

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
UPPER COOK INLET
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Anchorage

Preliminary Summary

- C **73** Amend Central District Herring Management Plan
- C **74** Prohibit use of spotter pilots
- NA **75** Prohibit use of spotter planes within one hour of commercial open periods
- F **76** Modify drift gillnet area for Kasilof Section
- F **77** Redefine demarcation of Kenai and Kasilof sections
- F **78** Reopen the Southside of Chinitna Bay to gillnetting
- NA **79** Remove restrictions from drift and set gillnet fisheries for coho protection
- NA **80** Modify the dates of the Central District for the Kenai and East Forelands sections
- NA **81** Change season dates for Kenai and East Forelands Sections
- F **82** Open Kenai and East Forelands sections earlier
- C/A **83** Extend the Upper Subdistrict late-run sockeye salmon season to August 15
- NA **84** Allow set gillnet fishing until August 15
- NA **85** Delay season closure for Kenai and East Forelands sections
- NA **86** Specify that the set net fishery will close by emergency order
- F **87** Clarify transition between sockeye management and coho management
- NA **88** Amend management plan
- NA **89** Close Central District commercial fishery by executive order
- NA **90** Change weekly fishing periods
- NA **91** Repeal mandatory July 17 and 26 restrictions for Kenai and Kasilof Rivers
- F **92** Repeal Kenai River coho plan
- NA **93** Amend management plan
- NA **94** Reopen set gillnet season south of Blanchard line after June 15
- F **95** Change weekly fishing periods
- F **96** Change Central District fishing periods
- NA **97** Allow commercial harvest from time specified on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Central District
- C/A **98** Restrict drift gillnet use in Upper Subdistrict. *Amedment: tied restrictions to set gillnet closures after June 19.*

- NA **99** Clarify drift gillnet closure areas
- F **100** Open a commercial fishery in Tuxendni Bay
- NA **101** Open a commercial fishery in Tuxendni Bay
- C **102** Provide flexibility in regulation for the use of single filament gillnet web
- NA **103** Allow additional use of monofilament gillnets
- NA **104** Prohibit use of monofilament nets in Cook Inlet
- F **105** Increase drift gillnet to 200 fathoms in the Upper Cook Inlet
- F **106** Increase maximum drift gillnet depth to 60 meshes
- C **107** Allow up to 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear and allow joint ventures with concurrent fishing from one vessel by permit holders
- F **108** Increase aggregate set gillnet gear length
- F **109** Limit east side set gillnet gear to 3 strands
- F **110** Allow commercial use of reef net gear for harvest of live fish
- F **111** Change distance offshore for set gillnets in Cook Inlet
- F **112** Allow set gillnet fishing in any district after 48-hour waiting period
- F **113** Eliminate area registration for vessel for Cook Inlet and Kodiak salmon fisheries
- NA **114** Renumber Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan to put "umbrella" plan first in the regulations
- F **115** Return Upper Cook Inlet management plan to 1995 wording
- NA **116** Add personal use, sport and guided sport user to the priority for management purposes in Upper Cook Inlet salmon based on abundance
- F **117** Amend umbrella salmon manage plan to clarify escapement goals based on wild fish
- NA **118** Return to 1996 Kenai River sockeye plan
- C/A **119** Identify Susitna River and Fish Creek as stocks with a yield concern under the Sustainable Salmon Policy and create conservation corridor. *Amendment: Identify Susitna River sockeye as a yield concern.*
- F **120** Designate Cook Inlet chum salmon as a Stock of Concern
- NA **121** Modify Yentna/Susitna escapement goals
- NA **122** Modify Yentna River escapement goal
- NA **123** Eliminate Fish Creek stocking program until escapement goal met
- NA **124** Reorganize the Upper Cook Inlet Management plans by species
- NA **125** Revise UCI area management plans to address quality, sustainability and revitalize industry
- NA **126** Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management plan to clarify board intent regarding the commissioner's EO authority
- NA **127** Authorize the commissioner to issue EO openings to ensure escapement ranges are met

