

**Alaska Board of Fisheries**

**LOWER COOK INLET FINFISH**

December 8–11, 2013

Anchorage

**TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP**

**(45 proposals)**

**COMMITTEE A: COOK INLET SPORT FISHING AND PERSONAL USE SALMON**  
**(18 proposals)**

Board committee members: John Jensen – chair; Orville Huntington; and Reed Morisky.

**Fresh Water – Salmon (5)**

- 58 Close Anchor River to sport fishing on Wednesdays.
- 59 Delay reopening Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Stariski Creek to sport fishing by two weeks.
- 60 Modify sport fishing season to allow fishing during November and December on Lower Cook Inlet streams.
- 61 Reduce king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish on the Ninilchik River.
- 62 Change the Clearwater Creek drainage closed-waters boundary description for sport fishing.

**Salt Water – Salmon and Lingcod (13)**

- 63 Allow use of sport-caught pink and chum salmon for bait in the salt waters of Cook Inlet.
- 64 Allow use of sport-caught pink salmon for bait in the salt waters of Cook Inlet.
- 65 Allow use of sport-caught spiny dogfish shark for bait in the salt waters of Cook Inlet.
- 66 Allow use of archery gear for sport fishing in Cook Inlet salt waters.
- 67 Relocate the Bluff Point marker north to the southern Anchor River marker for management of Upper Cook Inlet saltwater early-run king salmon sport fishery.
- 68 Relocate the Bluff Point marker north to the southern Anchor River marker for management of Cook Inlet king salmon sport fishery.
- 69 Modify the Upper Cook Inlet saltwater early-run king salmon season to end on June 24 instead of June 30.
- 70 Modify the date king salmon apply to the annual limit in the Lower Cook Inlet winter saltwater king salmon fishery from April 1 to May 1.
- 71 Decrease the Lower Cook Inlet winter saltwater king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish, and establish an annual limit of two king salmon.
- 72 Eliminate the third Saturday in August (late-run coho) from the youth-only fishery in the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon.
- 73 Require personal use-caught salmon in the China Poot dip net fishery to be marked.
- 74 Decrease lingcod bag and possession limit in Cook Inlet from two to one.
- 75 Change the lingcod sport fishing season to begin on June 1 instead of July 1.

**COMMITTEE B: LOWER COOK INLET SUBSISTENCE AND COMMERCIAL FISHING (9 proposals)**

Board committee members: Sue Jeffrey – chair; Tom Kluberton; and Fritz Johnson.

**Cook Inlet Subsistence Fisheries (1)**

76 Clarify open periods for subsistence salmon fishing in August in Seldovia Bay.

**Cook Inlet Commercial Fisheries (8)**

***Salmon Fishing Districts, Subdistricts, and Sections (2)***

77 Change line and descriptions separating the Port Dick North and South sections in the Outer District.

78 Remove the "300 yards offshore" reference, and remove references to regulatory markers and replace with latitude and longitude coordinates for certain waters.

***Salmon Closed Waters (1)***

80 Amend waters closed to commercial fishing in Lower Cook Inlet.

***Cook Inlet Groundfish Pot Storage and Landing Requirements (2)***

86 Modify Cook Inlet groundfish pot storage requirements.

87 Modify offloading requirements for groundfish.

***Groundfish Trawl, Pollock Management Plans, and Observer Coverage (3)***

43 Create management plans for state-managed fisheries for all Gulf of Alaska groundfish for vessels less than 58 feet using trawl gear. *(This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, LCI, and Kodiak Finfish meetings, but deliberated at the Kodiak meeting.)*

44 Adopt a state-waters pollock fishery management plan, including provisions for seasons, gear, quotas, landing requirements, and observer coverage. *(This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, LCI, and Kodiak Finfish meetings, but deliberated at the Kodiak meeting.)*

45 Require 100% observer coverage on vessels fishing for groundfish with trawl gear in state-waters management areas. *(This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, LCI, and Kodiak Finfish meetings, but deliberated at the Kodiak meeting.)*

