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UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH  
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**TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP (8 Committees; 186 Proposals)**

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE– GROUP 1: Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Action Plan (Chair: Tom Carpenter)**

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE– GROUP 2: Northern Cook Inlet Subsistence, Northern District Commercial, Smelt, and Susitna River Sport and Personal Use Fisheries (29 Proposals, Chair: Stan Zuray)**

***Northern Cook Inlet Subsistence (1 proposal)***

- 204 Allow hook and line attached to a rod or pole as subsistence gear to take king salmon in the Yentna River drainage

***Northern District Commercial Salmon (12 Proposals)***

- 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
- 210 Modify the *Northern District Salmon Management Plan* and *Northern District King Salmon Management Plan*
- 211 Repeal certain restrictive provisions of *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 *Northern District Salmon Management Plan*
- 215 Provide additional commercial fishing opportunity for salmon within the *Northern District Salmon Management Plan*
- 131 Modify Northern District weekly commercial fishing periods

***Cook Inlet Smelt (2 Proposal)***

- 216 Reduce the commercial smelt guideline harvest level in Upper Cook Inlet
- 217 Repeal the *Cook Inlet Smelt Fishery Management Plan*

***Susitna River Sport Fisheries (10 Proposals)***

- 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 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 the Susitna River Drainage waters
- 227 Remove the length restriction on Dolly Varden in Unit 4

***Susitna River Personal Use Fisheries (4 Proposals)***

- 228 Close dipnetting in the vicinity of Anderson Creek during the personal use fishery on the lower Susitna River
- 229 Increase the number of days the Susitna River dipnet fishery is open
- 230 Increase the open season of the Susitna River dipnet fishery
- 231 Modify dates of the Susitna River dipnet fishery

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 3: Cook Inlet Areawide Sport Fisheries, Knik River Area Sport Fisheries, and Anchorage Area Sport and Personal Use Fisheries (24 Proposals, Chair: Tom Carpenter)**

***Cook Inlet – Areawide Sport Fisheries (2 Proposal)***

- 232 Allow Alaska residents to sport fish additional gear and take multiple limits in UCI
- 233 Establish sport fishing derby approval process

***Knik River Area Sport Fisheries (16 Proposals)***

- 234 Clarify the boundary of the Knik Arm management area and 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 sport fishery based on location of commercial fishery openings
- 242 Prohibit anglers from releasing coho salmon 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 5 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



***Anchorage Area Sport and Personal Use Fisheries (6 Proposals)***

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

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE—GROUP 4: Kenai River King Salmon, and Upper Cook Inlet Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Plan (46 Proposals, Chair: Greg Svendsen)**

***Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon (38 Proposals)***

- 80 Modify the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan*
- 83 Modify the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan*
- 85 Prohibit use of motorized vessels in the Kenai River if the sport fishery is closed
- 86 Prohibit bait in the Kenai River through Oct 31 if the king salmon sport fishery is closed
- 87 Prohibit guided sport fishing on the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers when sport fishing for king salmon is closed
- 88 Prohibit nonresidents fishing from a guided vessel on the Kenai River if the king salmon sport fishery is closed
- 90 Expand weekly time-period “windows” where the commercial salmon fishery is closed
- 91 Amend criteria for commercial set gillnet fishing periods, in the Upper Subdistrict, after August 1
- 92 Exempt the East Foreland Section from ‘paired restriction’ measures in the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan*
- 93 Exempt the East Foreland Section from paired restriction management measures within the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan*
- 94 Modify allowable gear when the set gillnet commercial fishery is restricted to achieve the Kenai River late-run king salmon optimal escapement goal
- 95 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 Modify operation of set gillnet gear in the Upper Subdistrict
- 97 Amend the *Kenai Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan* to provide additional fishing opportunity in the sport and set gillnet commercial fisheries
- 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
- 99 Make numerous changes to the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan*
- 100 Allow a 600-foot set gillnet commercial fishery when Kenai River late-run large king salmon escapements exceed 13,500 fish
- 101 Remove paired restrictive time and gear exemption from the 600-foot commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict
- 102 Provide additional commercial salmon fishing opportunity with set gillnet gear in the Upper Subdistrict
- 103 Allow use of dipnets in the Upper Subdistrict commercial salmon fishery
- 104 Adopt a new Kenai River late-run king salmon management plan for the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery
- 105 Allow a 600-foot set gillnet commercial fishery when the Upper Subdistrict would be closed to conserve Kenai River late-run king salmon



