

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
STATEWIDE DUNGENESS CRAB, SHRIMP, AND MISCELLANEOUS SHELLFISH**

March 20-24, 2012
Hilton Hotel
500 West Third Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska

TENTATIVE AGENDA¹

NOTE: *This tentative agenda is subject to change throughout the course of this public meeting. It is provided to give a general idea to the public of the board's anticipated schedule. The board will attempt to hold to this schedule; however, the board is not constrained by this Tentative Agenda.*

TENTATIVE Deadline for SIGN UP TO TESTIFY will be Tuesday, March 20 AT 2:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 20, 8:30 a.m.

Morning

OPENING BUSINESS

Call to Order; Introductions of Board Members and Staff
Board Member Ethics Disclosures

STAFF REPORTS

Afternoon

PUBLIC AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ORAL TESTIMONY²

Public testimony will continue until those who are present at the meeting are heard.

Wednesday, March 21, 8:00 a.m.

Morning

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Afternoon

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (continued)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DELIBERATIONS PREPARATION

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DELIBERATIONS

Thursday, March 22, 8:00 a.m.

Morning

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DELIBERATIONS (continued)

Afternoon

COMMITTEE WORK (*Committee A concurrent with Committee B*)

Committee A: Westward

Committee B: Prince William Sound and Cook Inlet

Friday, March 23, 8:00 a.m.

Morning

Committee report preparation and Distribution to the Public

Afternoon

COMMITTEE A and B DELIBERATIONS

Saturday, March 24, 8:00 a.m.

Morning

COMMITTEE A and B DELIBERATIONS (continued)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, including Petitions, Findings, Resolutions, Letters, Other

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AGENDA NOTES:

- 1) This agenda is TENTATIVE and subject to change during the meeting. A list of staff reports and roadmap will be available at the meeting. Schedule updates will be posted at the meeting. An audio of the meeting should be available at the Board of Fisheries webpage (<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.main>) during periods when the board is on the record.
- 2) Testimony is expected to be limited to three (3) minutes for individuals and groups and ten (10) minutes for advisory committee representatives. These times may be changed by the chair in order to manage the volume of the workload. Advisory committee representatives may present reports either at the beginning or end of public testimony. The representative should notify the board secretary whether they prefer the beginning or end of public testimony.
- 3) BOARD COMMITTEES AND PUBLIC PANELS: The board has established a number of board committees to provide additional review of proposals. Board committees are comprised of board members. The board selects public advisors to the committees from a list of qualified and interested members of the public compiled by the committee chairs following the oral testimony portion of the meeting. Advisory committee representatives are ex-officio advisors to all board committees and may move between board committees as they choose. The purpose of the committee process is to: 1) broaden public participation in the regulatory process; 2) provide another forum for stakeholders to discuss resolution of contentious issues; and 3) provide additional detailed information relative to proposals.

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
March 20–24, 2012
STATEWIDE MEETING ROADMAP

Wednesday, March 21

Morning

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (17 proposals)

SCALLOPS (5 proposals)

Westward Scallops (3)

- 352 Open specified waters currently closed in Registration Area M to scallop fishing.
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- 354 Amend regulatory description for Registration Area J in description of the area, fishing seasons and closed waters.

Prince William Sound Scallops (1)

- 351 Establish new management district subsections for scallop in PWS.

Statewide Scallops (1)

- 350 Allow scallop harvest from multiple registration areas when an observer is aboard.

STATEWIDE (8 proposals)

- 374 Clarify restriction on use of sport, personal, or subsistence-caught shellfish by owner, operator, or employee of a lodge, charter vessel, or other enterprise that furnishes food, lodging, or sport fishing guide services.
- 375 Require that commercial shellfish pots constructed of rigid mesh have a biodegradable escape mechanism identical to that required for subsistence, personal use, and sport shellfish pots.
- 376 Clarify regulations regarding use of hook and line when taking octopus.
- 377 Establish a sustainable Dungeness crab policy.
- 378 Establish a sustainable all-species shrimp policy.
- 379 Establish a sustainable miscellaneous shellfish policy.
- 380 Establish a definition for “anchor roller”.
- 386 Ring net marking.

COOK INLET MISCELLANEOUS SHELLFISH (2)

- 372 Reduce the bag limit for hardshell clams in Cook Inlet to 80 clams of any species.
- 373 Re-establish Tyonek subsistence clam harvest area.

BRISTOL BAY SALMON (1 proposal)

- 383 Bristol Bay registration.

YUKON SALMON (1 proposal)

385 Yukon summer chum.

Afternoon

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE *continued...*

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DELIBERATIONS PREPARATION

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DELIBERATIONS

Thursday, March 22

Morning

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DELIBERATIONS *continued...*

Afternoon

COMMITTEE A - WESTWARD (11 proposals)

Board Committee Members: Jensen (Chair), Webster, Smith

Westward Dungeness Crab (2)

345 Close Dungeness crab season December 31, rather than January 1, and update regulatory coordinates in fishing season regulation.

346 Amend regulatory description of registration area and districts.

Kodiak Dungeness Crab (3)

347 Change fishing season to June 15 through December 31.

348 Implement 1,000 pot limit per vessel.

349 Designate Kodiak District a superexclusive registration district.

Westward Octopus (1)

355 Establish octopus management plan for Registration Area J.

Westward Shrimp (2)

356 Align pot shrimp season with guideline harvest range.

357 Amend regulatory description of Registration Area J, districts, and sections.

Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Crab (3)

382 Aleutian Islands golden king crab harvest level.

384 Bristol Bay red king crab harvest strategy minimum total allowable catch.

381 Norton Sound crab.

COMMITTEE B - PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND and COOK INLET (14 proposals)

Board Committee Members: Jeffrey (Chair), Brown, Kluberton

Prince William Sound Shrimp (10)

- 358 Close the commercial shrimp pot fishery in PWS.
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- 362 Amend regulatory fishing hours for commercial pot shrimp.
- 363 Open Nellie Juan Fjord to commercial shrimping.
- 364 Amend gear marking requirements for commercial shrimp pot gear.
- 365 Restrict operation of sport, personal use, and subsistence shrimp pot gear by persons or vessels participating in the commercial shrimp pot fishery.
- 366 Amend shrimp pot fishery registration from superexclusive to exclusive.
- 367 Include references to the noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan in subsistence and personal use regulations.

Prince William Sound Miscellaneous Shellfish (3)

- 368 Allow retention of octopus only as bycatch to other directed groundfish and shellfish fisheries.
- 369 Repeal the reference to razor clam guideline harvest levels.
- 370 Require a commissioner's permit for the commercial harvest of clams.

Cook Inlet Miscellaneous Shellfish (1)

- 371 Extend the eastern boundary for the North Gulf Coast personal use shrimp fishery to Cape Fairfield.

Friday, March 23

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Committee report preparation

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COMMITTEE A and B DELIBERATIONS

Saturday, March 24

Morning

COMMITTEE A and B DELIBERATIONS *continued...*