MEMORANDUM

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Boards Support Section

TO: Alaska Board of Fisheries DATE: October 8, 2023

THRU: PHONE: 907-267-2292

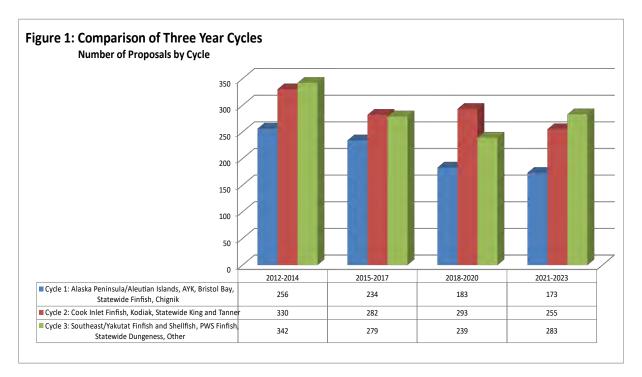
FROM: Art Nelson, Executive Director SUBJECT: Meeting location, dates, and

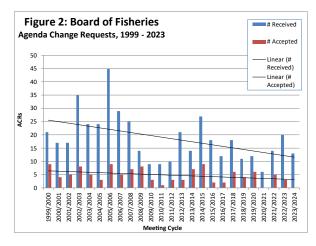
Alaska Board of Fisheries cycle scenarios for the 2025/2026 meeting cycle

The 2025/2026 Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) meeting cycle dates and locations will be determined at the 2023 work session. The board cycle for review includes Westward Region Pacific cod, Bristol Bay finfish, Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim (AYK) finfish, Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands/Chignik finfish, and statewide finfish general provisions. This memo provides past meeting metrics, recommended dates, and community data for the boards consideration.

Observations from the 2022/2023 meeting cycle

During its 2022/2023 meeting cycle, the board deliberated 173 proposals, several of which were accepted agenda change requests (ACRs) and board-generated proposals. This represents the lowest number of proposals for this and a continued decline over the last four cycles (Figure 1).





Work Session Considerations and Agenda Change Requests

October work sessions have worked well within the allotted two-day time period. The number of ACRs drives meeting workload, but even in years with a relatively high number of requests, the two-day meeting sufficed. Figure 2 offers a look at ACR numbers since 1998. The general trend for the number of ACRs received is down. The average percentage accepted during this entire period is about 27% annually.

Proposed Days for Meetings

Table 1 offers proposed and backup days for the 2025/2026 meeting schedule.

Table 1. Proposed and Backup Dates for the 2025/2026 Meeting Cycle

	2022/2023	2025,	/2026	
	Actual dates	Proposed	Backup	# Days
Work Session	Oct 25-26, 2022	Oct 28-29, 2025	Oct 14-15, 205	2
Westward Region P. cod	Oct 27-28, 2022	Oct 30-31, 2025	Oct 16-17, 2025	2
Bristol Bay Finfish	Nov 29-Dec 3, 2022	Dec 2-6, 2025 ¹	Nov 18-22, 2025	5
AYK Finfish	Jan 14-18, 2023	Jan 13-17, 2026	Jan 27-31, 2026	5
AK Pen/AI Finfish	Feb 20-27 ² , 2023	Feb 18-24, 2026	Feb 11-17, 2026	7
Statewide Finfish	March 10-13 ³	Mar 17-20, 2026	Mar 24-27, 2026	4
			Total meeting days	25

¹ Overlap w/ NPFMC.

Alternate Meeting Order

The meetings in this cycle have been held in their respective months for some time now (Bristol Bay in December, AYK in January, AK Pen/Aleutian Islands in February, and Statewide Finfish in March). In recent years, the Yukon River Panel has shifted their postseason meeting

Table 1. Alternate (BB-AYK swap)

