

Alaska Board of Fisheries Upper Cook Inlet Meeting Proposals

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description	Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
75	Remove the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon OEG.	Oppose	3	10	Keep the OEG as this is needed to keep the fishery sustainable and to rebuild a run. OEG gives us an extra buffer that is on the side of conservative. OEG has not been met since being implemented and changes the calculation for maximum sustained yield. SEG is currently 13,500 to 27,000 large king salmon.
76	Remove the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon OEG	No Action			No Action Based on 75
77	Modify the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon OEG	Opposed	3	10	An OEG can be made below an SEG, see comments for proposal 75
78	Remove the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon OEG	No Action			No Action based on 77
79	Create additional step-down measures to the KRLRK SMP	Opposed	4	9	This takes away the OEG and is based on the SEG. This is also a longer opening period to fish 24 hours during a stock of concern. Allows for a limited commercial fish during low abundance. Does also allow in-river to fish.
80	Modify the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan	Supported	7	6	Live day reporting and reporting of fish tickets to get count. This would equate to 400 total large kings being taken by commercial fish while the sport fish may not be fishing at all. In-River gets nothing in addition in this, but we already have tools in place to allow fishing in both commercial fishery and in-river fishery. 600-foot fishery is estimated at 500 sockeye per king salmon of any size. Data is roughly 150,000 sockeye salmon to 317 kings of any size from 2018 to 2022. Would like to see the large king cap lowered below 200 large kings per fishing area. Opposition: This would allow opportunity below the SEG. Post Season genetics are not available in a timely manner to manage the fishery
81	Provide additional commercial fishing opportunity for salmon within the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i>	Opposed	4	9	Better than Proposal 80, it is simplified, and the numbers are better aligned within the current management plan. The 600-foot fishery should be utilized more.

Putting a commercial fishery out in front of a closed king salmon fishery. Believe in the OEG and that it serves a purpose. The 600-foot fishery was not used in 2023 due to the forecast being below the SEG.

Fish need to come first and we need to make the OEG first and foremost.

82 Repeal portions of intent language from the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan* and shorten plan duration
 Opposed 2 11 **Opposing Votes:** This would get rid of the OEG, we have supported the OEG as stated in other proposals. Need paired restrictions, but this would open up fishing too much.

Also lowers SEG number and wants to get rid of the large king salmon count.

Supporting votes: If this is being managed for sport-use then it is a special privilege. Supports it since it is coming from another local AC. Do not agree with the OEG and all kings need to be counted.

83 Modify the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan
 Opposed 1 7 The proposal is very complicated. Applaud the author for trying to find ways to encourage management within the goal range.

1 abstention

84 Close fishing for Kenai River late-run king salmon upstream of river mile 14 when the preseason forecast is below 20,000 fish

85 Prohibit use of motorized vessels in the Kenai River if the sport fishery is closed
 Opposed 0 9 M. Monte S. Jerry
 Would prevent access to fisheries. Majority of committee felt it was over restrictive.

2 abst.

86 Prohibit bait in the Kenai River through Oct 31 if the king salmon sport fishery is closed by EO.

No Action No Action based on proposal # 173

87 Prohibit guided sport fishing on the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers when sport fishing for king salmon is closed
 Opposed 0 11 There are 26 miles of bank protections already in place where fishing cannot be done from the shore. There is no such thing as a shuttle service.

Is it truly an equitable burden of conservation when one commercial fishing group is still allowed to fish while another commercial fishing group is not fishing.

1 abstention

88 Prohibit nonresidents from fishing from a guide vessel on the Kenai River if the king salmon sport fishery is closed

Opposed 0 12 Guides already cannot fish with clients on board.

89 Prohibit nonresident anglers from participating in the Kenai River Late-Run king salmon fishery

No Action No Action based on 88

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90 Expand weekly time-period "windows" where the commercial salmon fishery is closed