- NA 128 Clarify BOF intention to manage the fisheries in season to meet the escapement goals
- NA 129 Clarify the BOF intent that achieving escapement goals supersedes specific time and area provisions in other UCI Salmon Management plans
- C/A 130 Clarify that achieving the established escapement goals is the primary management objective in the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management plan
- NA 131 Manage to achieve in-river goals
- F 132 Implement priorities among salmon management plan for Upper Cook Inlet
- NA 133 Specify from June 20 to August 20 Upper Cook Inlet salmon stocks will be primarily managed for high quality commercial uses
- F 134 Delete portions of Northern District management plan
- NA 135 Amend Northern District salmon management plan
- NA 136 Direct department to manage chum, pink, and sockeye salmon primarily for commercial uses
- NA 137 Eliminate the regulatory language from plans that direct the department to minimize harvest of Northern District and Kenai R coho in order to provide personal use, sport
- F 138 Reinstate the pre-2005 Northern Distinct Salmon Management Plan
- NA 139 Close commercial fishing to protect Alexander Creek stocks
- C/A 140 Clarify escapement goal priorities regarding the Yentna and Kenai rivers. *Amendment: Deleted "optimal"*
- C/A 141 Allow longer sockeye season in Northern District. *Amendment: through August 6, and allow restriction of number of set gillnets..*
- F 142 Allow additional coho fishing time after August 10 in Northern District
- F 143 Manage Northern District Eastern Subdistrict by regular periods not tied to Yentna River escapement
- NA 144 Allow the commissioner to selectively close specific statistical areas in the Northern District commercial salmon fishery
- NA 145 Modify management of Northern District
- C/A 146 Remove reference to specific commercial fishing periods in the Northern District King Salmon Management plan. *Amendment: allows continuation through June 24.*
- NA 147 Add Thursday to the allowed king salmon fishing periods in Northern District
- NA 148 Increase maximum king salmon net length mesh size in the Northern District
- NA 149 Allow additional king salmon fishing time for the area located one mile south of the Theodore River to the Susitna River in Northern District
- NA 150 Modify fishing periods in Northern District
- NA 151 Allow drift gillnets during May and June in west side fishery
- F 152 Modify the Big River Sockeye Salmon Management Plan
- NA 153 Amend Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan
- NA 154 Allow earlier and more fishing periods for pink salmon harvest and delete permit requirements
- NA 155 Allow set gillnet use for harvesting pink salmon
- NA 156 Add set and drift gillnet opportunities to harvest pink salmon

- NA **157** Amend the Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan for commercial uses
- NA **158** Allow department to open set gillnet periods in Cook Inlet
- NA **159** Delete Cook Inlet Pink Salmon plan
- F **160** Modify the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management plan to allow the area managers flexibility based on run strength
- NA **161** Repeal the Central District Drift Gillnet Management plans
- NA **162** Delete Central District Drift Gillnet plan
- F **163** Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management plan
- F **164** Amend regulation to clarify August fishing periods in the Central District
- NA **165** Reinstate sunset provision for directed Cook Inlet west side drift gillnet fishery
- C/A **166** Amend the Kasilof River Salmon Management plan. *Amendment: Changes 48-hour closed period to 36-hour period.*
- NA **167** Revise Kasilof River management plan
- NA **168** Modify the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan
- NA **169** Increase OEG based on updated data in the Kasilof and modify fishing periods
- NA **170** Open South Kenai Beach district whenever necessary to harvest in the Kasilof terminal area
- C **171** Move guided sport fishing regulations out of commercial fishing regulations
- NA **172** Specify use of Kasilof River Special Harvest Area
- NA **173** Limit use of Kasilof River Special Harvest Area
- NA **174** Eliminate Kasilof River Special Harvest Area
- NA **175** Establish corridor or time limits on nets to increase number of kings entering the Kasilof River during July
- NA **176** Modify Kasilof River late-run king salmon periods
- NA **177** Direct department to manage the Kasilof River sockeye salmon primarily for commercial uses
- NA **178** Modify OEG for Kasilof River sockeye
- NA **179** Increase Kenai River OEG
- NA **180** Repeal the Kasilof Salmon Management plan
- C/A **181** Increase area for set gillnet use and reduce area for drift gillnet use. *Amendment: Allow use of additional fishing time or shorter windows to reduce having to use the KRSHA.*
- NA **182** Amend Kasilof River plan to limit Kenai River sockeye harvest
- NA **183** Limit gillnetters to one half mile from shore
- NA **184** Change area for set and drift gillnet use for Kasilof River
- NA **185** Expand Kasilof River special harvest area

