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**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
DECEMBER 3–8, 2014
BOARD OF FISHERIES STATEWIDE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AND UPPER
COPPER/UPPER SUSITNA FINFISH**

CORDOVA, AK

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

(This summary is informational only. The actions indicated below will have legal affects in regulations that provide the sole legal action of the board.)

Board Members Present

Karl Johnstone, Chair

John Jensen

Orville Huntington

Fritz Johnson

Tom Kluberton, Vice-Chair

Sue Jeffrey

Reed Morisky

C=Carried, F=Failed, C/A=Carried as Amended, F/A=Failed as Amended, N/A=No Action

Prince William Sound and Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Finfish Proposals (57)

SUBJECT (# Proposals)			Audio tracking info*
Action	Proposal	Description	
Prince William Sound (32 Proposals)			
<i>Subsistence Salmon (3 Proposals)</i>			
F/A (3/4)	1	Establish a weekly 36-hour subsistence fishing period until the two days after the closure of the commercial salmon season. <i>Amended proposal failed on substitute language found in RC52.</i>	<i>Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 0:04:41</i>
N/A	2	Establish subsistence fishing season that opens when commercial fishing opens in May and closes when the commercial fishery closes in September. <i>Based on action taken on Proposal 1.</i>	<i>Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 1:08:51</i>
F (0/7)	3	Establish certain marking requirements for that portion of a commercial drift gillnet that is being used for subsistence fishing.	<i>Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 1:09:26</i>
<i>Sport (6 Proposals)</i>			
F (0/7)	4	Prohibit the release of king salmon in Prince William Sound.	<i>Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 1:14:32</i>



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C/A (7/0)	5	Close a portion of Main Bay to sport fishing. <i>Amended through substitute language found in RC 51.</i>	Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 1:22:50
C/A (7/0)	6	Prohibit the use of bait for salmon once the bag limit has been achieved on drainages crossed by the Copper River Highway. <i>Amended through substitute language found in RC 54.</i>	Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 1:30:32
C/A (7/0)	7	Modify the Copper River Delta Special Trout Management Area to allow retention of trout from June 15–April 14. <i>Amended through substitute language found in RC 48.</i>	Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 1:45:41
F (0/7)	8	Reduce bag and possession limit for lingcod in Prince William Sound Area from 2 per day, 4 in possession to 1 per day, 2 in possession.	Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 1:51:21 (skipped) Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 3:20:22
F (0/7)	9	Allow an additional line to jig for bait when saltwater sport fishing in Prince William Sound.	Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 1:51:35
Commercial Salmon (13 Proposals)			
F (0/7)	10	Change set gillnet component of Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan.	Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 1:56:11
F (0/7)	11	Change Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan to include Valdez Fisheries Development Association in calculation.	Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 2:04:15
F (0/7)	12	Change Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan to exclude Gulkana Hatchery production in calculation.	Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 2:09:23
F (0/7)	13	Open certain waters of College Fjord to purse seine fishery before July 21.	Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 2:12:22
F (0/7)	14	Reestablish historic purse seine gear access to Coghill Lake sockeye salmon in Coghill River terminal area.	Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 2:17:49
F (0/7)	15	Establish standards to alleviate gear conflicts in Esther Subdistrict during the commercial pink salmon fishery.	Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 2:20:11
F (0/7)	16	Establish alternating purse seine and drift gillnet fishing periods in certain areas to alleviate gear conflicts in Esther Subdistrict during the commercial pink salmon fishery.	Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 2:23:00
F (0/7)	17	Allow use of monofilament mesh in Prince William Sound drift gillnet fishery. <i>The proposal originally carried 4/3, but following a motion to reconsider (carried 7/0) failed 0/7.</i>	Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 2:26:19 (Reconsideration) Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 2:50:25
F (1/6)	18	Change drift gillnet gear specifications in the Copper River District.	Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 2:42:29
F	19	Allow use of spotter planes in Prince William Sound salmon purse	Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 2:58:29