Opposed	5	8	This might not be the best way to manage the sockeye fishery escapement. Eastside fishery is getting windowed to death, there are only so many given days to allow fishing now.
			There would give more time to allow fish to enter the river. Originally the windows were implemented to help the sport fishery.
91 Opposed	3	10	Amend criteria for commercial set gillnet fishing periods, in the Upper Subdistrict, after August 1 Would like to see an achieved OEG before opening. Projections have been and could be incorrect.
			This would only affect very specific sections to be allowed to fish. Possibly allowing one extra day of fishing.
92 Opposed	0	11	Exempt the East Foreland Section from 'paired restriction' measures in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> the entire beach fishery is closed and by opening this section then starts to carve out specific fisheries.
			There are total number of kings caught, but no data on number of large kenai kings being taken in this section of the fishery.
			Management could fall under sockeye management plan that would not be paired with the king sport fishery
			2 abstentions
93 No Action			Exempt the East Foreland Section from 'paired restriction' management measures within the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> Based on 92
94 Support	10	0	Modify allowable gear when the set gillnet commercial fishery is restricted to achieve the Kenai River late-run king salmon optimal escapement goal Just trying to change wording in regulation to allow total aggregate length with shorter nets.
			3 abstentions
95 Opposed	0	11	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 optimal escapement goal, This would lengthen the total amount of gear in the water 2 abstentions – no science behind the shallower net
96 Opposed	0	12	Modify operation of set gillnet gear in the Upper Subdistrict, No definition for flagged gillnet, there is no study showing that this would catch less king salmon or be a valid sockeye fishery.
			This could break loose and create additional issues within the fishery across multiple fisheries.
			1 abstention – no science behind the method
97 Opposed	3	9	Amend the Kenai Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan to provide additional fishing opportunity in the sport and set gillnet commercial fisheries Trying to provide limited opportunity between SEG and OEG.
			This could potentially remove the OEG, though the OEG was put in place to help build the stock quicker. The date was of the 20 th was used as it is when the projection confidence is much more clear.
			Is it possible to manage to two different goals with one fishery managed to an SEG and another managed to an OEG.

			Support for the OEG, as the purpose of the OEG is to help rebuild the run. So managing to the OEG is to help this stock of concern.
			Karluk king run has had poor returns but they still are fishing down there, which seems to be a contradiction on policy.
98			Modify the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict when restricted to achieve the Kenai River late-run king salmon optimal escapement goal
	2	11	Creates an opportunity to fish with restrictions and limited area.
			Too restrictive, more effort below the OEG
99			Make numerous changes to the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i>
100			Allow a 600-foot set gillnet commercial fishery when Kenai River late-run large king salmon escapements exceed 13,500 fish
Opposed	4	8	Trying to fish between the SEG and the OEG with limited gear and not targeting king. This proposal says that the in-river MUST exceed the SEG 13,500 number. This would most likely be August opportunity.
			Supporting this with a single net
			1 abstention
101			Remove 'paired restrictive' time and gear exemption from the 600-foot commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict
Support	7	5	The 600-foot fishery has not been extensively used. The initial idea behind this fishery was to bring it back into a more traditional fishery along the beach. This has not been used enough to know have enough data to have a known effective rate.
			This would count the hours in the 600-foot fishery toward total accumulated hours during hours paired restriction.
			This still has impact, and the 600-foot fishery does still harvest some Kenai kings. The idea is to account for the hours that are being used.
			1 abstention
102			Provide additional commercial salmon fishing opportunity with set gillnet gear in the Upper Subdistrict
Opposed	3	8	Give some opportunity with limited gear and a prescribed time. 600-foot fishery is tight to the beach.
			This is based on projections instead of in-river SEG numbers. This could allow fishing to happen and still miss the OEG. Would also now allow ample opportunity for in-river kings salmon fishing.
			81 and 102 are the same proposal.
			2 abstentions
103			Allow use of dipnets in the Upper Subdistrict commercial salmon fishery
Support	8	4	A new permit or new gear type would need to be established. The boat limitation is to limit this to a common setnet boat size, but would exclude most boats in the drift boat fishery. This could also allow dipping from the beach.
			Don't like the idea or the precedence that it would set. This could create an entire new fishery and or crossover between personal use and commercial caught fish.

It does provide an opportunity for commercial a targeted commercial fishery.

This would only be allowed when the setnet fishery is closed. It is not paired to any current

1 abstention – the idea is good out of the box thinking, but what are we missing that could be creating additional issues.