	2022/2023	2025	2025/2026		
	Actual dates	Proposed	Backup	# Days	
Work Session	Oct 25-26, 2022	Oct 28-29, 2025	Oct 14-15, 205	2	
P. cod	Oct 27-28, 2022	Oct 30-31, 2025	Oct 16-17, 2025	2	
AYK Finfish	Nov 29-Dec 3, 2022	Dec 2-6, 2025	Nov 18-22, 2025	5	
Bristol Bay Finfish	Jan 14-18, 2023	Jan 13-17, 2026	Jan 27-31, 2026	5	
AK Pen/AI Finfish	Feb 20-27, 2023	Feb 18-24, 2026	Feb 11-17, 2026	7	
Statewide Finfish	March 10-13	Mar 17-20, 2026	Mar 24-27, 2026	4	
			Total meeting days	25	

from December to January, creating an additional burden on area and regional staff who must prepare for and participate in two significant meetings in the same month. Regional staff have asked if it might be possible to "swap" dates with one of the other meetings. This could most easily be done by exchanging the dates for the Bristol Bay and AYK meetings, since they are both proposed for 5 days.

² Scheduled for 6 days; went 2 days over.

³ Scheduled for 5 days; finished in 4 days.

Meeting Duration

Table 2 provides historical meeting statistics for each of the regulatory meetings in this cycle, particularly as it relates to meeting duration (number proposals and the number and duration of staff reports and public testimony).

Meeting Location:

Table 3 provides community information for possible meeting locations for the 2025/2026 meeting cycle.

Other Meeting Considerations

These dates are based on previous meeting durations and attempts to avoid conflicts with the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council and Pacific Salmon Commission meetings.

In March 2009, the board identified factors that should be considered when determining the location for holding future meetings. The board intended that no single item shall be the sole determining guideline but rather the preponderance of the following items shall be considered significant in final selection of a meeting site:

- 1. Whether the community has commercial jet or turbine service;
- 2. Cellular phone service;
- 3. High speed internet available;
- 4. Adequate dining facilities/capacity for the Board of Fisheries, Fish and Game staff, and expected members of the public travelling from other communities;
- 5. Adequate meeting room facility and associated staff requirements;
- 6. Relative comfort (temperature inside, tables/chairs, etc.);
- 7. Adequate ground transportation;
- 8. Adequate hotel rooms and capacity of rooms for expected influx;
- 9. Hospital;
- 10. Relationship of community to Board of Fisheries topic of discussion;
- 11. Cost to Department of Fish and Game;
- 12. Travel time required;
- 13. Economic and cultural importance to the location; and
- 14. Economic impact on stakeholder travel.

Table 2. Past Meeting Statistics for the 2021/2022 Meeting Cycle

Westward Pacific	Westward Pacific Cod Meeting Statistics														
								Average							
						Time		Time					Average		
						Department		per					Time Per	# of	
				Proposals	Department	Reports		Report	Testifiers	Total	Time for		Testifier	Record	RCs /
Year	Location	Days	Proposals	/ Day	Reports	(Hours)	Start/End	(min)	(Public/AC)	Testifiers	Testimony	Start/End	(min)	Copies	Day
2022	Anchorage	2	11	5.5	1	1	Day 1 @ 9:03am / Day 1 @ 10:05am	60.0	33/1	34	2	Day 1 @ 10:16am / Day 1 @ 4:12pm	4.0	21	10.5
2018	Anchorage	2	17	8.5	2	0.5	Day 1 @ 9:25am / Day 1 @ 9:50am	15.0	54/3	57	7	Day 1 @ 10:16am / Day 1 @ 4:12pm	4.0	39	19.5
2015	Anchorage	2	21	10.5	2	0.9	Day 1 @ 9:22am / Day 1 @ 10:05am	27.0	33/4	37	3	Day 1 @ 11am / Day 1 @ 2:30pm	4.9	40	20
2013*	Anchorage	5	37	7.4	5	2.15	Day 1 @ 10:17am / Day 1 @ 1:55pm	25.8	50/6	56	3.75	Day 1 @ 2:35pm / Day 2 @ 10:05am	4.0	56	11.2
Average		2.8	21.5	8.0	2.5	1.1		32.0		46.0	3.9		4.2	39.0	15.3