- 106 Restrict legal set gillnet gear when the Upper Subdistrict commercial salmon fishery is open within 600 feet of shore
- 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
- 108 Exempt the 600-foot set gillnet fishery from fishing time and gear restrictions in the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan*
- 110 Provide additional commercial fishing opportunity for set gillnet gear within the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan*
- 116 Repeal mandatory weekly closures in the commercial set gillnet fishery
- 117 Repeal paired restrictions from Upper Cook Inlet salmon management plans
- 109 Create new set gillnet commercial salmon fishing opportunity based on Kasilof River sockeye salmon escapement
- 75 Remove the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon OEG
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- 77 Modify the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon OEG
- 78 Modify the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon OEG
- 79 Create additional step-down measures to the *KRLRK SMP*
- 81 Modify the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan*
- 82 Repeal portions of the *KRLRK SMP* and shorten plan duration
- 84 Close fishing for Kenai River late-run king salmon when forecast is below 20,000
- 89 Prohibit nonresidents participating in the Kenai River Late Run king salmon fishery

***Kenai River King Salmon (4 Proposals)***

- 146 Align the Kenai River Drainage Area method and means provisions with the season dates for Kenai River king salmon
- 147 Modify Kenai River king salmon annual limit
- 148 Prohibit fishing for king salmon from a motorized vessel in the Kenai River
- 149 Require mandatory retention of Kenai River king salmon

***Upper Cook Inlet Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Plan (4 Proposal)***

- 1 Amend the *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).
- 2 Amend the *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).
- 3 Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late-run king salmon fisheries. (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting).
- 4 Redefine the boundaries of the Upper Cook Inlet Area. (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting).

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE—GROUP 5: Sockeye Salmon Management Plans (8 Proposals, Chair: Märít Carlson-Van Dort)**

***Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (5 Proposals)***

- 111 Adopt a Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon optimal escapement goal



- 112 Increase the upper bound of the Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon inriver goal
- 113 Adopt an optimal escapement goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon
- 114 Adopt an optimal escapement goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon
- 115 Modify intent of the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan

***Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan (3 Proposals)***

- 118 Reduce the Kasilof River sockeye salmon optimal escapement goal
- 119 Allow the Kasilof River SHA to remain open when the remainder of the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict is closed
- 120 Repeal portions of intent language within the *Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan*

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 6: Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan, Fishing Districts and Gillnet Specifications and Operations, Pink Salmon Management Plan, Hatchery Production, Upper Cook Inlet Management Plan, West Cook Inlet Salmon (25 Proposals, Chair: Märít Carlson Van-Dort)**

***Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan (7 Proposals)***

- 121 Modify intent language within the Central District Drift Gillnet Management Plan
- 122 Repeal the ‘one percent rule’ in the Central District drift gillnet fishery
- 123 Repeal the “one percent rule” from Upper Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery management plans
- 124 Repeal the “one percent rule” from Upper Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery management plans
- 125 Repeal sections of the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to provide additional commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear
- 126 Increase drift gillnet fishing opportunity in Drift Gillnet Area 2
- 127 Modify weekly fishing periods in the *Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan*

***Fishing Seasons, Weekly Periods, Set Gillnet Gear, and Registration (15 Proposals)***

- 128 Provide additional fishing opportunity with set gillnet gear in the Upper Subdistrict
- 129 Increase Upper Subdistrict set gillnet commercial salmon fishing opportunity
- 130 Lengthen Upper Subdistrict set gillnet commercial salmon fishing season
- 132 Provide additional commercial salmon fishing opportunity in Upper Cook Inlet based on salmon escapement
- 133 Modify weekly fishing periods in the Upper Subdistrict and adopt new ‘paired restrictive’ management measures
- 134 Modify weekly fishing periods
- 135 Close the Chinitna Bay Subdistrict to commercial fishing for salmon
- 136 Increase waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon
- 137 Increase waters closed to commercial fishing in Upper Cook Inlet
- 138 Allow use of a seine lead in the set gillnet fishery and define minimum distance between gear
- 139 Allow use of reef nets in the Upper Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery
- 140 Allow use of reef nets in the Upper Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery
- 141 Restrict set gillnet gear in the Upper Subdistrict
- 142 Establish commercial fishery reporting requirements in Upper Cook Inlet
- 143 Allow Upper Cook Inlet set gillnet permit holders to fish in more than one registration area per year