104	Adopt a new Kenai River late-run king salmon management plan for the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery			
Opposed	0	13	Proposal is to broad and cover too many details with not enough depth. The idea of having a TAC is not unheard of but not currently	
105	Allow a 600-foot set gillnet commercial fishery when the Upper Subdistrict would be closed to conserve Kenai River late-run king salmon			
Opposed	2	11	Another proposal trying to fish between the SEG and the OEG, but based on projection.	
106	Restrict legal set gillnet gear when the Upper Subdistrict commercial salmon fishery is open within 600 feet of shore			
Opposed	0	13	We are reading this proposal as 29 mesh and 45 mesh instead of 29 inches and 45 inches. We want to be sure that this is being taken up under mesh and not inches.	
107	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			
Opposed	0	11	To have the discussion to push the fishery out with shallow nets to allow more water under the nets and keeping them off the bottom. There is no data behind this or any study.	
			2 abstentions	
108	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>			
No Action			Based that it is already in rules and regulations.	
109	Create new set gillnet commercial salmon fishing opportunity based on Kasilof River sockeye salmon escapement			
Opposed	0	13	Doesn't address the king salmon management plan and only speaks to the sockeye plan.	
110	Provide additional commercial fishing opportunity for set gillnet gear within the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i>			
Opposed	0	10	This would be allowing opportunity when the OEG is not being met.	
			3 abstentions	
111	Adopt a Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon optimal escapement goal			
Opposed	0	13	There is no OEG for sockeye, current SEG is 750,000 to 1.3 million. This would make the OEG below the SEG.	
112	Increase the upper bound of the Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon inriver goal range			
Opposed	6	7	Looking to change the in-river sockeye goals.	

There is no biological data to support the need to increase these goals. Over the last 5 years the Kenai River has been well above the in-river goal. If this were implemented this would also affect the Kasilof sockeye fishery and in-river goal.

By increasing these goals this would decrease commercial opportunity. In-river harvest is already not taking the excess fish.

			Want to hear the biology on why this would be good or bad, would like to hear the discussion.
113	Adopt an optimal escapement goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon		
Opposed	0	12	1 abstention
114	Adopt an Optimal Escapement Goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon		
Opposed	1	10	There is already an SEG and no BEG or OEG within the Kenai Sockeye Management plan. 2 abstentions
115	Modify intent of the <i>Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan</i>		
Opposed	0	10	3 abstentions
115	Modify intent of the <i>Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan</i>		
116	Repeal mandatory weekly closures in the commercial set gillnet fishery		
117	Repeal 'paired restrictions' from Upper Cook Inlet salmon management plans		
118	Reduce the Kasilof River sockeye salmon optimal escapement goal		
Opposed	0	10	3 abstentions
119	Allow the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area to remain open when the remainder of the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict is closed		
Opposed	1	12	This is a terminal fishery that no one wants to see in action. It is a highly disorderly fishery and the fish are devalued as they are all beat up and mangled.
120	Repeal portions of intent language within the <i>Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan</i>		
Opposed	1	11	Would rather not see this fishery executed 1 abstention
121	Modify intent language within the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan		
Opposed	2	9	M. Monte S. Jerry. Q. Monte Preamble provides context to plan for decision makers, but doesn't really give the department much management flexibility in a defined plan.
122	Repeal the 'one percent rule' in the Central District drift gillnet fishery		
Opposed	2	9	M. Monte S. Jerry Q. Monte
123	Repeal the "one percent rule" from Upper Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery management plans		
Opposed	2	9	M. Monte S. Jerry Q. Monte Majority of committee felt that conservation of Coho was important.2 in support felt that commercial coho harvest has already been reduced drastically through restrictions.
124	Repeal the "one percent rule" from Upper Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery management plans		
			No Action based on 122 & 123
125	Repeal sections of the <i>Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan</i> to provide additional commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear		
Opposed	1	9	M. Monte S. Jerry Q. Monte Would eliminate a lot of the management plan. Not super workable. Northern areas suffer if drift fishing is too liberal
			1 abs
126	Increase drift gillnet fishing opportunity in Drift Gillnet Area 2		
			No Action based on the fact that this area is already open
127	Modify weekly fishing periods in the <i>Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan</i>		
Opposed	0	10	M. Monte S. Jerry Q. Monte Would drastically change drift management, and likely increase harvest.

