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LOWER COOK INLET FINFISH

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TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP

(47 proposals)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 1: LOWER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL AND PERSONAL USE FISHING, SPECIAL HARVEST AREAS (17 proposals: Chair - Jeffrey)

Personal Use (1 proposal)

- 1 Amend the fishing season and closed waters so that personal use fishery does not open on a fixed date.

Commercial Fisheries (4 proposals)

- 2 Establish and define the Port Graham Section and English Bay Section in the Port Graham Subdistrict.
- 3 Amend waters closed to commercial salmon fishing in the Kamishak District and Outer District of Lower Cook Inlet.
- 4 Clarify procedures for obtaining and submitting log sheets for the Cook Inlet commercial sablefish fishery.
- 5 Clarify procedures for obtaining and submitting log sheets for the Cook Inlet commercial rockfish fishery.

Southern District Salmon (2 proposals)

- 35 Define the existing seaward boundaries of areas where commercial set gillnets may be operated in the Southern District using Global Positioning System coordinates.
- 36 Move eastern boundary near Halibut Cove where commercial set gillnet gear is permitted.

Outer and Eastern District Salmon (2 proposals)

- 37 Open water of the Outer District east of Gore Point to commercial salmon fishing under regular fishing periods.
- 38 Open waters of Aialik Bay in the Eastern District to commercial salmon fishing under regular fishing periods.

Salmon Hatchery Management Plans and Special Harvest Areas (3 proposals)



- 39 Reinstates *Bear Lake Management Plan* with an equal allocation between cost recovery and common property fisheries.
 - 40 Amends the *Bear Lake Special Harvest Area* to exclude fresh waters that are currently open to salmon sport fishing.
 - 41 Amends the *Bear Lake Special Harvest Area* to exclude nearshore marine waters in Resurrection Bay.
- Groundfish Lawful Gear, Closed Waters, Landing Requirements and Trip Limits (5 proposals)***
- 42 Amend lawful gear to allow groundfish pots to be connected when commercial fishing for sablefish in the Cook Inlet Area.
 - 43 Reduce closed waters for commercial groundfish in Kachemak Bay.
 - 44 Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet commercial sablefish fishery.
 - 45 Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet commercial rockfish fishery.
 - 46 Increase the trip limit for rockfish in the *Cook Inlet Rockfish Management Plan*.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 2: FRESH WATER SPORT FISHING, COOK INLET-WIDE SPORT FISHING, GUIDE LICENSING, REGISTRATION, AND REPORTING (15 proposals: Chair - Morisky)

Freshwater Salmon (8 proposals)

- 6 Extend the fishing season for Anchor River, Deep Creek, Ninilchik River, and Stariski Creek from Oct 31 through November 30.
- 7 Extend the fishing season on Anchor River, Deep Creek, Ninilchik River, Stariski Creek through November 15.
- 8 Extend the start date for king salmon fishery on the Ninilchik from July 1 to June 16.
- 9 Increase the bag limit for king salmon on the Ninilchik River to 2 per day, only 1 may be wild.
- 10 Require mandatory retention of king salmon caught with bait on Anchor River, Deep Creek, and the Ninilchik River.
- 11 Create a youth-only fishery on Anchor, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik rivers.
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- 13 Create a disabled angler-only fishing area on the Anchor River.

Methods and Means, Bag and Possession, Seasons, and Cook Inlet-wide (6 proposals)

- 30 Increase the king salmon daily bag limit to 10 king salmon under 20" at the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon.
- 31 Create an archery fishery for salmon in waters of Kachemak Bay open to snagging.
- 32 Open Lower Cook Inlet ling cod season on June 15 instead of July 1.
- 33 Establish possession and size limits for small salmon in Resurrection Bay.
- 34 Allow party fishing in Cook Inlet salt and freshwaters for all species except king salmon (*This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting*).



- 14 Allow snagging for sockeye salmon in all Cook Inlet freshwater lakes (*This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting*).

Guide Licensing, Registration, and Reporting (1 proposal)

- 277 Establish saltwater sport fishing guide licensing regulations, amend freshwater sport fishing guide registration requirements and fresh and salt water sport fishing guide vessel registration and reporting requirements.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 3: COOK INLET SALT WATER SPORT FISHING (15 proposals: Chair - Huntington)

Saltwater King Salmon (15 proposals)

- 15 Modify the king salmon bag and possession limit north of the latitude of Bluff Point, the Cook Inlet harvest record requirement, and the *Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan* to include all Cook Inlet salt waters from September 1 through March 31, and review the guideline harvest level.
- 19 Amend *Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan* by starting the season August 10.
- 20 Amend *Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan* by extending season to April 30.
- 27 Amend *Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan* by removing the guideline harvest level.
- 25 Amend *Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan* to specify that the plan applies to king salmon of Cook Inlet spawning origin.
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- 16 Redefine fishing area, species that may be retained, the goal of the *Cook Inlet Saltwater Early-run King Salmon Management Plan*, and eliminate special harvest areas, and clarify that guides and their crew may not fish for king salmon while guiding.
- 17 Remove the special harvest areas and extend the distance from shore an angler can fish for king salmon after harvesting a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length.
- 18 Align the saltwater closed area season with inriver run timing and freshwater regulations.
- 21 Eliminate king salmon annual limit for Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.
- 22 Eliminate harvest record requirement for Alaska residents for king salmon in Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.
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- 24 Eliminate harvest limit for king salmon harvested in Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.
- 28 Reduce Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery bag limit to one king salmon.
- 29 Allow anglers fishing from non-motorized vessels to keep fishing in the Cook Inlet special harvest areas after harvesting a king salmon.