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**TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP
(121 Proposals)**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE—GROUP 1: HERRING
(16 PROPOSALS: Chair – Huntington)**

Regionwide Management Plans (3 proposals): 114–116

- 114 Establish a management plan for herring spawning aggregates that have been below threshold.
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- 116 Require a commercial herring fishery to occur when herring biomass is above minimum threshold.

Sitka Sound (10 proposals): 117–126

- 117 Lower the amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence for Sitka Sound herring.
- 118 Modify distribution of commercial harvest under the Sitka Sound herring management plan to provide additional subsistence harvest opportunity.
- 119 Remove the area locally known as the "core area" from the closed waters of District 13 in Sitka Sound.
- 120 Remove the area locally known as the "core area" from the closed waters of District 13 in Sitka Sound.
- 121 Expand commercial herring fishery closed waters of District 13 in Sitka Sound.
- 122 Lower the spawning biomass threshold for Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery from 25,000 to 20,000 tons.
- 123 Assign equal quota shares in the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery.
- 124 Allow purse seine permit holders to vote on equal quota shares in the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery.
- 125 Reduce the harvest rate and establish a maximum guideline harvest level for the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery.
- 126 Establish a commercial open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound.



Spawn on Kelp (3 proposals): 127–129

- 127 Reduce kelp allocations in the commercial herring spawn on kelp fishery to no more than 1,000 blades per permit holder.
- 128 Modify herring spawn on kelp pound configurations.
- 129 Allow permit holders to retain herring in a closed pound for seven days.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 2: GROUND FISH

(17 PROPOSALS: Chair - Jeffrey)

Dogfish (1 proposal): 130

- 130 Create a commercial fishery for spiny dogfish in Southeast Alaska using pot gear.

Sablefish (7 proposals): 131–137

- 131 Allow pots in commercial sablefish fishery.
- 132 Add pot gear as a legal gear type for permits currently limited to longline gear for commercial sablefish harvest in Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict fishery.
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- 135 Update and clarify the areas where sablefish may be taken with longline gear in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area.
- 136 Establish 50 fish harvest limit for personal use sablefish fishery.
- 137 Establish an annual limit and gear restriction in the personal use sablefish fishery.

Commercial Gear/Logbook (2 proposals): 138–139

- 138 Require groundfish fishermen using dinglebar, mechanical jig, or hand troll gear to report the specific location of fishing operation by latitude and longitude in logbooks and clarify the reporting of amount of hooks fished to be consistent with that information requested in the logbook.
- 139 Define mechanical jigging gear separate from dinglebar troll gear and establish limits on hooks to be used.

Lingcod (3 proposals): 140–142

- 140 Increase minimum commercial lingcod size limit to 30 inches from tip of snout, or 22.75 inches from front of dorsal fin, to tip of tail.



- 141 Allow commercial salmon fishermen using troll gear in Sitka Sound to retain up to two lingcod per trip for personal use.
- 142 Repeal Sitka Sound Special Use area lingcod regulations.

Sport Rockfish (3 proposals): 143–145

- 143 Require all anglers releasing nonpelagic rockfish to release them at depth, and require at least one deep water release mechanism on board vessels used by sport anglers.
- 144 Repeal mandatory retention requirements for nonpelagic rockfish.
- 145 Repeal Sitka Sound Special Use Area and Ketchikan Area nonpelagic rockfish regulations.

Closed Area (1 proposal): 113

- 113 Prohibit fishing, around Cache Island, for bottomfish, crab, and shrimp by all users.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 3: SUBSISTENCE SALMON

(10 PROPOSALS: Chair – Johnson)

Subsistence ANS and other considerations (3 proposals): 146–147, 173

- 146 Revise the amounts reasonable necessary for subsistence for salmon in Districts 12 and 14.
- 147 Reconsider amounts necessary for subsistence in the Angoon area.
- 173 Require the board to address habitat, conservation, and subsistence priority when considering regulations and policies.

Community Harvest (1 proposal): 148

- 148 Allow for designation of community subsistence harvesters for Hoonah residents.

Subsistence Closed Waters (4 proposals): 149–152

- 149 Modify weekly subsistence salmon fishing schedule for Klawock Inlet, Klawock River, and Klawock Lake.
- 150 Close certain portions of the Klawock River drainage to subsistence salmon fishing with seines and gillnets in July and August.
- 151 Close Klawock River to subsistence salmon fishing upstream of the Klawock River Bridge.
- 152 Repeal the outboard motor horsepower restriction for Klawock River.