^{*} all areas

Bristol Bay Meet	ing Statistics	;													
						Time		Average					Average		
						Time Department		Time per					Average Time Per	# of	
				Proposals	Department	Reports		Report	Testifiers	Total	Time for		Testifier	Record	RCs /
Year	Location	Days	Proposals	/ Day	Reports	(Hours)	Start/End	(min)	(Public/AC)	Testifiers	Testimony	Start/End	(min)	Copies	Day
2022	Anchorage	5	51	10.2	8	6.1	Day 1 @ 9:21am / Day 1 @ 4:39pm	45.8	69/7	76	8	Day 1 @ 4:45pm / Day 2 @ 5:09pm	6.3	113	22.6
2018	Dillingham	5	47	9.4	6	2.25	Day 1 @ 10:00am / Day 1 @ 1:57pm	22.5	65/6	71	7	Day 1 @ 2:20pm / Day 2 @ 2:56pm	5.9	88	17.6
2015	Anchorage	8	73	9.1	2	0.75	Day 1 @ 10:19am / Day 1 @ 11am	22.5	95/7	102	9	Day 1 @ 11am / Day 2 @ 2:30pm	5.3	160	20
2012	Naknek	9	89	9.9	8	6	Day 1 @ 1:04pm / Day 2 @ 11am	45	65/3	68	9.5	Day 2 @ 11am / Day 3 @ 12pm	8.4	148	16.4
2009	Anchorage	8	48	6.0	4	2	Day 1 @ 9:24am / Day 1 @ 11:34am	30	97/4	101	13	Day 1 @ 1pm / Day 2 @ 5:45pm	7.7	157	19.6
2006	Dillingham	9	116	12.9	5	2.5	Day 1 @ 4:36pm / Day 2 @ 10:26am	30	141/5	146	17	Day 2 @ 11:08am / Day 4 @ 12pm	7.0	203	22.6
2003	Anchorage	8	71	8.9	4	2	Day 1 @ 9:26am / Day 1 @ 11:38am	30	32/5	37	8	Day 1 @ 1:48pm / Day 2 @ 11:48am	13.0	76	9.5
Average		7.4	71	9.5	5.3	3.1		32.3		85.9	10.2		7.7	135.0	19.8

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AYK Meeting Sta	itistics														
Year	Location	Days	Proposals	Proposals / Day	Department Reports	Time Department Reports (hours)	Department Reports Start/End	Average Time per Report (min)	Testifiers (Public/AC/RAC)	Total Testifiers	Time for Testimony (hours)	Testimony Start/End	Average Time Per Testifier (min)	# of Record Copies	RCs /
		Lays		. ,	·	, ,	Day 1 @ 9:37am /	, ,	, , , ,		,	Day 2 @ 9:19am /	, ,		
2022	Anchorage	5	34	6.8	11	5.9	Day 1 @ 5:16pm	32	47/10/2	59	6.75	Day 1 @ 5:38pm	6.9	59	11.8
2019	Anchorage	5	61	12.2	9	2.75	Day 1 @ 9:45am / Day 1 @ 2:26pm	18	48/15	63	6.15	Day 1 @ 3:00pm / Day 2 @ 3:00pm	5.9	72	14.4
2016	Fairbanks	5	55	11.0	5	2	Day 1 @ 9:30am / Day 1 @ 11:35am	24	40/17/2	59	7.5	Day 1 @ 1:31 - Day 2 @ 2:00pm	7.6	57	11.4
2013	Anchorage	6	69	11.5	8	4	Day 1 @ 9:20am / Day 1 @ 2:20pm	30	62/12	74	8.5	Day 1 @ 2:20pm / Day 2 @ 3:55pm	6.9	104	17.3
2010	Fairbanks	6	58	9.7	7	4	Day 1 @ 9:01am / Day 1 @ 1:50pm	34.3	103/12/3	118	11.5	Day 1 @ 2pm / Day 2 @ 4:54pm	5.8	129	21.5
2007	Anchorage	6	55	9.2	10	4.75	Day 1 @ 9:03am / Day 1 @ 2:44pm	28.5	68/6/1	75	9	Day 1 @ 3:02pm / Day 2 @ 4:30pm	7.2	82	13.7
2004	Fairbanks	8	77	9.6	11	6	Day 1 @ 9:59am / Day 1 @ 4:53pm	32.7	46/2	48	7.5	Day 2 @ 8:45am / Day 2 @ 5:26pm	9.4	84	10.5
Average		5.9	58.4	10.0	8.7	4.2		28.6		70.9	8.1		7.1	83.9	14.4