			1abs
128	Provide additional commercial salmon fishing opportunity with set gillnet gear in the Upper Subdistrict		
Opposed	0	11	M. Monte S. Jerry Q. Monte
			Changes "may" to "will". Decreases department flexibility. This is a section of beach very close to the Kenai River.
129	Increase Upper Subdistrict set gillnet commercial salmon fishing opportunity		
Opposed	0	11	M. Monte S. Jerry Q. Monte
			This is a Kenai section fishery, not a Kasilof fishery.
130	Lengthen Upper Subdistrict set gillnet commercial salmon fishing season		
Opposed	2	9	M. Monte S. Jerry Q. Monte
131	Modify Northern District weekly commercial fishing periods		
Opposed	0	9	M. Monte S. Jerry Q. Monte
			2 abs
132	Provide additional commercial salmon fishing opportunity in Upper Cook Inlet based on salmon escapement		
Opposed	1	10	M. Monte S. Jerry Q. Monte
			Would completely restructure commercial fishing in cook inlet.
133	Modify weekly fishing periods in the Upper Subdistrict and adopt new 'paired restrictive' management measures		
Opposed	0	11	M. Monte S. Jerry Q. Monte
134	Modify weekly fishing periods		
Opposed	2	9	M. Monte S. Jerry Q. Monte
			This would open all commercial fisheries in the Inlet 2 days per week.
135	Close the Chinitna Bay Subdistrict to commercial fishing for salmon		
Opposed	0	8	M. Monte S. Jerry Q. Monte
			Pretty low pressure/participation fishery. ADFG does not have conservation concerns for these fish
			3abs
136	Increase waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon		
Opposed	4	5	M. Monte S. Jerry Q. Monte
			1 Abstention
137	Increase waters closed to commercial fishing in Upper Cook Inlet		
Opposed	0	7	M. Monte S. Jerry Q. Monte
			Would really only close one old setnet site
			4 abs
138	Allow use of a seine lead in the set gillnet fishery and define minimum distance between gear		
Opposed	0	11	M. Monte S. Jerry Q. Monte
			Totally new gear type.
139	Allow use of reef nets in the Upper Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery		
Opposed	1	8	Paul explained how reef nets work. Said they'd have to be used closer to river, not really built for inlet weather. Decent way to select fish but it would not replace the setnet fishery. Would offer a way to harvest abundant Sockeye and Pinks. Many on the committee was not ok with commercial gear operating in the river.

1 abstention

140	Allow use of reef nets in the Upper Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery			
Support as Amended	6	1	Motion to amend to specify salt waters only. Carries M. Monte S. Joe Q Monte 7 Support 0 Oppose 3 Abstain	
				This proposal is slightly different in that it specifies using the reef net in the inlet, not river.
				3 abstentions
141	Restrict set gillnet gear in the Upper Subdistrict			
Opposed	1	5	This proposal would restrict ESSN gear to 29 mesh in order to fish a full complement, even in times of King abundance. They are already restricted to 29 mesh any time there is a King conservation concern and we are in the Kenai King Plan.	
				4 abstentions
142	Establish new commercial fishery reporting requirements in Upper Cook Inlet			
Opposed	2	8	M. Monte S. Jerry Q. Monte	
		1ab	Some support for differentiating small Kings from large Kings, but ADFG says they already have this ability.	
143	Allow Upper Cook Inlet set gillnet permit holders to fish in more than one registration area per year			
Opposed	0	11	M. Monte S. Jerry Q. Monte	
			Would allow setnet permits to fish multiple districts in one season, which has not been allowed since early 90's.	
43	Amend Basic Management Plans as follows (<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>):			
144	Amend the <i>Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan</i>			
145	Increase commercial fishing opportunity in the <i>Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan</i>			
146	Align the Kenai River Drainage Area method and means provisions with the season dates for Kenai River king salmon			
Support	14	0	Supported to align regulation to season length.	
147	Modify the Kenai River king salmon annual limit			
Opposed	6	8	Management already has tools available to restrict harvest. There are a lot of long term possibilities that this could create issue in future cycles.	
				Great conservation idea that would allow to have two fish harvested still but one and over and one under 34 inches.
148	Prohibit fishing for king salmon from a motorized vessel in the Kenai River			
Opposed	0	13	1 abstention – mixed emotions	
149	Require mandatory retention of Kenai River king salmon			
Opposed	1	13	This would remove some paired restriction, which in turn affect commercial fishing as well.	
150	Create a Kasilof River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan			
151	Add days and area to the nonmotorized restrictions on the Kenai River			
Opposed	2	10	M: Monte S: Scott Q: Dyer	
				Opposing votes are not worried about boat traffic. Kenai is hard to row. Not enough facilities.

