from a guided nonmotorized vessel on Mondays during May–July
157	44	O	0-12	N	Allow anglers to fish on the Kenai River on Mondays in August and September from a guided vessel
158	44	O	0-12	N	Allow sport fishing from a guide vessel on Sundays and Mondays with no hour restrictions
159	44	O	0-12	N	Allow sport fishing from a guide vessel on the Kenai River on Mondays from August 1 through November 30
160	44	S	12-0	N	Limit guided activities on the Kenai River from May 1 through July 31
161	49	SA	12-0	N	Restrict guided shoreline anglers on Kenai River to 6:00 AM–6:00 PM July 1 to August 15
162	50	O	0-12	N	Allow guiding on the Kenai River prior to 6:00 AM and after 6:00 PM
163	50	S	12-0	N	Reduce the time fishing from and anchoring a guided vessel in the Kasilof River
164				N	Limit sport fish guiding in the Kasilof River

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165	45	O	0-12	O	Allow sport fishing in the Kenai River with only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure from January to July
166				O	Expand time and area waters of the Kenai River that are limited to only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, and redefine "artificial fly"
167	45	O	0-12	O	Expand time and area waters of the Kenai River that are limited to only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure
168	50	S	11-1	O	Allow anglers to use two artificial flies in tandem on the Kenai River
169	51	S	11-1	O	Change the definition of "bag limit" for sockeye salmon in Kenai and Kasilof Rivers
170				N	Allow backtrolling in a section of the Kenai River
171				N	Allow anglers to fish downstream of Soldotna Bridge after taking limit of coho salmon
172				N	Allow fishing from a vessel after retention of a limit of coho salmon on the Kenai River
173				O	Modify regulations for the Kenai River August coho salmon fishery
174				O	Regulate the use of bait in the Kenai River in August
175				N	Reduce the coho salmon limits in the Kenai River to two fish after August 30
176	51	O	0-12	N	Reduce the coho salmon limit on Kenai River after September 1
177				N	Modify Kenai River coho salmon season and bag limits
178				N	Reduce the season for the Kenai River coho salmon sport fishery
179				O	Close additional waters to sport fishing in the upper Kenai River
180				O	Close waters of the Kenai River to sportfishing from January 1 to April 1
181				O	Close waters of the Kenai River to sportfishing from January 1 to June 10
182				N	Prohibit nonresident sport fishing on the Kenai River
183	51	S	12-0	S	Allow the department to react to large Russian River sockeye salmon runs
184				S	Move 3-mile boundary marker to Old Kasilof Landing (RM4)
185				S	Allow only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures in the Kasilof River
186				S	Update the stocked lakes list for the Kenai Peninsula Area
187	45	SA	12-0	S	Close Hidden Lake to fishing for lake trout from September 15 to November 30
188	45	O	0-12	O	Prohibit bait and multiple hooks in Hidden Lake

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189				N	Require personal use guides in Cook Inlet to adhere to sport guiding requirements
190				N	Establish requirements to guide in Upper Cook Inlet personal use fisheries
191				O	Adjust limits in Cook Inlet personal use fisheries based on abundance
192	46	O	0-12	O/N	Close personal use fisheries based on commercial openings
193				S	Require king salmon caught and released in Cook Inlet personal use fisheries not be removed from the water
194				O	Allow retention of Dolly Varden in Kenai/Kasilof personal use dipnet fisheries
195	46	O	0-12	N	Restrict emergency order (EO) authority to only the shore-based fishery in the Kenai River personal use fishery
196				O	Prohibit personal use fishing on the Kenai River from an anchored vessel
197				N	Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Kenai River personal use fishery
198	46	O	0-12	O	Prohibit transport of Kenai personal use fish by motorized vessel
199	46	O	0-12	O	Prohibit transport of Kasilof personal use fish by motorized vessel
200	51	S	10-2	N	Close the Kasilof personal use gillnet fishery when Kenai or Kasilof sport fisheries are closed
201	47	O	0-12	O/N	Close the Kenai River personal use fishery when the drift fishery is restricted
202	47	SA	12-0	S	Reduce the legal mesh size of a set gillnet in the UCI personal use fisheries
203				N	Move the regulatory markers for the Kasilof River personal use dip net fishery

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