Alaska Peninsula	Meeting Sta	atistics													
						Time		Average Time							
						Department	Department	per			Time for			# of	
				Proposals	Department	Reports	Reports	Report	Testifiers	Total	Testimony	Testimony	Minutes /	Record	RCs /
Year	Location	Days	Proposals	/ Day	Reports	(Hours)	Start/End	(min)	(Public/AC/RAC)	Testified	(Hours)	Start/End	testimony	Copies	Day
2023	Anchorage	6	54	9.0	13	6.5	Day 1 @ 10:00am / Day 1 @ 6:05pm	30	258/22/2	282	24.5	Day 2 @ 8:45am / Day 4 @ 5:40pm	5.2	226	37.7
2019	Anchorage	6	33	5.5	7	3.5	Day 1 @ 10:04am / Day 1 @ 2:52pm	30	138/11	149	9	Day 1 @ 3:21pm / Day 3 @ 10:00am	3.6	138	23.0
												Day 1 @ 1:35pm / Day 2 @ 4:42pm			
2016	Anchorage	7	59	8.4	6	2.15	Day 1 @ 9:50am / Day 1 @ 12:00pm	21.5	122/11	133	11.25	(+40min later AC reports)	5.1	192	27.4
2013	Anchorage	7	48	6.9	7	3.5	Day 1 @ 10:25am / Day 1 @ 3:00pm	30	150/12	162	12.25	Day 1 @ 3:15pm / Day 3 @ 9:30am	4.5	172	24.6
2010	Anchorage	5	63	12.6	8	3	Day 1 @ 9:18am / Day 1 @ 12:05pm	22.5	108/13	121	10	Day 1 @ 1:25pm / Day 2 @ 3:42pm	5.0	110	22.0
2007	Anchorage	6	47	7.8	8	4	Day 1 @ 9:24am / Day 1 @ 1:47pm	30	51/6	57	6.5	Day 1 @ 2:05pm / Day 2 @ 11:58am	6.8	54	9.0
2004	Anchorage	12	72	6.0	10	5.5	Day 1 @ 9:38am / Day 1 @ 3:57pm	33	88/11	99	14	Day 2 @ 8:40am / Day 3 @ 2:40pm	8.5	132	11.0
Average		7.0	53.7	8.0	8.4	4.0		28.1		143.3	12.5		5.5	146.3	22.1

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Statewide Finfi	sh Meeting St	atistics	5												
Year	Location	Days	Proposals	Proposals / Day	Department Reports	Time Department Reports (Hours)	Start/End	Average Time per Report (min)	Testifiers (Public/AC)	Total Testifiers	Time for Testimony (hours)	Start/End	Average Time Per Testifier (min)	# of Record Copies	RCs / Day
2023	Anchorage	4	17	4.25	2	1.5	Day 1 @ 9:24am / Day 1 @ 11:06am	45	49/10	59	6	Day 1 @ 11:30am / Day 2 @ 10:20am	6.1	46	11.5
2019	Anchorage	4	13	3.25	1	0.6	Day 1 @ 9:18am / Day 1 @ 9:55a3	36	55/14	69	6.33	Day 1 @ 9:53am / Day 2 @ 9:50am	5.5	46	11.5
2016	Anchorage	4	24	6	0	0	No staff reports		37/6	43	4	Day 1 @ 10:04am / Day 1 @ 4:11pm	5.6	70	17.5
2013	Anchorage	6	29	4.8	2	2	Day 1 @ 9:10am / Day 1 @ 11:20am	60	96/16	112	11	Day 1 @ 11:20am / Day 2 @ 4:30pm	5.9	106	17.7
2010	Anchorage	6	28	4.7	4	2	Day 1 @ 9:55am / Day 1 @ 11:49am	30	31/13	44	5	Day 1 @ 1:36pm / Day 2 @ 9:37am	6.8	161	26.8
2007	Anchorage	5	29	5.8	0	0	No staff reports		42/12	54	5	Day 1 @ 9:30am / Day 1 @ 3:25pm	5.6	67	13.4
2003	Anchorage	6	30	5	3	2	Day 1 @ 10am / Day 1 @ 11:50am	40	12/2	14	3	Day 1 @ 1:40pm / Day 1 @ 4:50pm	12.9	??	??
Average		5.0	24.3	4.8	1.7	1.2		42.2		56.4	5.8		6.9	82.7	16.4

Table 3: Community Information on Meeting Locations for the 2025/2026 Meeting Cycle

(Limited search to communities with populations more than 1,000 unless connected to a road system.)