- 186 Change area for set and drift gillnet use for Kasilof River
- C/A 187 Directs the Kenai River late run sockeye salmon plan to be abundance based for all user groups. *Amendment used to review Late-Run Sockeye Plan.*
- NA 188 Modify management plan for Kenai River late run sockeye salmon
- NA 189 Modify the Kenai River Late Run Sockeye Management Plan escapement goals
- NA 190 Modify Kenai River salmon escapement goals
- NA 191 Delete portions of Kenai River salmon late run sockeye plans
- NA 192 Modify Kenai River late-run sockeye plan
- F 193 Modify Upper Cook Inlet management plan
- NA 194 Set Kenai River late run sockeye escapement goal range of 400,000 to 700,000
- NA 195 Repeal regulations that require mandatory time and area closures, windows and limit the commissioner's EO authority
- NA 196 Modify Kenai River late run sockeye escapement goals
- NA 197 Establish Kenai River late run sockeye escapement goal range of 400,000 – 700,000
- NA 198 Amend the Kenai River late run sockeye management plan for commercial uses and establish escapement goals
- NA 199 Modify Kenai River salmon escapement goals
- NA 200 Remove windows for Kenai area
- NA 201 Modify Kenai River escapement goals
- NA 202 Amend windows provisions for Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Plan
- NA 203 Limit commercial fishing prior to availability of in-season run strength estimate
- NA 204 Eliminate regulatory language from the commercial plans that direct department to minimize harvest of late run Kenai River kings in order to provide personal use, sport use
- NA 205 Revise Cook Inlet management plan and allocation
- C/A 206 Amend Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon plan. *Amendment: Allowed reduction in bag and possession limit in place of complete closure at low run projections.*
- NA 207 Allow the commissioner to increase the bag limit up to 12 sockeye salmon if abundance exceeds 4,000,000 salmon
- C/A 208 Allow additional harvest opportunity when in-river sockeye abundance warrants. *Amendment: Allowed flexibility for increasing bag and possessions limits.*
- F 209 Open a Kenai River Special Harvest Area
- F 210 Increase commercial allocation of Russian River sockeye
- F 211 Prohibit dipnetting on the Kenai River until BEG is met
- NA 212 Prohibit personal use dipnet fishery on Kenai River until escapement goals met
- NA 213 Link personal use dipnet openings to escapement numbers
- F 214 Extend dipnet season on Kenai River

