

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
MARCH 19–23, 2013
STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES**

(Following is a list of proposals that were considered at the above meeting sorted by numerical order. This board summary is for informational purposes only and the actions below will have legal affects in regulations that provide the sole legal action of the board.)

*C=Carried, F=Failed, C/A= Carried as Amended, N/A=No Action
(Vote Count)*

PROPOSAL NUMBER (29) SUBJECT

Statewide Allocation, Management Plans, and Policies (5 proposals)		
F <i>(0-7)</i>	215	Address allocations by percentages.
F <i>(0-7)</i>	216	Require statewide adherence to salmon fishery management plans.
F <i>(0-7)</i>	217	Mandate statewide priority for management of king salmon.
F <i>(0-7)</i>	218	Establish a sustained escapement threshold (SET) for stocks listed as yield or management concern.
F <i>(0-7)</i>	219	Define terms, including "maximum sustained yield", "optimum sustained yield", "sustained yield", and "mixed stock fishery".
Commercial (6 proposals)		
Statewide Groundfish (2 proposals)		
C/A <i>(7-0)</i>	220	Allow groundfish registration by facsimile, telephone, or e-mail. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language contained in RC #5.)</i>
C <i>(7-0)</i>	221	Remove federal regulatory reference.
General Provisions (4 proposals)		
C <i>(7-0)</i>	222	Require a CFEC permit holder to provide proof of identification when attempting to sell fish or at the request of a peace officer.
C <i>(7-0)</i>	223	Specify area registration requirements for salmon net fishing vessels.
N/A	224	Revise emergency order (EO) announcement process to add e-mail or facsimile as means of notification. <i>(No action based on advice from Department of Law relaying this issue is under the commissioner's authority, not the board's.)</i>
N/A	225	Develop and require use of a statewide policy during consideration of permit stacking proposals. <i>(No action based on author of proposal withdrawing their support referenced in PC #57.)</i>

Sport (10 proposals)		
C (7-0)	226	Update regulations to accurately reflect changes to the statewide <i>Sport Shark Fishery Management Plan</i> which allowed for an increase bag and possession limit of spiny dogfish shark and no annual limit requirement.
N/A	227	Provide the department with emergency order (EO) authority to restrict sport proxy fishing. <i>(No action due to withdrawal of proposer support.)</i>
C (7-0)	228	Prohibit the practice of "high grading" by anglers.
C (7-0)	229	Specify harvest record reporting requirements for additional sport fishing licenses and harvest records.
N/A	230	If duplicate licenses are issued, ensure that the section for season or annual limits is removed from duplicate. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #229.)</i>
C (6-0-1)	231	Define the term "compensation". <i>(Board member Morisky abstained due to conflict.)</i>
C (5-2)	232	Clarify the use of sport-caught fish as bait.
F (1-6)	233	Create an exemption for the use of footgear with felt soles for the disabled or handicapped fisherman.
F (1-6)	234	Ban use of lead weights in fresh and salt waters of Alaska in sport fisheries.
F (0-7)	235	Establish mandatory reporting system for sport fisheries statewide.
Supplemental Proposal (8)		
F (0-7)	236	Establish allocation criteria with assigned point values to a user group as part of a weighted system when making allocation decisions among user groups in salmon fisheries.
F (3-4)	243	Modify by the addition of Pacific herring.
C/A (7-0)	244	Change the weather delay criteria for opening the Chignik District Tanner crab fishery from small craft advisory to gale warning. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language contained in RC #100.)</i>
C/A (7-0)	245	Change vessel size limit in state waters from 172° W long to 179° W long for the Aleutians Islands red king crab fishery. <i>(Carried as amended to change 172° W. long. to 171° W. long. and to include language that a vessel operating in the fishery "may not be more than 60 feet" as specified in the state Pacific cod fishery.)</i>
C/A (7-0)	246	Establish a pot limit of 10 pots per vessel for red king crab from 172° W. long to 179° W. long. <i>(Carried as amended to change 172° W. long. to 171° W. long. to be consistent with current state management of these longitudes and action taken in Proposal #245.)</i>
F (1-6)	247	Modify closed waters in the Tsiu River for the Yakutat salmon fishery.
C/A (7-0)	248	Amend to clarify closed waters associated with salmon streams. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language contained in RC #7.)</i>
C/A (7-0)	249	Consider regulatory changes to management plans to Kenai River king salmon. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language contained in page 1 of RC #88 to change the goal from a biological escapement goal of 17,800-35,700 king salmon to a sustainable escapement goal of 15,000-30,000 king salmon, with an additional amendment to change all references in 5 AAC 21.359 to 17,800 king salmon to 15,000 king salmon.)</i>

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS (RC #104):

1. Board-generated Proposal Policy (comments in RC #76): *The board determined it was best to wait until the Joint Board meeting scheduled for October 2013 to have a full discussion on the criteria which is within the current call of the Joint Board meeting (confirmed by Department of Law). The Board of Fisheries will use this draft policy in the interim.*

Board Member Kluberton, Chair of the Board of Fish/Board of Game committee, will take the lead in this charge. Executive Director Wellard will work with Executive Director Tibbles to develop the proper legal notice for the Joint Board meeting to include this topic, provide an opportunity for the public to submit comments on the Board-generated Proposal Criteria, and to ensure that the Board of Game comments are included.

2. Emergency Petition – Prince William Sound commercial spot shrimp fishery (RC #19): *The board determined the Emergency Petition contained in RC #19 did not meet the emergency petition criteria and the petition failed with a vote of 0-7.*
3. Repeal of board’s regulations for guiding principles for groundfish fishery regulations (RC #94): *The department clarified that the board has repealed the applicability of the guiding principles in several areas and the board's intent is to ultimately repeal the entire regulation, but that there are some areas where the regulation still applies. The regulation is a board policy and only impacts the board, and not necessarily any public interest. The board passed the board-generated proposal A contained in RC #94 with a vote of 7-0.*
4. Update on Cordova meeting logistics for the 2014/2015 Prince William Sound and Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Finfish meeting: *Executive Director Wellard provided the board with an update of her meeting site visit to Cordova which confirmed the community has acceptable meeting facilities. The board had no objection to keep Cordova as a meeting location for the Prince William Sound and Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Finfish meeting scheduled for December 3-8, 2014.*
5. Request of board to write NPFMC asking for lower bycatch limits by trawl fisheries: *The board discussed the accuracy of the content of RC 80 and timing of a letter in relationship to Joint Protocol Committee meetings. Without objection from the board, Executive Director Wellard will work with Executive Director Olive, NPFMC, to ensure this item is added to the Joint Protocol committee meeting agenda scheduled for June 12, 2013.*
6. Discussion on re-establishing the Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy (SSFP) committee: *The board agreed it is appropriate to re-establish the SSFP committee due to several concerns that arose during the course of the Statewide Finfish meeting and assign members to this committee during the 2014 Board of Fisheries Work Session. Members who are assigned will be tasked with developing sideboards of the scope of this committee with the department’s assistance.*