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Community (BOF	Meetings (since	Current			Hotel Capacity (est. # of			Cell
Meeting Year)	2003)	Population ¹	Transportation	Meeting Venues (largest capacity sq ft.)	Rooms)	Restaurants	Internet Connectivity ¹	Service ¹
Anchorage Area	,							
Anchorage	Annually	295,365	Major and regional air carriers Road system	Anchorage Marriott (8,000 sq. ft.) Hilton Anchorage (7,680 sq. ft.) Hotel Captain Cook (9,000 sq. ft.) Millennium Alaskan (3,496 sq. ft.) Sheraton Anchorage (9,400 sq. ft.) Westmark Anchorage (1,746 sq. ft.) Egan Convention Center (19,306 sq. ft.) Dena'ina Center (24,840 sq. ft.)	Multiple hotels (8,000 rooms in downtown) Multiple B&B and rentals	Multiple	Broadband (3 – 6 Mbps upload; 100 Mbps to 1 Gbps download)	Yes
Girdwood	2013 2005	2,769	Road system	Hotel Alyeska (3,150 sq. ft.)	1 hotel (300 plus rooms) Multiple B&B and rentals	5+	Not available	
Bristol Bay Region	<u> </u>	1			1	1		
Dillingham	2006, 2018	2,382	Major and regional air carriers	Community center (2,400 sq. ft.) School gyms	2 hotels (30 rooms) Multiple B&B and rentals	3+	Broadband (1.5–3 Mbps upload; 6-10 Mbps download)	Yes
Naknek/King Salmon	2012	501/287	Regional air carriers	School gyms	1+ hotel (uncertain # of rooms) Multiple B&B and rentals	2+	Broadband (1.5–3 Mbps upload; 6-10 Mbps download)	Yes
Arctic-Yukon-Kusko	okwim Region			•				
Bethel	2017 (Board of Game)	6,135	Major and regional air carriers	Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center (est. 2,500 sq. ft.)	5+ hotels (est. 100+ rooms) Multiple B&B and rentals	10+	Broadband (3 – 6 Mbps upload; 100 Mbps to 1 Gbps download)	Yes
Utqiagvik (Barrow)	2011 (Board of Game)	5,256	Major and regional air carriers	Top of the World Hotel (540 sq. ft.)	4+ hotels (100 rooms est.) A few B&Bs	5+	Broadband (1.5–3 Mbps upload; 6-10 Mbps download)	Yes
Kotzebue	2014, 2024 (Board of Game)	3,121	Major and regional air carriers	Nullagvik hotel (1,014 sq. ft) National Guard Armory	2 hotels (est. 50 rooms) 2+ B&Bs	5+	Broadband (1.5–3 Mbps upload; 6-10 Mbps download)	Yes
Fairbanks	Multiple, last in 2016	97,121	Multiple major and regional air carriers Road system Alaska Railroad	Carlson Center (6,220 sq. ft.) Westmark Hotel (5,400 sq. ft.) La Quinta (2,800 sq. ft.) Pikes Waterfront Lodge (2,800 sq. ft) JP Jones Community Development Ctr (1,890 sq. ft.)	Multiple hotels (over 3,800 hotel rooms) Multiple B&B and rentals	Multiple	Broadband (3 – 6 Mbps upload; 100 Mbps to 1 Gbps download)	Yes
Nome	2009 (Board of Game) 2014 (NPFMC)	3,662	Major and regional air carriers	Mini Convention Center St. Joseph's Hall	4+ hotels (100 rooms est.) A few B&Bs	10+	Broadband (3 – 6 Mbps upload; 10 Mbps to 25 Mbps download)	Yes
Alaska Peninsula Re	egion			_				
Unalaska	None (hosted NPFMC)	4,333	Regional air carriers	Grand Aleutian Hotel City Community Center Gym	2 hotels (over 100 rooms)	10+	Broadband (200 to 768 kbps upload; 768kbps to 1.5 Mbps download)	Yes

¹ Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Community & Regional Affairs, Community Database, http://commerce.state.ak.us/cra/DCRAExternal/Community.