People who voted in support of this proposal believe we need more sideboards on unlimited activity on river. Drift days are great.

152	Prohibit motorized vessels on the Kenai River			
Opposed	0	12	M Monte S: Scott Q: Dire	
153	Allow guiding on the Kenai River on Sundays and Mondays			
Opposed	5	6	Amendment: to only apply when king fishing is closed, this proposal would be in effect. Support: 8 Opposed: 3 Abstention: 1	
			This would allow for more days to allow guides to spread out during the week. To lessen some congestion during high peak times.	
			The original intent was to allow locals days on the river without guides, currently there is no limit on guide number.	
			1 Abstention	
154	Allow guiding on the Kenai River without day and time restrictions if the king salmon fishery is closed			
No Action			No Action based on 153	
155	Allow guiding on the Kenai River on Sundays and Mondays if king salmon fishery is closed			
No Action			No Action based on 153	
156	Allow sport fishing from a guided nonmotorized vessel on Mondays during May – July			
Opposed	5	6	Trout fishing is closed till June 11 th but open from the lower Kiley river to the sterling highway.	
			It is not tied to king fishing, and if king fishing were to be open this would still allow guided fishing on Mondays from a non-motorized boat.	
			1 abstention	
157	Allow anglers to fish on the Kenai River on Mondays in August and September from a guided vessel			
Opposed	0	12	There is no assessment, no creel survey on coho. There is no need for additional time.	
158	Allow sport fishing from a guide vessel on Sunday and Monday with no hour restrictions			
Opposed	4	6	2 abstentions	
159	Allow sport fishing from a guide vessel on the Kenai River on Mondays from August 1–November 30			
No Action			No Action based on 157	
160	Limit guided activities on the Kenai River from May 1–July 31			
Opposed	1	8	This would increase concentration and potentially increase more guides on the river during specific times. 3 abstentions	
161	Restrict guided shoreline anglers on the Kenai River to 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., from July 1 to August 15			
Opposed	3	8	it is not going to help a crowding issue and only concentrate more people during more popular hours.	
			1 abstention	
162	Allow guiding on the Kenai River prior to 6:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m.			

Opposed	5	7	Allow sockeye fishery and trout fishery to take place before 6am and after 6pm. No needs for extended hours
163 Opposed	1	11	Reduce the time fishing from and anchoring a guided vessel is allowed in the Kasilof River Tide timing does not work very well with a 6am to 6pm fishery. The fishery is currently an orderly fishery, not allow guides to anchor until 6am would create additional issues at the boat launch. Kasilof is too busy and the guide fishery is not managed at all.
164 Opposed	3	9	Limit sport fish guiding in the Kasilof River Something does need to happen There is no reason to put in any time restraints.
165			Allow sport fishing in the Kenai River with only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure from January – July
166 Opposed	1	10 1 Ab	Expand time and area waters of the Kenai River are limited to only one unbaited, single- hook, artificial lure and redefine “artificial fly” M: Monte S: Scott Q: Dire Oppose: Worried about chopping river up, with different regs and limiting opportunity for folks who want to fish trout with plugs. Support: Fishing plugs for trout is mid, and that’s a great fly fishing area and this makes it easier/better. Also this restriction only goes through July so it doesn’t affect Coho fishermen. Dire Abstained
167 Opposed	0	12	Expand time and area in waters of the Kenai River that are limited to only one unbaited, single hook, artificial lure. M Monte S Al Q Dire This would close above Moose River to bait year-round. Huge plus for fly fishermen but would affect a lot of other users.
168 Opposed	0	12	Allow anglers to use two artificial flies in tandem on the Kenai River M Monte S Dire Q Jerry No real need for this on the Kenai.
169 Opposed	0	12	Change the definition of “bag limit” for sockeye salmon in the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers M Monte S Jerry Q Dire
170 Support	11	0 1 Abstention	Allow backtrolling in a section of the Kenai River M Jerry S Monte Q Dire Committee generally did not have a problem with opening this up to backtrolling.
171			Allow anglers to fish downstream of the Soldotna Bridge after taking a limit of coho salmon
172			Allow fishing from a vessel after retention of a limit of coho salmon on the Kenai River
173			Modify regulations for the Kenai River August coho salmon fishery