Subsistence Gear (2 proposals): 153–154

- 153 Allow subsistence harvest of salmon with purse seine and gillnet gear in portions of Districts 12 and 13 near Angoon.
- 154 Move gear specifications for harvesting subsistence salmon in Shipley Bay from the personal use regulations to the subsistence regulations of the Alaska Administrative Code (AAC).

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 4: SPORT SALMON AND RESIDENT SPECIES

(17 PROPOSALS: Chair - Morisky)

Sport Regional (6 proposals): 155–160

- 155 Allow party fishing in Southeast Alaska saltwater fisheries.
- 156 Allow the use of bow and arrow to take salmon in the Southeast Alaska Area by certified bow anglers.
- 157 Reduce the king salmon size limit from 28 inches or greater in length to 26 inches or greater in length in the Southeast Alaska Area.
- 158 Modify the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan by eliminating inseason reductions to the annual limit.
- 159 Establish nonresident annual limits for coho, sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.
- 160 Establish nonresident annual limits for coho, sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

Sport Special Provisions (11 proposals): 161–165, 167-172

- 161 Prohibit multiple hooks in all fresh waters in the Yakutat Management Area.
- 162 Prohibit multiple hooks and barbed hooks in all fresh waters of the Yakutat Management Area.
- 163 Reduce the Yakutat Village Lagoon coho salmon bag and possession limits to two fish greater than 16 inches in length.
- 164 Designate the Village Lagoon and the Village Lagoon drainage as a youth-only fishery.
- 165 Allow the use of bait when sport fishing for salmon in the Kaliakh River.
- 167 Open freshwaters along the Juneau road system to sport fishing for hatchery-produced king salmon.
- 168 Open freshwaters along the Juneau road system to sport fishing for hatchery-produced king salmon.
- 169 Repeal the Eagle River Beach area Dolly Varden sport fishery closure.
- 170 Allow the use of bait from September 15 through October 15 when sport fishing in the Klawock River.



- 171 Allow the use of bait after September 15 when sport fishing for coho salmon in the Klawock River.
- 172 Repeal Ketchikan Creek harvest regulations applying to adipose fin-clipped steelhead.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 5: COMMERCIAL SALMON
(16 PROPOSALS: Chair – Jensen)

New Management Plans and Taku River king salmon season (4 proposals): 166, 174–176

- 174 Establish a Taku River king salmon management plan.
- 166 Establish an effective date of April 1 for the District 11 sport fishery for king salmon and rescind the closure in upper Taku Inlet.
- 175 Evaluate potential changes to enhanced salmon allocations.
- 176 Establish new enhanced salmon allocations by gear type.

SHA/THA Allocation (12 proposals): 177–188

- 177 Close common property commercial salmon fishery in a portion of Mist Cove Special Harvest Area to allow hatchery operations.
- 178 Close common property commercial salmon fishery in a portion of Mist Cove Special Harvest Area to allow hatchery operations.
- 179 Close common property commercial salmon fishery in a portion of Kasnyku Bay Special Harvest Area to allow hatchery operations.
- 180 Close common property commercial salmon fishery in a portion of Kasnyku Bay Special Harvest Area to allow hatchery operations.
- 181 Establish a Neck Lake Special Harvest Area.
- 182 Modify fishing ratios and sunset date in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan.
- 183 Modify commercial salmon fishery purse seine and drift gillnet fishing time ratios in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.
- 184 Open Kendrick Bay Terminal Harvest Area to commercial salmon fishing with troll gear.
- 185 Change fishing ratios and sunset date in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan.
- 186 Modify commercial salmon fishery purse seine and drift gillnet fishing time ratios in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area.
- 187 Allow commercial salmon drift gillnet gear in Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area.
- 188 Modify commercial seine and troll fishing schedules in Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area.