APPENDICES

- 1. Meeting dates and locations worksheet for 2021/20221 with history
- 2. Working Calendar October 2025-March 2026
- 3. Board Policy 91-126-FB Board of Fisheries Long Term Goals

Appendix 1 Alaska Board of Fisheries 2025/2026

Meeting dates and locations worksheet

Bristol Bay Finfish, Arctic / Kuskokwim / Yukon Finfish, Alaska Peninsula / Chignik / Aleutian Islands Finfish, and Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Thursday, April 10, 2025

Dates [and Duration]	Topics	Location
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0 1 2027 [2 1]	W 1 G : ACD 1 : C G 1 CG	
October 2025 [2 days]	Work Session, ACRs, cycle organization, Stocks of Concern	
Proposed	October 28–29, 2025 [2 days]	
Backup	October 14–15, 2025 [2 days]	, ,
Planned	October 12–13, 2023 [2 days]	Anchorage
Prior years	October 25–26, 2022 [2 days]	Anchorage
	October 20–21, 2021 [2 days]	Anchorage
	October 15–16, 2020 [2 days]	Anchorage
	October 23–24, 2019 [2 days]	Anchorage
	October 15–16, 2018 [2 days; 11 ACRs]	Anchorage
L	October 17–19, 2017 [3 days; 18 ACRs; extra day for add'l reports]	Anchorage
October 2025 [2 days]	Pacific Cod – Aleutian Islands, Bering Sea, Chignik	
Proposed	October 30–31, 2025 [2 days]	
Backup	October 16–17, 2025 [2 days]	
Prior years	October 27–28, 2022 [2 days; 11 proposals]	Anchorage
Trior years	October 18–19, 2018 [2 days; 17 proposals]	Anchorage Anchorage
	Nov 30–Dec 1, 2015 [2 days; 21 proposals]	Anchorage Anchorage
	October 18–23, 2013 – Statewide [5 days; 37 proposals]	Anchorage Anchorage
	Stateware [5 days, 57 proposais]	menorage
Dec/Nov 2025 [5 days]	Bristol Bay Finfish	
Proposed	December 2–6, 2025 [5 days]	
Backup	November 18–22, 2025 [5 days]	
Prior years	Nov 29–Dec 3, 2022 [5 days; 52 proposals]	Anchorage
	Nov 28–Dec 2, 2018 [5 days; 47 proposals]	Dillingham
	December 2–8, 2015 [7 days; 73 proposals]	Anchorage
	December 4–11, 2012 [8 days; 91 proposals]	Naknek
January 2026 [7 days]	Arctic, Yukon, Kuskokwim Finfish	
Proposed	January 13–17, 2026 [5 days]	
Backup	January 27–31, 2026 [5 days]	
Prior years	January 14–18, 2023 [5 days; 38 proposals]	Anchorage
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	January 15–19, 2019 [5 days; 69 proposals]	Anchorage
	January 12–16, 2016 [5 days; 57 proposals]	Fairbanks
	January 15–20, 2013 [6 days; 67 proposals]	Anchorage

February 2026 [5 days] Alaska Peninsula, Chignik, Aleutian Islands Finfish

Proposed	February 18–24, 2022 [7 days]	
Backup	February 11–27, 2022 [7 days]	
Prior years	February 20–27, 2023 [8 days; 55 proposals]	
	February 21–26, 2019 [6 days; 33 proposals]	Anchorage
	February 23–29, 2016 [7 days; 59 proposals]	Anchorage
	Feb. 26-March 4, 2013 [7 days; 48 proposals]	Anchorage