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(0/7)		seine fisheries.	
N/A	20	Allow use of spotter planes in Prince William Sound salmon purse seine fisheries. <i>The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 19.</i>	Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 3:13:48
F (0/7)	21	Allow use of spotter planes in Prince William Sound salmon purse seine fisheries.	Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 3:14:13
C (7/0)	22	Identify certain landmarks in description of the Wally Noerenberg Hatchery Terminal Harvest Area using latitude and longitude coordinates.	Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 3:16:56
Commercial Groundfish (10 Proposals)			
F (0/7)	23	Close Prince William Sound management area to commercial lingcod harvest when inside and outside district guideline harvest levels are achieved, including lingcod caught as bycatch and directed harvest.	Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 3:38:29
C (7/0)	24	Clarify that lingcod may only be retained from July 1 through December 31.	Day Three December 5, 2014 PWS - 3:44:48
F (0/7)	25	Change Prince William Sound Inside District sablefish season opening and closing date for pot gear.	Day Four December 6, 2014 PWS - 0:00:07
N/A	26	Establish a lower trip limit in Prince William Sound walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery and disallow tendering during the fishery. <i>The board moved to take no action in anticipation of handling this subject and related subjects under the Pollock work group and related meetings in the future.</i>	Day Four December 6, 2014 PWS - 0:10:16
N/A	27	Establish directed commercial purse seine and jig pollock fisheries in Prince William Sound. <i>The board moved to take no action in anticipation of handling this subject and related subjects under the Pollock work group and related meetings in the future.</i>	Day Four December 6, 2014 PWS - 0:49:01
C (7/0)	28	Change the amount of rockfish that may be retained as bycatch during Pacific cod and walleye pollock fisheries.	Day Four December 6, 2014 PWS - 1:09:13
F (0/7)	29	Require retention of all rockfish in the sablefish fishery on gear sets below 150 fathoms, remove rockfish bycatch limits and requirements, such that proceeds from rockfish bycatch are not surrendered to the state.	Day Four December 6, 2014 PWS - 1:16:44
C (4/3)	30	Eliminate closure of Pacific cod pot season at 90 percent of guideline harvest level and combine pot and jig allocations, provide a step up/step down allocation depending on achievement of guideline harvest level.	Day Four December 6, 2014 PWS - 1:22:22
C/A (6/1)	31	Change Pacific cod allocation to provide 10 percent for jig gear until June 10, after which it will then be available to pot gear, and designate the state-waters jig fishery as nonexclusive. <i>Proposal was amended to just consider making the registration area non-exclusive for the jig fishery.</i>	Day Four December 6, 2014 PWS - 1:37:27
N/A	32	Correct coordinates within the described closed waters section for	Day Four December 6,



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		groundfish at Zaikof Point. <i>The board took no action based on a request by the proposer to withdraw the proposal.</i>	2014 PWS - 1:58:32
Copper River (25 Proposals)			
Escapement Goal (1 Proposal)			
F (0/7)	33	Establish a biological escapement goal of 28,000 king salmon for the Copper River drainage.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 0:02:32
Subsistence/Personal Use Salmon (10 Proposals)			
C (6/1)	34	Amend the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan to provide additional management measures for king salmon in the Glennallen Subdistrict subsistence fishery.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 0:18:11
F (0/7)	35	Prohibit the use of monofilament mesh in dip net bag webbing in subsistence and personal use fisheries.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 0:51:36
F (0/7)	36	In subsistence and personal use fisheries, prohibit removing a king salmon from the water if it is to be released.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 0:59:08
N/A	37	Require a department operated check station to monitor subsistence and personal use harvest and permit compliance in the Chitina and Glennallen subdistricts. <i>The board took no action based on its lack of authority.</i>	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 1:08:27
F (0/7)	38	Change the opening date for the Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon fishery to open as early as June 1, but not later than June 11.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 1:16:18
C (4/3)	39	Change the Chitina Subdistrict personal use annual limit to be based on household size. <i>A motion for reconsideration on this proposal was later sought and failed on a 1/6 vote. The original vote stands.</i>	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 1:23:26
F (0/7)	40	Require charter operators that transport personal use fishermen keep a daily logbook.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 1:43:38
F (0/7)	41	Repeal reduction of the Chitina Subdistrict personal use allocation if the commercial salmon fishery is closed for 13 or more consecutive days.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 1:50:19
F (0/7)	42	Change the maximum harvest level for the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery to 100,000 salmon.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 1:56:36
F (0/7)	43	Establish an allocation of 3,000 king salmon to the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 2:07:17
Commercial Salmon (5 Proposals)			
F (0/7)	44	Prohibit commercial salmon fishing until a salmon is recorded at the Copper River sonar.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 2:20:51
F (0/7)	45	Repeal mandatory inside-waters closure in Copper River King Salmon Management Plan.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 2:26:54
F (0/7)	46	Restrict retention of commercially caught king salmon for a person's own use to not exceed the king salmon sport bag limit in area caught.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 2:33:40
F (0/7)	47	Allows use of dip nets for commercial salmon fishing during emergency order closures of the commercial drift gillnet fishery.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 2:39:38