- F **215** Increased harvest opportunity in personal use fishery in Kenai and Kasilof rivers
- F **216** Increase Kasilof River personal use household limit
- NA **217** Reduce personal use fishery limit to 5 salmon per person, 25 per household
- F **218** Lower annual limits for personal use salmon harvest to 20 for head of household and 5 for each dependent and no more than 50% of limit may be taken from the Kenai River
- NA **219** Lower annual limits for personal use salmon harvest to 15 for head of household and 5 for each dependent
- F **220** Prohibit personal use dipnets with mesh size over 2 1/2 inches
- C/A **221** Implement motor type restriction for dip net fishing from vessel. *Amendment: prohibit salmon fishing from a boat by a 2-stroke motor, other than DFI, between marker by Kenai city dock and Warren Ames bridge.*
- NA **222** Restrict 2-stroke motor boat use in personal use fishery
- NA **223** Require motorized boats utilizing the personal use fishery to be anchored or without power while fishing
- F **224** Allow rod and reel in personal use fishery/Identify consumptive users as a person fishing for winter supply
- C **225** Increase days allowed to retain naturally-produced king salmon in the Kasilof River
- C **226** Increase bag limit for hatchery stock king salmon on Kasilof River
- F **227** Prohibit fishing after retaining a king salmon
- NA **228** Designate portion of Kasilof River as a king salmon spawning sanctuary
- NA **229** Prohibit power boats on Kasilof River
- NA **230** Restrict motorized use on portion of Kasilof River
- C/A **231** Prohibit fishing from boat July 1-Aug. 15 in upper portion of Kasilof River. *Amendment: August 1 - August 15 upstream of Sterling Highway Bridge.*
- F **232** Allow motorized use during king salmon season on the Kasilof River
- F **233** Allow anchoring of boats in portion of Kasilof River
- F **234** Increase Kasilof River sockeye bag limit
- F **235** Open Chickaloon River to king salmon fishing
- F **236** Modify rainbow trout bag limits for Kenai River drainage lakes and ponds
- NA **237** Modify rainbow trout bag limits for Kenai River drainage lakes and ponds
- C/A **238** Expand rainbow trout spawning closure from the outlet of Skilak Lake to the Upper Killey River to include Dolly Varden. *Amendment: Closure May 2-June.*
- NA **239** Reduce spawning closure season for rainbow trout
- NA **240** Prohibit all sport fishing during the rainbow trout spawning closure
- NA **241** Prohibit removing rainbow trout from the water during spawning closure
- F **242** Prohibit removing rainbow trout or Dolly Varden from the water in catch and release fishing
- F **243** Require single, barbless hooks in Kenai River upstream of Lower Killey River from August 21 - June 10

- NA **244** Require barbless hooks for rainbow trout or Dolly Varden in the Kenai River
- NA **245** Restrict gear for rainbow trout and Dolly Varden in portion of Kenai River
- C/A **246** No fishing from anchored vessel in the swan sanctuary area, Skilak Lake /Kenai River from June 15 – December 31. *Amendment: Aug. 1-Dec. 31, define "anchored"*
- F **247** Eliminate size restriction on Dolly Varden for Kenai River
- C **248** Increase the bag limit for Arctic Char in the Cooper Lake to 5 per day / 5 in possession only one over 20 inch or longer
- C **249** Decrease the daily bag limit for lake trout in Hidden Lake
- C **250** Allow up to five lines to fish for northern pike fishing in Arc Lake and Scout Lake
- C **251** Allow up to five lines to fish for northern pike fishing in Stormy Lake
- C **252** Prohibit releasing any northern pike while fishing in the Kenai Peninsula
- F **253** Close fishing from 100 yards above Ferry Cable to 25 yards below cable on Kenai River
- F **254** Increase size of designated youth fishing area on the Kenai River
- C/A **255** Increase size and bag limits for jack kings in Kenai River. *Amendment: Liberalized harvest for less than 28-inchs May 1-June 30 and less than 20 inches July 1-31.*
- NA **256** Delete bag limit for king salmon under 28 inches on Kenai River
- NA **257** Increase size and bag limits for jack kings in Kenai River
- NA **258** Increase the jack king salmon size limit from 20" to 25" in Cook Inlet freshwaters
- F **259** Modify bag limit to allow retention of hatchery stock king salmon in the Kenai River drainage
- NA **260** Modify bag limit to allow retention of hatchery stock king salmon in the Kenai River drainage
- C/A **261** Eliminate Kenai River early-run king salmon slot limit. *Amendment: Changed limit to 46-55 inches.*
- NA **262** Eliminate Kenai River early-run king salmon slot limit
- NA **263** Amend the slot limit season for early-run king salmon on the Kenai River
- NA **264** Extend early-run king salmon slot limit below the Soldotna Bridge through July 14
- C **265** Restrict altering harvested king salmon to allow for length assessment
- C/A **266** Restrict use of bait for early-run kings on portion of Kenai River. *Amendment: Specified criteria.*
- NA **267** Allow use of bait in the early run Kenai River king salmon fishery starting May 1 or June 1.
- C/A **268** Extend Funny River, Slikok Creek, and Lower Killey River sanctuary closures through July 31
- NA **269** Extend Funny River, Slikok Creek, and Lower Killey River sanctuary closures through July 31 and expand Killey area
- F **270** Extend Kenai River king salmon season through August 7
- NA **271** Extend late-run king salmon sport fishing season through August 10
- NA **272** Increase escapement goal for Kenai River late-run king salmon