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 6: COMMERCIAL SALMON

(17 PROPOSALS: Chair – Maw)

Purse Seine (17 proposals): 189–205

- 189 Remove reference to 5 AAC 33.366 Northern Southeast Seine Salmon Fishery Management Plans and clarify language regarding fishing openings.
- 190 Modify accounting of commercial sockeye salmon purse seine harvest limit in Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area.
- 191 Modify accounting of commercial sockeye salmon purse seine harvest limit in Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area.
- 192 In Districts 12 and 14 require reporting of commercially caught sockeye salmon that are not sold.
- 193 Restrict and prohibit commercial salmon seining in portions of Districts 12 and 14.
- 194 Close a portion of Lisianski Inlet to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear.
- 195 Close a portion of Lisianski Inlet to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear.
- 196 Establish new salmon statistical areas in District 13.
- 197 Establish new salmon statistical areas in Lisianski Inlet.
- 198 Establish closed waters around sockeye salmon streams in the Angoon area.
- 201 Close certain waters of Chichagof Island and Admiralty Island to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear.
- 199 Prohibit commercial fishing for salmon with purse seine gear within the possessory boundary of Angoon for five years.
- 200 Close waters within the Admiralty Monument proclamation boundary to commercial fishing for salmon with purse seine gear.
- 202 Clarify measurement standards for the commercial salmon purse seine vessel length limit in the Southeastern Alaska Area.
- 203 Establish and define a maximum speed at which a commercial salmon fishery purse seine may be towed.
- 204 Prohibit the use of spotter planes during open commercial salmon fishing periods where purse seine gear is allowed.
- 205 Prohibit the use of unmanned aircraft during open commercial salmon fishing periods where purse seine is allowed.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 7: COMMERCIAL SALMON

(14 PROPOSALS: Chair – Jeffrey)

Drift Gillnet (5 proposals): 206–210

- 206 Clarify the boundary between sections 15-A and 15-C at Sherman Rock.



- 207 Increase commercial drift gillnet salmon fishing opportunity in Section 6-D.
- 208 Establish a drift gillnet mesh size restriction in District 8 when the directed king salmon fishery is closed.
- 209 Allow drift gillnets with mesh size of four and seven-eighths inches or less to have a depth of up to 120 meshes.
- 210 Allow the use of single filament mesh in a commercial salmon drift gillnet in the Southeastern Alaska Area.

Set Gillnet (9 proposals): 211–219

- 211 Remove the sunset clause from Yakutat Area commercial salmon set gillnet permit stacking regulation.
- 212 Allow the owner of two commercial salmon set gillnet permits to fish both permits throughout the Yakutat Area.
- 213 Allow multiple commercial salmon set gillnet permit holders to jointly harvest and deliver fish.
- 214 Remove depth restrictions from commercial salmon set gillnet gear.
- 215 Allow commercial salmon set gillnets up to 60 meshes deep after July 1.
- 216 Clarify gillnet specifications in the East River in September.
- 217 Establish an opening date for the Tsiu River commercial salmon fishery.
- 218 Redefine closed waters in the Lost River.
- 219 Establish new salmon statistical areas in Yakutat Bay.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE—GROUP 8: COMMERCIAL SALMON

(14 PROPOSALS: Chair – Kluberton)

Troll (14 proposals): 220–233

- 220 Modify the winter boundary line for the commercial salmon troll fishery.
- 221 Expand the winter commercial salmon troll fishery in the Yakutat Area to the territorial sea line.
- 222 Correct regulatory language to clarify a contribution rate of Alaska hatchery-produced salmon for the spring salmon troll fisheries.
- 223 Change the king salmon harvest percentage for the initial opening in the summer salmon troll fishery from 70 percent to 60 percent.
- 224 Allow the commissioner to open a season during which a trip limit is in effect for king salmon in the commercial summer salmon troll fishery.
- 225 Change the sunset date in the District 12 and 14 Enhanced Chum Salmon Troll Fishery Management Plan.
- 226 Remove sunset clause from District 12 and 14 Enhanced Chum Salmon Troll Fishery Management Plan.



- 227 Remove sunset clause from District 12 and 14 enhanced commercial chum salmon troll fishery and allow fishing 7 days per week.
- 228 Close the commercial troll fishery for coho salmon from August 1–10.
- 229 Allow commercial salmon fishing with troll gear in an area between North Chatham Strait and Homeshore.
- 230 Restrict commercial salmon fishing with troll gear in Section 15-C beginning July 1.
- 231 Reduce the area open to commercial salmon fishing with troll gear in Naha Bay during the summer.
- 232 Clarify power troll gear specifications regarding hand troll gurdies and fishing rods.
- 233 Allow downriggers as legal commercial salmon hand troll gear for the entire year.