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N/A	48	Mark district boundaries. <i>The board took no action based on its lack of authority.</i>	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 2:52:49
Sport (9 Proposals)			
F (0/7)	49	Change the sport fishing season opening date for king salmon on the Klutina River from July 1 to June 1.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 2:55:27
F (0/7)	50	Prohibit use of barbed hooks, multiple hooks, and bait when fishing for king salmon in the Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Area.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 3:01:15
F (0/7)	51	Prohibit use of barbed and multiple hooks for king salmon once an angler has taken a bag limit or annual limit of king salmon.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 3:17:40
F (0/7)	52	Prohibit use of barbed and multiple hooks with or without bait if the sport fishery is restricted to catch-and-release.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 3:19:43
F (0/7)	53	Clarify that a single-hook artificial lure is an artificial lure with one single-hook or one fly.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 3:21:26
F (0/7)	54	Increase the Arctic grayling bag and possession limit in the Gulkana River drainage.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 3:19:13
C (7/0)	55	Amend special provisions for rainbow trout in the Tebay River drainage.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 3:55:57
C (7/0)	56	Update the Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Area stocked waters regulation.	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 4:01:35
N/A	57	Amend methods and means for burbot in a portion of the Copper River drainage to reference statewide regulations. <i>The board took no action based on the regulatory change was already underway through existing delegated authority.</i>	Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS - 4:04:31

* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry "bof_worksession_10_15_14" indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the proposal began according to the meeting audio.

Miscellaneous Business Agenda (RC 63):

1. Kuskokwim Subsistence Salmon Panel: Panel chair Kluberton provided an update on the Panel’s activities. Mr. Kluberton reported the panel will be meeting in Bethel on January 15-16 to hear from the public, and review options and opportunities for developing an equitable distribution of salmon on the Kuskokwim river. The Panel will look to potential changes that could be made at the March 2015 Statewide meeting, and possibly during the 2015/16 Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish meeting in January 2016. (Audio tracking info: Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS – 4:05:58)
2. Gulf of Alaska State-waters Pollock Workgroup: Workgroup Co-chairs Jeffrey and Jensen provided an update on the workgroup. Ms. Jeffrey informed the board the workgroup will conduct its third meeting in Anchorage on February 18, 2015, in anticipation of further action at the March 2015 Statewide meeting. (Audio tracking info: Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS – 4:11:58)



3. Seine vessel length review: Member Kluberton is leading a small effort to gather existing regulatory information related to seine vessel length determinations due to the receipt of a proposal and an agenda change request, both seeking regulatory clarification. Members Kluberton and Jensen are planning to conduct a meeting of agencies and stakeholders at the February Southeast Finfish meeting in Sitka. *(Audio tracking info: Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS – 4:12:54)*
4. Commissioner selection process: Executive Director Haight provided an update on the Joint Board’s Commissioner selection process. Chairman Johnstone and members Jensen and Kluberton will join a similar committee from the Board of Game to conduct interviews and advise the full Joint Board on candidates. Discussion by the board included extending the recruitment and opening the recruitment nationwide. *(Audio tracking info: Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS – 4:17:57)*
5. Discussion on potential Board of Fisheries pollock meeting: The board discussed the merits of conducting a meeting relating only to pollock fisheries. The board identified holding such a meeting after the October 2015 work session for up to four days. *(Audio tracking info: Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS – 4:21:31)*
6. Advanced paper copies of meeting information: Member Kluberton discussed the desire to receive paper copies of meeting information in advance of meetings. Boards Support will set up a system with board members to provide advanced information. *(Audio tracking info: Day Five December 7, 2014 PWS – 4:24:28)*