Support as Amended	0	12	M Jerry S Monte Q Andrew Motion to remove "Warren Ames Bridge" and insert "River mouth", and to make the point that this is intended to be integrated into the Kenai River Late Run King Salmon Management Plan. M Monte S Scott Q Dire. Amendment Passed 0-12
174			Regulate use of bait in Kenai River in August
175			Reduce the coho salmon limits in the Kenai River to two fish after August 30
Support	12	0	No assessment on stock and this will keep limits the same through season
176			Reduce the coho salmon limit on Kenai River after September 1
Support	12	0	M Monte S Jerry Q Dire ADFG Spoke to the lack of data on Coho. They had more data with logbooks, but with no logbook program, very little Coho harvest data now. Several folks spoke to the shifting of seasons – loss of early run King season, later Sockeye pushes, and no bait restrictions in August have shifted more Coho effort to September, further supporting a more conservative limit.
177			Modify Kenai River coho salmon season and bag limits
178			Reduce the season for the Kenai River coho salmon sport fishery
Opposed	0	12	M Monte S Dire Q Andrew Not a lot of Coho fishing at this time, Coho can be tough to tell apart from Sockeye. Felt that no backtrolling proposals would be a more effective and less burdensome conservation measure.
179			Close additional waters to sport fishing in the upper Kenai River
180			Close waters of the Kenai River from the Sterling Highway Bridge to Kenai Lake to sport fishing
181			Close waters of the Kenai River to sport fishing from January 1 – June 10
Opposed	0	13	There is no biological concern to close the river during this time. This is targeted at winter trout fishing, which is minimal in impact.
182			Prohibit nonresident sport fishing on the Kenai River
Opposed	1	11	M Monte S Dire Q Scott
183			Allow the department to take action sooner to harvest surplus in Russian River sockeye salmon runs
Support	12	0	M Monte S Dire Q Jerry
184			Move 3-mile boundary marker to Old Kasilof Landing (river mile 4)
Support	12	0	M Monte S Dire Q Jerry
185			Allow only unbaited, single-hook artificial lures in the Kasilof River
Support	11	1	M Monte S Dire Q Jerry Support: Good conservation move. Oppose: Would affect spring fishermen.

186	Update the stocked lakes list for the Kenai Peninsula Area			
Support	12	0	M Monte S Dire Q Dire	
187	Remove the effective date of regulation pertaining to sport fishing from a motor driven boat			
Support	12	0	M Monte S Dire Q Jerry	
188	Prohibit bait and multiple hooks in Hidden Lake			
Support	11	2	With the 16-inch limit in place to protect the larger lake trout, there is no need for bait. This lake is a one of a kind lake on the peninsula and any fish being caught with unattended second lines or even sitting bait during the summer are increase overall mortality. Plenty of fish including kokanee and rainbows are caught without bait.	
			1 abstention – not a participant and not enough information. The no votes were worried about losing bait for kokanee fishing and other fishing.	
189	Require personal use guides in Cook Inlet to adhere to sport fishing guiding requirements			
Support	12	0	M Monte S Dire Q Dire	
190	Establish requirements to guide in Upper Cook Inlet personal use fisheries			
No Action			Based on 189	
191	Adjust annual limits in Cook Inlet personal use fisheries based on abundance			
Opposed	0	14	This would increase total harvest with higher numbers of sockeye being taken on good years. This would put a lot of extra work on fisheries managers as well.	
			There are already tools in place to manage the fishery as needed. This is in the management plan and under the commissioner's authority.	
			Discussion should happen around at bag limits and giving the department the ability to either decrease or increase as needed.	
192	Close personal use fisheries based on commercial openings			
Opposed	0	14	Allocative proposal, over the last 10 years there have been a number of different restrictions and a lot of overlapping management plans. This would be very difficult to manage.	
193	Require king salmon caught and released in Cook Inlet personal use fisheries not be removed from the water			
Support	13	0	Housekeeping rule that should go across all Cook Inlet Personal use fisheries. This is already language used in Kenai River EO for king salmon. Proposal 197 should be taken into consideration in conjunction.	
			1 abstention	
194	Allow retention of Dolly Varden in Kenai/Kasilof personal use dipnet fisheries			
Opposed	1	13	No need to keep dolly varden in the personal use fishery.	
195	Restrict EO authority to only extend fishing time of the shore-based fishery in the Kenai River personal use fishery			
Support	11	0	Motion: Monte Second: Dire Call to Question: Jerry Makes sense to have a closed period on boats in this fishery. 1 Abstain	
196	Prohibit personal use fishing on the Kenai River from an anchored vessel			