- F **273** Delete portions of Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon plan
- F **274** Delete section (e) of Kenai River late-run king salmon management plan
- NA **275** Limit non-resident permits for king salmon on Kenai River
- F **276** Establish annual limits for salmon fishing by non-resident anglers
- NA **277** Prohibit non-residents from exporting more than 125 pounds of fish
- F **278** Allow retention of sockeye salmon unintentionally hooked in the Kenai, Kasilof, and Russian Rivers
- NA **279** Increase bag limit for coho salmon in Kenai Peninsula freshwater streams
- NA **280** Increase coho bag limit in Cook Inlet area rivers
- C/A **281** Increase bag limit for coho salmon in the Kenai River
- C **282** Extend the coho salmon fishing season through November on Lower Kenai River and Skilak Lake
- F **283** Add one drift boat only day on the Kenai River
- NA **284** Add one drift boat only day on the Kenai River
- NA **285** Add one drift boat only day on the Kenai River
- NA **286** Add one additional non-guided drift only day on the Kenai River
- NA **287** Add one drift boat only day on the Kenai River
- NA **288** Make Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday drift-only days on Kenai River
- NA **289** Phase-in additional drift boats only days on Kenai River
- NA **290** Prohibit fishing from motorized vessel in Kenai River
- NA **291** Require 4-stroke or direct fuel injection motors on the Kenai River
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- NA **294** Regulate motorized use for fishing on the Kenai River to reduce hydrocarbon pollution
- NA **295** Reduce fishing hours or restrict motorized use to reduce hydrocarbon discharge into Kenai River
- NA **296** Restrict outboard motors to 35 hp on the Kenai River
- F **297** Prohibit king salmon fishing from boats during a 48 hour period on lower Kenai River
- F **298** Prohibit non-residents from fishing from a vessel unless accompanied by a relative between 6pm and 6am on the Kenai River
- F **299** Open Kenai River below Soldotna Bridge to fishing from boats during king salmon season
- NA **300** Require course for powerboat operation on Kenai River
- C/A **301** Restrict use of motorized vessel for fishing on the Upper Kenai River near Kenai Lake

