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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues
 March 8-11, 2016
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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

Tom Kluberton, Chair
 Fritz Johnson
 Orville Huntington
 Robert Mumford

John Jensen, Vice-Chair
 Sue Jeffrey
 Reed Morisky

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

STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES (24 PROPOSALS)

SUBJECT (# Proposals)			<i>Audio tracking info*</i>
Action	Proposal	Description	
SUBSISTENCE, SPORT, AND STATEWIDE GEAR (8 proposals)			
<i>Subsistence (1 proposal)</i>			
C (7-0)	224	Customary and traditional subsistence uses of shellfish stocks and amounts necessary for subsistence uses.	Day 2: 03-09-16: 4:02:07
<i>Methods and Means/Gear (1 proposal)</i>			
F (0-7)	202	Prohibit the use of felt bottom boots in all waters, while fishing.	Day 2: 03-09-16: 4:08:13
<i>Special Harvest Area Management (1 proposal)</i>			
F (0-7)	203	Expand emergency order authority to close sport fishing in special harvest areas if hatchery cost recovery goals may not be met.	Day 2: 03-09-16: 4:14:56
<i>Methods and Means, Bag Limits (5 proposals)</i>			
C/A (7-0)	204	Modify the definition of an artificial fly to include the use of a bare single hook. (Amended with substitute language in RC 44.)	Day 2: 03-09-16: 4:31:07
C/A (7-0)	205	Clarify that a bead not attached to a hook is an attractor, and not a lure or fly. (Amended by language in RC 41. The board provided	Day 2: 03-09-16: 4:35:01



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		<i>further clarification that a "weight" is not mandatory.)</i>	
F (0-7)	206	Revise definition of "closely attended" as it applies to coho salmon fishing.	Day 2: 03-09-16: 4:40:25
C/A (7-0)	207	Allow a bang stick to be used to dispatch sport-caught fish. <i>(Amended with substitute language in RC 62 and was further amended to include language "from a vessel" in saltwater.)</i>	Day 2: 03-09-16: 4:44:09
F (0-7)	208	Establish bag limits by port of call.	Day 2: 03-09-16: 4:59:23
COMMERCIAL (16 proposals)			
Forage Fish (3 proposals)			
F (1-6)	209	Designate Pacific herring as a forage fish.	Day 3: 03-10-16: 0:00:30
N/A (0-7)	210	Prohibit directed fisheries on forage fish species, for the purpose of fish meal production. <i>(The board took no action because it lacked regulatory authority to direct the use of fishery products beyond harvest.)</i>	Day 3: 03-10-16: 0:09:50
N/A (0-7)	211	Prohibit the production of fish meal from whole forage fish. <i>(The board took no action based on action taken on 210.)</i>	Day 3: 03-10-16: 0:12:03
Herring (1 proposal)			
N/A (6-0)	126 <i>(From 2014-15)</i>	Establish a commercial open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound. <i>(Jensen recused. The board took no action based on a lack of regulatory authority to allow new entrants into a fishery or determine who might enter a limited entry fishery.)</i>	Day 3: 03-10-16: 0:12:41
Identification of Gear (2 proposals) (This set of proposals was also heard at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting where public testimony was taken.)			
F (0-7)	27	Require that a CFEC permit holder's name displayed on a set gillnet site marking sign complies with the same character size marking requirements for permit numbers.	Day 3: 03-10-16: 0:46:16
N/A (0-7)	28	Change the character size requirements for set gillnet marking signs. <i>(The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 27.)</i>	Day 3: 03-10-16: 0:50:27
Salmon (1 proposal)			
F (1-6)	212	Repeal or modify the requirement to designate a single salmon net registration area.	Day 3: 03-10-16: 0:51:05
Groundfish (7 proposals)			
C/A (7-0)	213	Clarify possession and landing requirements for Pacific cod and walleye pollock. <i>(Amended with substitute language in RC 24.)</i>	Day 3: 03-10-16: 1:04:18
F (0-7)	214	Specify that bycatch in excess of the allowable amount will be surrendered to the state and donated to charity and establish fines for bycatch in excess of the allowable amount.	Day 3: 03-10-16: 1:10:46



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F (0-7)	215	Establish a 58' overall length limit for vessels participating in South Alaska Peninsula parallel walleye pollock fishery using trawl gear.	Day 3: 03-10-16: 1:21:03
C (6-1)	194	Close all waters of Unalaska Bay to commercial fishing for groundfish with pelagic trawl gear. <i>(This proposal was heard at the Alaska Peninsula / Chignik / Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting where public testimony was taken.)</i>	Day 3: 03-10-16: 1:32:08
F (1-6)	216	Establish a state waters walleye pollock purse seine fishery in Southeast Alaska.	Day 3: 03-10-16: 2:09:07
F (0-7)	217	Establish fishing season for walleye pollock that does not conflict with salmon season.	Day 3: 03-10-16: 2:28:22
C/A (7-0)	218	Establish state-waters walleye pollock jig fishery management plans with guideline harvest levels deducted from total allowable catch (TAC) for the Eastern Gulf of Alaska, Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Chignik, South Alaska Peninsula and Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands. <i>(Amended with substitute language in RC 66.)</i>	Day 3: 03-10-16: 2:35:32
<i>Bristol Bay Erosion-Related, District Specific Provisions (2 proposals)</i>			
C/A (6-1)	59	Revise boundaries of closed waters at Graveyard Point in the Naknek-Kvichak District. <i>(Amended with substitute language in RC 68.)</i>	Day 4: 03-11-16: 0:01:12
C/A (7-0)	63	Change the seaward minimum distance between set gillnet gear in the Clark's Point area in the Nushagak District. <i>(Amended with substitute language in RC 70.)</i>	Day 4: 03-11-16: 0:25:15

* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry "Day 3: 03-10-16" indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the proposal began according to the meeting audio.

Miscellaneous Business:

Draft policy on proposal review process (RC 52)

The board discussed the draft proposal review process policy. The draft policy was an outcome of the Joint Board subcommittee's review of process changes that could save budget dollars. The policy would enlist the Board's Committee of the Committees to reduce proposal workload by creating consent agendas, recommending potential delegations to the department, and providing additional oversight on proposals. The board proposed significant edits to the document and plan to take it up at a teleconference later in the spring following adequate public notice.

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0:43:49

Federal Subsistence Board letter re: MOU (RC 61)

The board reviewed the recent USF&W Federal Subsistence Board's letter providing its

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1:29:38



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support to re-engage the reauthorization of the memorandum of understanding between the ADF&G and Boards of Game and Fisheries, and the USF&WS and Federal Subsistence Board. The Board of Fisheries agreed to lend its support and participation in the effort through its Federal/State Subsistence committee led by Member Huntington. Member Kluberton asked to be replaced on the committee given his tenure with the board would be up on June 30, 2016. Member Jeffrey volunteered to join the committee.

Fairbanks Advisory Committee Emergency Petition (RC 63)

The Board reviewed the Fairbanks Advisory Committee's emergency petition to reduce commercial fishing in the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Fishery and did not find it met the threshold of an emergency on a vote of 3-4.

*Day 4: 03-11-16:
1:39:05*

The Board and staff offered its appreciation for members Johnson, Mumford and Kluberton at the adjournment. Member Mumford's last day on the board is March 14, 2016. Members Johnson and Kluberton's terms will expire June 30, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 am.