***Hatchery Production (1 Proposal)***

- 43 Amend Basic Management Plans *Cook Inlet Salmon Enhancement Allocation 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)*

***Pink Salmon Management Plan (2 Proposals)***

- 144 Amend the *Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan*  
145 Increase commercial fishing opportunity in the Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Plan

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 7: Kasilof River King Salmon Sport Fisheries, Vessel and Habitat Restrictions, and Guides (15 Proposals, Chair: Mike Wood )**

***Kasilof River King Salmon Sport Fisheries (1 Proposals)***

- 150 Create a *Kasilof River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan*

***Kenai River Vessels and Habitat Restrictions (2 Proposals)***

- 151 Add days and area to the nonmotorized restrictions on the Kenai River  
152 Prohibit motorized vessels on the Kenai River

***Guides - Kenai and Kasilof Rivers (12 Proposals)***

- 153 Allow guiding on the Kenai River on Sundays and Mondays  
154 Allow guiding on the Kenai River without restrictions if king salmon fishery is closed  
155 Allow guiding on the Kenai River Sundays and Mondays if king salmon fishery closed  
156 Allow fishing from a guided nonmotorized vessel on Mondays during May – July  
157 Allow anglers to fish on the Kenai River on Mondays in August and September from a guided vessel  
158 Allow sport fishing from a guide vessel on Sundays and Mondays no hour restrictions  
159 Allow sport fishing from a guide vessel on the Kenai River on Mondays from Aug 1–Nov 30  
160 Limit guided activities on the Kenai River from May 1–July 31  
161 Restrict guided shoreline anglers on Kenai River to 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 1 to Aug 15  
162 Allow guiding on the Kenai River prior to 6:00 a.m and after 6:00 p.m.  
163 Reduce the time fishing from and anchoring a guided vessel in the Kasilof River  
164 Limit sport fish guiding in the Kasilof River

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 8: Kenai, Kasilof and Russian River–Sport and Personal Use (39 Proposals, Chair: Gerad Godfrey)**

***Kenai, Kasilof, and Russian Rivers (24 Proposals)***

- 165 Allow sport fishing in the Kenai River with only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure from January – July  
166 Expand time and area waters of the Kenai River are limited to only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure and redefine “artificial fly”  
167 Expand time and area waters of the Kenai River are limited to only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure  
168 Allow anglers to use two artificial flies in tandem on the Kenai River  
169 Change the definition of “bag limit” for sockeye salmon in Kenai and Kasilof Rivers  
170 Allow backtrolling in a section of the Kenai River  
171 Allow anglers to fish downstream of Soldotna Bridge after taking 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
- 174 Regulate the use of bait in the Kenai River in August
- 175 Reduce the coho salmon limits in the Kenai River to 2 fish after August 30
- 176 Reduce the coho salmon limit on Kenai River after September 1
- 177 Modify Kenai River coho salmon season and bag limits
- 178 Reduce the season for the Kenai River coho salmon sport fishery
- 179 Close additional waters to sport fishing in the upper Kenai River
- 180 Close waters of the Kenai River to sportfishing from January 1 – April 1
- 181 Close waters of the Kenai River to sportfishing from January 1 – June 10
- 182 Prohibit nonresident sport fishing on the Kenai River
- 183 Allow the department to react to large Russian River sockeye salmon runs
- 184 Move 3-mile boundary marker to Old Kasilof Landing (RM4)
- 185 Allow only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures in the Kasilof River
- 186 Update the stocked lakes list for the Kenai Peninsula Area
- 187 Close Hidden Lake to fishing for lake trout from Sept 15 - Nov 30
- 188 Prohibit bait and multiple hooks in Hidden Lake

***Kenai/Kasilof River Personal Use (15 Proposals)***

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