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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
JANUARY 21-24, 2015¹
BOARD OF FISHERIES SOUTHEAST AND YAKUTAT CRAB, SHRIMP, AND
MISCELLANEOUS SHELLFISH

WRANGELL, 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	Tom Kluberton, Vice-Chair
John Jensen	Sue Jeffrey
Orville Huntington	Reed Morisky
Fritz Johnson	

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)			<i>Audio tracking info*</i>
Action	Proposal	Description	
Dungeness Crab (24 Proposals)			
<i>Management Plan (11 Proposals)</i>			
F (1/6)	58	Repeal the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan.	<i>Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 0:36:12</i>
N/A	59	Repeal the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan. <i>No action based on action taken on Proposal 58.</i>	<i>Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 0:47:08</i>
N/A	60	Repeal the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan. <i>No action based on action taken on Proposal 58.</i>	<i>Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 0:47:33</i>
F	61	Manage commercial Dungeness crab fishery with open season dates	<i>Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22,</i>

¹ This meeting was originally scheduled for seven (7) days. Prior to the meeting it was shortened to six (6) days. Once at the meeting, it finished by noon on the fourth day.



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(0/7)		and areas to avoid handling of soft shell crab.	2015- 0:47:59
F (0/7)	62	Modify Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan with open seasons, areas, and harvest levels based on historic data.	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 1:00:28
F (0/7)	63	Modify threshold levels for opening and closing of summer and fall fishing seasons under the Southeastern Alaska Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan.	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 1:04:58
F (0/7)	64	Repeal section of Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan regarding summer season soft-shell crab catch that may allow fall season to open.	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 1:16:30
C/A (7/0)	65	Extend region wide commercial Dungeness crab season closure date from November 30 to February 28. <i>Substituted with language from RC22.</i>	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 1:20:17
F/A (0/7)	66	Manage Upper Lynn Canal commercial Dungeness crab fishery based on CPUE.	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 1:41:33
N/A	67	This proposal is a comment and does not seek regulatory change. <i>No action taken given the proposal sought no regulatory change.</i>	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 1:54:02
N/A	68	This proposal is a comment and does not seek regulatory change. <i>No action taken given the proposal sought no regulatory change.</i>	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 1:54:02
Closed Waters (11 Proposals)			
F (0/7)	69	Repeal specific commercial Dungeness crab fishery closed waters in areas around Tenakee Inlet, Sitka Sound, and Port Althrop.	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 1:55:16
F (0/7)	70	Close commercial Dungeness crab fishery in a portion of Hetta Inlet.	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 2:13:05
F (0/7)	71	Close commercial Dungeness crab fishery in a portion of Whale Pass.	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 2:25:54
F (0/7)	72	Close commercial Dungeness crab fishery in a portion of Frederick Sound.	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 2:33:07
N/A	73	Close commercial Dungeness crab fishery in a portion of Frederick Sound. <i>No action taken based on action taken on Proposal 72.</i>	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 2:38:16
F (0/7)	74	Close commercial Dungeness crab fishery in Big Bear/Baby Bear Marine Park near Sitka.	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 2:38:58
C/A (7/0)	75	Close nearshore waters around Angoon to commercial Dungeness crab fishery. <i>Substituted with language found in RC25.</i>	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 2:44:59 (tabled)
			3:07:48 (off table)



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F (0/7)	76	Close commercial Dungeness fishing in areas around Colt and Horse Islands near Juneau.	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 2:49:30
F (0/7)	77	Close commercial Dungeness fishing around Portland Island and Point Lena near Juneau.	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 2:57:03
C/A (7/0)	78	Close waters to Game Creek and Gartina Creek near Hoonah to commercial Dungeness crab fishing to improve subsistence fishery. <i>Substituted with language found in RC26 and amended further to remove "and sport" from the RC.</i>	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 2:59:01 (tabled) 3:21:21 (off table)
F (0/7)	79	Close portions of Chilkat Inlet to commercial Dungeness crab fishing until harvest levels rebound.	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 3:00:46
Sport Fishery (2 Proposals)			
C/A (7/0)	80	Modify pot limits, buoy marking requirements, responsible parties, and management provisions for the George Inlet superexclusive guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery. <i>Substituted with language found in RC43 and further amended to define "sport fish operator"</i> .	Day 4, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 24, 2015- 0:19:59
C (5/2)	81	Modify sport fishing guide requirements in the George Inlet superexclusive guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery.	Day 4, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 24, 2015- 0:33:37
King and Tanner Crab (11 Proposals)			
Sport Fishery (2 Proposals)			
F (0/7)	82	Increase the pot limit from 4 pots per boat to 10 pots per vessel for personal use Tanner crab fishery in the Southeastern Alaska Area.	Day 4, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 24, 2015- 0:54:41
N/A	83	Repeal closure of Tanner crab sport and personal use fishery two weeks prior to July 1 in the Southeastern Alaska Area. <i>No action taken based on author's request to withdraw the proposal.</i>	Day 4, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 24, 2015- 0:59:58
Commercial Fishery (7 Proposals)			
C (7/0)	84	Establish golden king crab commercial fishery in Registration Area D under commissioner's permit.	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 3:27:51 Day 3, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015 - 0:39:18
C (7/0)	85	Establish logbook requirement and standards for commercial king crab fisheries in Registration Area D.	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 3:32:33
C/A (7/0)	86	Modify lawful gear to allow use of square king crab pots in Registration Area D. <i>Substituted with language found in RC28.</i>	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 3:36:21