Statewide Finfish Provisions and Supplemental Issues

Proposed	March 17–20, 2026 [4 days]	
Backup	March 24–27, 2026 [4 days]	
Prior years	March 10–13, 2023 [4 days; 22 proposals]	
	March 6-9, 2018 in Anchorage [4 days; 31 proposals]	Anchorage
	March 17–21, 2015 in Anchorage [4 days; 47 proposals]	Anchorage
	March 22–26, 2012 in Anchorage [5 days; 42 proposals]	Anchorage

Updated: October 2023

Total Meeting Days: 25

March 2026 [4 days]

ACR Deadline: August 29, 2025 [if proposed Work Session date is adopted; 60 days prior to fall Work Session]

Submitted by Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Boards Support Section

Upcoming Alaska Board of Game meeting dates:

Dates for the 2025/2026 cycle have not yet been determined.

Upcoming NPFMC meeting dates:

Sep 29-Oct 7, 2025 – Anchorage Feb 2–10, 2026 – tentative

Upcoming Pacific Salmon Commission meeting dates:

October 20–24, 2025

Future dates not yet scheduled – http://www.psc.org/meetings_schedule.htm.

Likely to be the first or second week of December (2 weeks after Thanksgiving), the week before MLK day in January, and the week before President's Day in February.

Note, this list does not include meetings of the various technical committees such as Transboundary, Northern Boundary, or Chinook.

Yukon River Panel dates:

Not yet scheduled, but post-season meeting likely the 2nd or 3rd week of Jan 2026

International Pacific Halibut Commission dates:

Not yet scheduled. Annual meeting has been in late January in recent years.

Alaska Federation of Natives Annual Meeting dates:

Annual Convention – Generally the third weekend in October

Federal Subsistence Board

Dates for the 2020/21 cycle have not yet been determined.

State and Federal Holidays:

Alaska Day, October 18 (observed Oct 17, 2025)

Veterans Day, November 11, 2025

Thanksgiving, November 27, 2025

Christmas, December 25, 2025

News Year, January 1, 2026

Russian Orthodox Christmas, January 7, 2026

Russian Orthodox New Year, January 14, 2026

Martin Luther King Day, January 19, 2026

Presidents Day, February 16, 2026

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

Other

Alaska Marine Science Symposium – unk. Anchorage Spring Break – March 9–13, 2026

2025 OCTOBER

SUNDAY

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	01	02	03	04
	NPFMC (Anchorage)					
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
NPFMC (Anchorage)						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
					Alaska Day (observed)	
		BOF Work Session (BACK	UP)	BOF P. cod (BACKUP)		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Pacific Salmon Commission	on				
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
	2,	25	23	30	31	01
		BOF Work Session		BOF P. cod		
02	03	04	05	06	07	08

2025 NOVEMBER

SUNDAY

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Veterans Day				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		BOF-Bristol Bay Finfish (B	ACKUP)			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
				Thanksgiving		
30	01	02	03	04	05	06

2025 DECEMBER

SUNDAY

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	01	02	03	04	05	06
		BOF Bristol Bay Finfish				
	NPFMC (Anchorage)					
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
NPFMC (Anchorage)						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Christmas		
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
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2026 JANUARY

SUNDAY

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
	New Year's Day					
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		BOF-Arctic-Yukon-Kuskok	wim Finfish			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	MLK Jr. Birthday					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		BOF Arctic-Yukon-Kuskok	wim Finfish (BACKUP)			
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
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2026 FEBRUARY

SUNDAY

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
	NPFMC-TENTATIVE***					
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
NPFMC-TENTATIVE***			BOF-Alaska Peninsula-Ale	eutian Islands-Chignik Finfis	h (BACKUP)	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	President's Day					
BOF-Alaska Peninsula-Ale	eutian Islands-Chignik Finfis	h (BACKUP)	BOF-Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Islands-Chignik Finfish			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
BOF-Alaska Peninsula-Ale	L eutian Islands-Chignik Finfis	h		Anchorage Fur Rondezvo	ous	
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
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2026 MARCH

SUNDAY

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
Anchorage Fur Rondezvo	us					Iditarod start
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		BOF-Statewide Finfish				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		BOF-Statewide Finfish (B	ACKUP)			
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
	Seward's Day					
05	06	07	08	09	10	11

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MEMORANDUM

STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

TO: Files DATE: September 9, 1991

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FROM: Board of Fisheries SUBJECT: Alaska Board of

Fisheries Long

Term Goal

The goal of the Alaska Board of Fisheries in implementing the Alaska Statute requirements is the long term stability of the various fisheries. The board prefers proposed regulatory changes which address the long term aspects in the specific fisheries. Fisheries are the subsistence, commercial, sport and personal use fisheries around the state. To accomplish the above goals, the following objectives and tasks are in place.