Support	13	1	<p>This causes a lot of hassle and is a safety concern. Creates a disorderly fishery where you now have many boats trying to go around anchored boats. Including anchor rode and or floating rope.</p> <p>Singe No vote has concerns about commercial drift fishermen and stopping them from being able to dip a personal use fish while they are working on their boat.</p> <p>Language could be put in place main fishing channel. This would eliminate the large commercial drift boats that are anchored in the main river channel.</p>
197 Support	12	0	<p>Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Kenai River personal use fishery</p> <p>M Monte S Dire Q Jerry Only PU fishery where Kings retention is normally open.</p>
198 opposed	5	6	<p>Prohibit transport of Kenai River personal use fish by motorized vessel upstream of the Warren Ames Bridge</p> <p>Kenai docks are launching 250 to 300 boats per day during personal use. Fish and game does have the ability to implement rule change to effect change to this fishery.</p> <p>Overweight boats going upstream does cause some issue with wake and river erosion. This is also an issue as more people launch upriver and drive all the way down to the personal use area. There are already groups of people that are dropping fish and people off at different locations. During King fishing, the lower boat launches were over crowded between personal use, red salmon and king salmon fisherman.</p> <p>If there was a king fishery going this could possibly be valid. But the current amount of boat traffic is not currently as high. No crowding under current conditions.</p> <p>Need a better solution for an area to off-load fish and possibly drop off of people as well.</p> <p>I abstention – like the idea, but would like to have a solution before passing something like this.</p>
199 Opposed	5	7	<p>Prohibit transport of Kasilof River personal use fish by motorized vessel</p> <p>No motor restrictions except for sport fishing rule. The personal use fishery is still growing and trending in popularity. This is an attempt to prevent future use of jet boats and unregulated horsepower boats in the personal use fishery.</p> <p>There is a possibility of a lower Kasilof boat launch opening that could help expand the use of boats in the personal use fishery. The ideas behind this proposal are valid.</p>
200 Support	10	2	<p>Close the Kasilof personal use gillnet fishery when Kenai or Kasilof Rivers sport fisheries are closed</p> <p>M Monte S Dire Q Jerry</p>
201			<p>Close the Kenai River personal use fishery when drift fishery is restricted</p>
202 Support as amended	14	0	<p>Reduce the legal mesh size of a set gillnet in the UCI personal use fisheries</p> <p>Amendment to change the maximum size from 4 ¾ to 5 inch maximum. Vote on amendment Support: 14 Opposed: 0</p>

203	Move the regulatory markers for the Kasilof River personal use dip net fishery
Opposed	0 14 Moving the north boundary point would put it inside of a commercial special harvest area.
204	Allow hook and line attached to a rod or pole as subsistence gear to take king salmon in the Yentna River drainage
205	Increase waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon in the Northern District King Salmon Management Plan
206	Reduce the number of king salmon that may be commercially harvested in the Northern District of Upper Cook Inlet
207	Adopt additional restrictions in the Northern District King Salmon Management Plan
208	Restrict the commercial king salmon fishery in the Northern District
209	Close the commercial king salmon fishery in the Northern District
Supported	9 4 Commercial fishing has been restricted and managed by EO over the last 10 years. Most people are supporting this due to King conservation. No need to close as the department is already managing this through the management plan and by EO. The close of this could take away another user group that would help keep an eye on how this fishery is managed. 1 abstention
210	Modify the Northern District Salmon Management Plan and Northern District King Salmon Management Plan
211	Repeal certain restrictive provisions of the Northern District Salmon Management Plan
212	Adopt additional restrictions in the Northern District Salmon Management Plan
213	Adopt new 'paired restrictive' management measures for the Northern District commercial salmon set gillnet fishery
214	Adopt new 'paired restrictive' management measures for the commercial salmon set gillnet fishery within the <i>Northern District Salmon Management Plan</i> .
215	Provide additional commercial fishing opportunity for salmon within the <i>Northern District Salmon Management Plan</i>
216	Reduce the commercial smelt guideline harvest level in Upper Cook Inlet
217	Repeal the Cook Inlet Smelt Fishery Management Plan
218	Allow harvest of king salmon between 20 and 24 inches in Unit 4 of the Susitna River Drainage Area
219	Close fishing for all species within the confluence of Unit 2 waters when sport fishing for king salmon is closed
220	Open additional waters in the Big River drainage to sport fishing for coho salmon
221	Create a bag and possession limit of 3 coho salmon in the Susitna River Drainage