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C (7/0)	87	Reduce the commercial king crab pot limit in the waters of Yakutat Bay and Russell Fjord from 100 pots per vessel to 40 pots per vessel.	Day 2, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 22, 2015- 4:14:25
F (0/7)	88	Allow the operation of commercial pot gear for groundfish before and during a commercial king or Tanner crab season.	Day 3, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 23, 2015- 0:01:07
F (0/6)	89	Create new commercial golden king crab fishery area in Cross Sound. <i>Member Jensen conflicted out.</i>	Day 3, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 23, 2015- 0:19:33
C/A (7/0)	90	Reduce commercial Tanner crab pot limit in Registration Area D. <i>Substituted with language found in RC21.</i>	Day 3, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 23, 2015- 0:22:35
Blue King Crab (2 Proposals)			
N/A	91	Correct a district reference for Holkham Bay and a misspelling of Point Astley. <i>No action taken given department sought to withdraw its proposal and already handled the regulatory change through a technical regulations change under its delegation of authority.</i>	Day 3, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 23, 2015- 0:31:36
C (7/0)	92	Increase legal size limit for blue king crab in subsistence, personal use, and commercial fisheries in Registration Areas A and D.	Day 3, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 23, 2015- 0:33:17
Shrimp, Miscellaneous Shellfish, Marine Reserves (21 Proposals)			
Sport/Personal Use Shrimp (1 Proposal)			
C (7/0)	93	Establish a harvest reporting permit for sport and personal use shrimp fisheries in waters of Section 11-A.	Day 4, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 24, 2015- 1:00:29
Commercial Pot Shrimp (8 Proposals)			
F (0/7)	94	Establish a spawner index management system for the Southeastern Alaska commercial spot shrimp fishery.	Day 3, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 23, 2015- 3:22:14
N/A	95	Establish management direction to modify commercial pot shrimp fishery GHs based on indicators of shrimp population size determined by CPUE, size data, and geographic distribution. <i>No action taken based on proposer's request to withdraw the proposal under RC39.</i>	Day 3, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 23, 2015- 3:26:38
F (0/7)	96	Provide additional commercial pot shrimp fishery management flexibility in specific fishing locales in Registration Area A.	Day 3, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 23, 2015- 3:27:13
N/A	97	Divide District 1 into three distinct commercial pot shrimp fishing areas. <i>No action taken based on proposer's request to withdraw the proposal under RC37.</i>	Day 3, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 23, 2015- 3:42:11
C/A (7/0)	98	Modify commercial pot shrimp fishery reporting requirements for Registration Area A. <i>Substituted with language found in RC35.</i>	Day 3, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 23, 2015- 3:42:46