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: COOK INLET SPORT FISHING, COMMERCIAL FISHING, AND HATCHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS (18 proposals)**

**Sport Fishing (12)**

- 46 Allow party fishing in Cook Inlet saltwater sport fisheries.
- 47 Prohibit use of barbed hooks while sport fishing for salmon in Cook Inlet fresh waters. *(This proposal will be considered at the Lower Cook Inlet (LCI) and Upper Cook Inlet (UCI) Finfish meetings, but deliberated at the UCI meeting.)*
- 48 Designate all waters where catch-and-release fishing occurs on salmon as single, unbaited, barbless-hook waters. *(This proposal will be considered at the LCI and UCI Finfish meetings, but deliberated at the UCI meeting.)*
- 49 Establish criteria to designate waters in Cook Inlet as single, unbaited, barbless hooks waters. *(This proposal will be considered at the LCI and UCI Finfish meetings, but deliberated at the UCI meeting.)*
- 50 Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for coho salmon in all Cook Inlet fresh waters. *(This proposal will be considered at the LCI and UCI Finfish meetings, but deliberated at the UCI meeting.)*
- 51 Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for coho salmon in the Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.
- 52 Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for salmon in all Cook Inlet fresh waters. *(This proposal will be considered at the LCI and UCI Finfish meetings, but deliberated at the UCI meeting.)*
- 53 Prohibit anglers who are releasing a fish from removing the head of a fish out of the water. *(This proposal will be considered at the LCI and UCI Finfish meetings, but deliberated at the UCI meeting.)*
- 54 Prohibit sport fishing in major spawning areas where spawning fish are present in Cook Inlet salmon waters. *(This proposal will be considered at the LCI and UCI Finfish meetings, but deliberated at the UCI meeting.)*
- 55 Decrease Cook Inlet king salmon annual limit to two king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, of which only one can be from the Kenai River. *(This proposal will be considered at the LCI and UCI Finfish meetings, but deliberated at the UCI meeting.)*
- 56 Decrease the Cook Inlet saltwater king salmon bag and possession limit to one king salmon and reduce the annual limit to two king salmon. *(This proposal will be considered at the LCI and UCI Finfish meetings, but deliberated at the UCI meeting.)*
- 57 Limit amount of sport-caught fish that may be exported to 100 pounds of fillets. *(This proposal will be considered at the LCI and UCI Finfish meetings, but deliberated at the UCI meeting.)*

**Commercial Fisheries (2)**

- 79 Close waters to commercial fishing within one statute mile of the terminus of any anadromous fish stream in Cook Inlet as measured from mean lower low tide, not mean high tide. *(This proposal will be considered at the LCI and UCI Finfish meetings, but deliberated at the UCI meeting.)*

- 81 Establish various management measures to address decline in returning king salmon to Cook Inlet, including requiring net gear be certified as avoiding king salmon interception and closing commercial herring fisheries. *(The finfish aspects of this proposal will be considered at the LCI and UCI Finfish meetings, but deliberated at the UCI meeting. The king and Tanner crab aspects of this proposal will be considered at the Statewide King and Tanner Crab meeting.)*

**Salmon Hatchery Management Plans and Special Harvest Areas (4)**

- 82 Create a management plan for Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery to determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA) and describe the location of the Tutka Bay Lagoon, Paint River, and Halibut Cove Lagoon SHAs.
- 83 Modify management plan for Port Graham Salmon Hatchery to determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA) and describe the location of the SHA.
- 84 Create a management plan for Trail Lakes Salmon Hatchery to determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA); describe the location of the Bear Lake, China Poot and Hazel Lake, Tutka Bay Lagoon, and Kirchner Lake SHAs; and define fishing seasons within the SHAs.
- 85 Prohibit sport fishing in Resurrection River until the Bear Lake sockeye salmon broodstock goal is met.