- NA **302** Institute limited entry program for guides on Kenai and Kasilof rivers
- F **303** Modify existing Kenai River guide hours from 6am - 6pm, to 7am - 7pm.
- NA **304** Modify existing Kenai River guide hours from 6am - 6pm, to 7am - 7pm.
- NA **305** Modify existing Kenai River guide hours from 6am - 6pm, to 8am - 8pm.
- F **306** Prohibit guide boats with clients in fishing holes 10 minutes prior to opening times.
- NA **307** Prohibit guides with clients from being on the river prior to ½ hour before start time
- F **308** Separate the guided and unguided sport fishers in the lower Kenai river by day and time
- F **309** Prohibit Kenai River guiding on Thursdays in June and July
- NA **310** Prohibit guides from fishing on Kenai River on Sundays
- NA **311** Prohibit guides from fishing on Kenai River on Sundays
- NA **312** Restrict licensed guides while fishing during non-guide hours on Kenai River
- F **313** Limit guides on the Kenai River to only one client or group of clients per day during July
- NA **314** Restrict Kenai River guiding to one trip per day
- NA **315** Restrict Kenai River and Kasilof River guides to one trip per day on either river
- NA **316** Limit guides to only one client or group of clients per day for Upper Cook Inlet Rivers
- F **317** Require guides to register for either the Kenai River or the Kasilof River
- F **318** Restrict same day guiding on both Kenai and Kasilof rivers
- F **319** Prohibit Kasilof River guided fishing when the Kenai River is closed to guided fishing.
- F **320** Prohibit Kasilof River guided fishing on Mondays
- C/A **321** Allow Kenai River guides to operate on Sundays in May and June, and no hour restrictions in May. *Amendment: Added first Sunday in June for charitable events.*
- F **322** Repeal the guide boat prohibition on Mondays in the Kenai River
- F **323** Allow guides to fish from drift boats on the Kenai River in July
- C/A **324** Allow a guide boat on the Kenai River to carry six persons instead of five during the month of July
- F **325** Designate one day per week on the Kenai River late run to guided anglers only
- F **326** Allow guided fishing 7 days per week with each individual guide allowed 5 days per week on the Kenai River
- F **327** Eliminate Sunday closure for guides on the Kasilof River
- C/A **328** Modify regulation prohibiting fishing by sport fishing guides when clients are present on the Kenai River
- C **329** Align vessel registration regulations with DNR requirements that allow for un-registering guide vessels
- NA **330** Reduce open periods for king salmon sport fishing in Alexander Creek drainage

- C/A **331** Close king salmon fishing on Alexander Creek. *Amendment: Closure Jan. 1 - Dec. 31.*
- NA **332** Close king salmon fishing on Alexander Creek
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- NA **335** Allow 24 hour fishing for king salmon in Unit 1 of the Susitna River drainage
- NA **336** Allow use of bait for king salmon fishing in Unit 1 of the Susitna River drainage
- F **337** Increase bag limit for king salmon in Deshka River
- F **338** Allow 24-hour fishing in Deshka River
- F **339** Extend king salmon season in the Deshka River based upon escapement counts.
- NA **340** Amend season dates for king salmon fishing in Unit 2 of the Susitna River Drainage
- NA **341** Allow multiple hooks two weeks earlier for king salmon fishing in Unit 2 of the Susitna River drainage
- F **342** Increase bag limit of coho salmon for Alaskan residents in Parks Highway streams and Talkeetna River
- F **343** Delay bait restrictions on Talkeetna River
- F **344** Close Chuitna River to sport fishing above old cable crossing
- F **345** Require unbaited, artificial lures year-round on the Little Susitna River
- NA **346** Allow use of bait in the Little Susitna River king salmon fishery from July 1 -13
- F **347** Apply vessel restriction on Little Susitna River
- C/A **348** Extend waters open to king salmon fishing near Eklutna Tailrace.
- F **349** Allow use of bait on Big Lake
- C/A **350** Establish a spawning closure and decrease bag limit for burbot in Big Lake. *Amendment: Specified bag/possession limit at two fish, no retention Mar. 15 - Apr. 30.*
- NA **351** Decrease bag limit for burbot in Big Lake
- NA **352** Modify pike fishing for selected Upper Cook Inlet streams
- NA **353** Increase number of lines allowed for pike fishing in Shell Lake
- C/A **354** Allow up to 12 lines for pike while ice fishing in Northern Cook Inlet. *Amendment: allowed up to five lines in certain waters.*
- NA **355** Liberalize methods and means for northern pike in fishing Deshka, Yentna, and Susitna drainages
- F **356** Establish personal use fisheries in selected Upper Cook Inlet drainages
- F **357** Establish a limit for hooligan harvest in Cook Inlet
- C/A **358** Open a personal use salmon fishery in the Beluga area. *Amendment: Opened PU fishery for persons 60 years of age or older, July 20 - Aug. 31, no king salmon retention.*

C = Carried; C/A = Carried as amended; F = Failed; NA = No action; T = Tabled

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