	222		Increase the Susitna River drainage sport fish limits for pink salmon
	223		Redefine the special management areas for rainbow trout in the Susitna River Drainage Area
	224		Extend the special management areas for rainbow trout to include the portion of Willow Creek upstream of the Parks Highway.
	225		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		Allow anglers to use two artificial lures in tandem in Susitna River Drainage waters.
	227		Remove the length restriction on Dolly Varden in Unit 4,
	228		Close dipnetting in the vicinity of Anderson Creek during the personal use fishery on the lower Susitna River
Supported	13	0	When there is a conservation concern, we should error on the side of conservation.
	229		Increase the number of days the Susitna River dip net fishery is open
	230		Increase the open season of the Susitna River dip net fishery is open
	231		Modify dates of the Susitna River dip net fishery
	1		Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan <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>
Supported	11	0	Motion: Jerry Second: Dyre Call to Question: Dyre Would restrict salt King fishing the way ADFG did by EO in 2023 to protect Cook Inlet stocks. The committee generally felt this is an appropriate conservation measure.
	2		Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan <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>
Opposed	0	11	Motion: Jerry Second: Dyer Call to Question: Dyer Committee felt that Cook Inlet Kings are frequently killed in this fishery and conservation is needed.
	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>
Opposed	1	10	M Jerry S Dyer Q Dyer Opposed: Proposal is not specific to statistical areas of setnets. Whole inlet is included. This has the potential to shut the whole inlet down if Anchor River or surrounding area fish need to be protected. Support: If setnet fishery is open there are plenty of fish. Opposed: This proposal
	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>

Opposed	0	11	M Jerry S Dyer Q Dyer Bluff point is an appropriate spot, and is a line of latitude. If you cannot understand a line of latitude you should not be in this water.
232 Opposed	0	14	Allow Alaska residents to sport fish additional gear and take multiple limits in Upper Cook Inlet No need for additional limits or additional gear.
233 Opposed	0	13	Establish sport fishing derby approval process There is already derby approval though department of commerce 1 abstention – could possibly vote for it
234			Clarify the northern boundary of the Knik Arm management area and the Palmer-Wasilla Zone and exclude certain flowing waters from the Palmer-Wasilla Zone
235			Reduce the size of the Palmer - Wasilla Zone
236			Update the stocked lakes list for the Knik Arm drainage area
237			Allow bow and spear as legal gear for northern pike and Alaska blackfish year round in the Palmer-Wasilla Zone
238			Establish a motor size restriction for the Little Susitna River
239			Establish a large king salmon escapement goal for the Little Susitna River
240			Increase the number of days bait is allowed in the Little Susitna River drainage
241			Allow use of bait in the Little Susitna River sport fishery based on location of commercial fishery openings
242			Prohibit anglers from releasing coho salmon in the Little Susitna River
243			Create a bag and possession limit of 3 coho salmon in the Knik Arm Drainages
244			Define the mouth of Fish Creek
245			Allow sport fishing in the Fish Creek drainage 7 days a week
246			Update the lists of lakes where anglers may use five lines while fishing for northern pike through the ice in designated Northern Cook Inlet waters
247			Prohibit chumming in Big, Mirror, and Flat Lakes
248			Restrict Big Lake Arctic char to catch-and-release in the Fish Creek drainage
249			Remove the effective date of regulation pertaining to sport fishing from a motor driven boat
250			Modify the closure date for the Ship Creek king salmon fishery
251			Modify the Eklutna River drainage salmon bag and possession limits
252			Increase the bag and possession for salmon, other than king salmon

- 253 Allow anglers to use two artificial flies in tandem in a portion of Campbell Creek
- 254 Add a portion of Chester Creek to the Anchorage Bowl Drainage special management areas for trout
- 255 Create a personal use dip net fishery for salmon in the 20-Mile and Placer Rivers

Approved by: Mike Crawford
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