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F (0/7)	99	Standardize, limit, and reduce commercial shrimp pot gear in Registration Area A.	Day 3, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 23, 2015- 3:54:07
C/A (7/0)	100	Clarify use of other pot gear during a commercial shrimp season in Registration Area A. <i>Amended to clarify language in the final regulation.</i>	Day 3, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 23, 2015- 4:10:30
F (0/7)	101	Revise the Southeastern Alaska Pot Shrimp Fishery Management Plan to include an April to October commercial fishery, regionwide, for non-spot shrimp.	Day 3, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 23, 2015- 4:21:49
Commercial Beam Trawl Shrimp (5 Proposals)			
N/A	102	Remove otter trawl as legal trawl gear in commercial shrimp trawl fishery in Registration Area D. <i>No action taken based on proposer's request to withdraw the proposal under RC36.</i>	Day 3, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 23, 2015- 4:24:45
F (0/7)	103	Establish maximum vessel length for beam trawl shrimp fishery in Registration Area A.	Day 3, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 23, 2015- 4:25:32
C/A (7/0)	104	Modify beam trawl gear specifications for Registration Area A. <i>Substituted with language found in RC42.</i>	Day 3, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 23, 2015- 4:29:04
C (7/0)	105	Clarify commercial beam trawl registration location as ADF&G office specified by the department.	Day 4, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 24, 2015- 0:00:29
N/A	106	Establish a shrimp beam trawl fishery task force. <i>Took no action based on the proposal seeking no regulatory change.</i>	Day 4, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 24, 2015- 0:02:45
Closed Waters (1 Proposals)			
F (0/7)	107	Close a portion of District 8 near Petersburg to commercial pot shrimp fishery.	Day 4, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 24, 2015- 0:04:05
Sea Cucumbers (3 Proposals)			
C (7/0)	108	Clarify weekly commercial fishing periods for sea cucumbers.	Day 4, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 24, 2015- 0:08:04
N/A	109	Reduce commercial sea cucumber fishing periods in October and establish specific fishing times in November. <i>No action taken based on proposer's request to withdraw the proposal under RC17.</i>	Day 4, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 24, 2015- 0:11:02
N/A	110	Allow increased trip limit and permit stacking in commercial sea cucumber fishery. <i>No action taken based on proposer's request to withdraw the proposal under RC17.</i>	Day 4, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 24, 2015- 0:11:33
Geoducks (2 Proposals)			
N/A	111	Allow department to set trip limits on geoduck harvest based on market conditions. <i>No action taken based on proposer's request to</i>	Day 4, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 24, 2015- 0:12:07



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		<i>withdraw the proposal under RC17.</i>	
N/A	112	Establish a weekly trip limit of 1,000 pounds of geoduck clams for each CFEC permit holder with no more than two permit holders on a vessel. <i>No action taken based on action taken on Proposal 111.</i>	Day 4, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 24, 2015- 0:12:29
Marine Reserve (1 Proposal)			
F (0/7)	113	Prohibit fishing, around Cache Island, for bottomfish, crab, and shrimp by all users.	Day 4, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 24, 2015- 0:13:54

* 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 (RC44):

1. Bristol Bay Advisory Panel update and board generated proposal: Member Johnson provided an update and overview on the Bristol Bay Advisory Panel, a group established at the 2012 Bristol Bay finfish meeting to review options related to establishing an optimum escapement goal, prior to setting such a goal. Member Johnson moved to adopt a board generated proposal (RC25) to establish an optimum escapement goal for Bristol Bay sockeye. The proposal was adopted by the board on a 7 to 0 vote. The board generated proposal, now Proposal 277, is scheduled for the Statewide Dungeness, Shrimp, Miscellaneous Shellfish and Other Issues, set for March 17-20, 2015 in Anchorage. *(Audio tracking info: Day 4, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 24, 2015- 1:04:42)*
2. Kuskokwim Subsistence Salmon Panel update and board generated proposal: Panel chair Kluberton provided an update on the Panel’s recent meeting in Bethel on January 15-16 and provided reports of the meeting through RC’s 32 and 33. Member Kluberton moved to adopt a board generated proposal (RC34) to create a provision allowing live boxes on Kuskokwim fish wheels to allow the return of king salmon during times of king salmon conservation. The proposal was adopted by the board on a 7 to 0 vote. The board generated proposal, now Proposal 278, is set for the Statewide Dungeness, Shrimp, Miscellaneous Shellfish and Other Issues, scheduled for March 17-20, 2015 in Anchorage. *(Audio tracking info: Day 4, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 24, 2015- 1:15:38)*
3. Shrimp Task Force Charge and Pot Shrimp Management Plan: The board discussed the ongoing work of the shrimp task force and a request for the board to create a finding supporting the task force. While identifying the task force work with the department as impressive and exemplary, it did not find the effort met the requirements of a board finding as identified in the [Policy on Development of Findings](#) (99-184-FB). *(Audio tracking info: Day 4, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 24, 2015- 1:34:11)*
4. Combining Southeast finfish and crab meetings in the future: The board discussed the potential for combining the currently separate Southeast finfish and shellfish meetings. It was determined



the board would wait to see how the finfish meeting in Sitka transpires, and would take up the subject at the October 2015 work session that will deal with setting future meetings. *(Audio tracking info: Day 4, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 24, 2015- 1:48:03)*

5. Update on Gulf of Alaska Pollock Workgroup: Member Jeffrey provided the board with an update on the Gulf of Alaska Pollock workgroup and announced it will hold another workgroup meeting on February 18, 2015 in Anchorage, scheduled at the Westmark Hotel. *(Audio tracking info: Day 4, BOF Shellfish-Wrangell January 24, 2015- 1:54:58)*