CALL FOR PROPOSAL DEADLINE

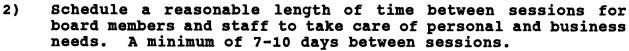
The objective is to have all the proposed regulatory changes submitted prior to the beginning of fishing season. This way the Advisory Committees, Regional Councils, public and staff have the opportunity to evaluate the proposals in light of that season and consider the long term implications of the proposal. The following tasks are established to achieve the above objective:

- 1) The call for proposal deadline is April 10.
- When April 10 falls on Saturday, Sunday, Monday or a holiday, the next closest business day will be deadline for that call.
- 3) Proposals <u>must be received</u> by Division of Boards staff by the above deadline.
- 4) Alaska Department of Fish and Game division proposals will be submitted to the respective director's office by the proposal deadline.

BOARD MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

The objective is to establish the board meeting schedule to provide the advisory committees, regional councils, public and staff with the advance knowledge of when to propose regulatory changes, when to respond to proposed regulatory changes, plan meeting schedules, travel, etc. The following tasks are established to achieve the above objective:

1) Schedule meeting sessions no longer than 15 days in duration.



3) Leave as much of the month of October available for Joint Board of Fisheries and Game meetings as possible.

- 4) Leave as much of the month of March available for Joint Board of Fisheries and Game meetings as possible.
- 5) Do not schedule any board meetings past March 15, when possible.
- 6) Locate meetings in the region of the call for proposals.
- 7) Have each meeting session address one region. The current regional arrangements: Kodiak/Chignik; Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands, Bristol Bay; Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim; Cook Inlet; Prince William Sound; and Southeast.
- 8) If one session for one region is projected to last longer than 15 days, schedule more than one session for that region (i.e. Upper Cook Inlet and Lower Cook Inlet or Southeast Commercial fisheries and Other Southeast Finfish).
- 9) Schedule one session for all herring fish proposals. Have this session early in the meeting cycle.
- 10) Schedule one session for all shellfish proposals. Have this session late in the meeting cycle.
- 11) Review each region as noted above approximately every ______ years.
- 12) Administrative items will be considered at the end of the agenda.
- 13) When funding is available, a Joint meeting of the Board of Fisheries and Board of Game will be scheduled before the meeting cycles of the two boards.
- 14) When funding is available, a meeting of the Board of Fisheries to discuss the policies and goals of the board will be scheduled prior to the meeting session's beginning.
- 15) In creating the administrative record, insure that the allocation criteria is fully discussed.

GENERAL ORDER OF BOARD AGENDA

- Call Meeting to Order
- Introduction of Board Members and Staff
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair (where appropriate)
- Board Member Ethics Disclosures
- All Agency Reports
- All Public Testimony
- All Advisory Committee and Regional Council Reports
- Board Deliberations
- Administrative Items (i.e. Petitions, Resolutions, Findings, Letters, Policy Papers, etc.)
- Adjourn/Recess



GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The objective is to provide adequate notice to the potentially affected public of the proposed regulation changes. These tasks are suggested:

- 1) Publish the legal notice in the region where the proposals will be considered (effect).
- During Public Testimony, each individual will be allocated 7 minutes to testify before the board. Each individual will be allowed to testify only once during that session. If they testified at another session on these proposals at another meeting session, they will not be allowed to re-testify on the same proposals.
- 3) During Public Testimony, each organization will be allocated 10 minutes to testify before the board. Each organization will be allowed only one 10 minute block. Other people associated with the organization will need to testify as individuals.
- 4) Official Advisory Committee and Regional Council representatives will be allocated 15 minutes to report on the actions of their organization.
- 5) The blue cards for public testimony will be shuffled, then the list posted for the order of testimony. Special requests for changes in the posted order are to be arranged with the chair and director.

