



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Upper Cook Inlet Finfish

February 23–March 8, 2017

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

This summary is informational only. The actions indicated below will have legal effects in regulations that provide the sole legal action of the board.

Board Members Present

John Jensen, Chair

Orville Huntington

Al Cain

Israel Payton

Sue Jeffrey, Vice Chair

Reed Morisky

Robert Ruffner

C=Carried, F=Failed, C/A=Carried as Amended, F/A=Failed as Amended, N/A=No Action

Action	#	Proposal	Audio tracking info*
GROUP 1: Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan and Upper Subdistrict Set Gillnet Fishery (15 Proposals)			
Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (7 Proposals)			
C/A (7/0)	116	Review the optimal escapement goal (OEG) and inriver goals for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon. <i>(Substituted with language in RC 83 and amended further to accept Option B and change the lower bound of the in-river goal range in 5 AAC 21.360(c)(3)(A) from 1,300,000 to 1,100,000.)</i>	BOF Meeting 02-27-17: 1:11:16
N/A (7/0)	117	Amend the <i>Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan</i> to remove the optimal escapement goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon. <i>(Took no action due to action on Proposal 116.)</i>	BOF Meeting 02-27-17: 2:27:19
N/A (7/0)	118	Remove the optimal escapement goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon and add the guided sport fishery to the list of fisheries managed under the plan. <i>(Took no action due to action on Proposal 116.)</i>	BOF Meeting 02-27-17: 2:28:21
N/A (7/0)	119	Amend management plan to achieve inriver goal range of 850,000–1,050,000 late-run sockeye salmon at run strengths less than 2.3 million sockeye salmon and 950,000–1,150,000 late-run sockeye salmon at run strengths greater than 2.3	BOF Meeting 02-27-17: 2:28:52



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		million sockeye salmon. <i>(Took no action due to action on Proposal 116.)</i>	
N/A (7/0)	120	Decrease the inriver goal ranges for late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon by 100,000 fish and limit the bag and possession of sockeye salmon to three per day and three in possession in the Kenai River sport fishery. <i>(Took no action due to action on Proposal 116, but not before the board discussed the importance of monitoring and preserving habitat.)</i>	BOF Meeting 02-27-17: 2:29:44
F (0/7)	121	Repeal and readopt management plan to remove the optimal escapement goal, mandatory restrictions and closed fishing periods or “windows”, and specify that management will be based on the abundance of late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon.	BOF Meeting 02-27-17: 2:34:30
F (1/6)	122	Remove mandatory closed fishing periods or "windows" from the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery.	BOF Meeting 02-27-17: 2:44:15
Upper Subdistrict Set Gillnet Fishery (8 Proposals)			
F (2/5)	134	Remove restrictions in the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery and allow for regular weekly fishing periods through July 20 with additional fishing periods based on inseason abundance.	BOF Meeting 02-27-17: 3:07:35
F (0/7)	135	Redefine sections and manage the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict with three sections with staggered opening dates.	BOF Meeting 02-27-17: 3:20:17
C/A (4/3)	137	Remove “one-percent rule”, where the commercial set gillnet fishery will close after July 31, if less than one percent of the season’s total sockeye is harvested in two consecutive fishing periods. <i>(The proposal was amended to extend to the start date of the provision from July 31 to August 7.)</i>	BOF Meeting 02-28-17: 0:01:29
N/A (7/0)	138	Remove the one-percent rule that applies to the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict after July 31 so that the set gillnet fishery will close August 15 and be managed using regular fishing periods from August 11 through August 15. <i>(Took no action due to action on Proposal 137.)</i>	BOF Meeting 02-28-17: 1:00:11
N/A (7/0)	139	Repeal the one-percent rule, as it applies to the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery so that the set gillnet fishery will close August 15. <i>(Took no action due to action on Proposal 137.)</i>	BOF Meeting 02-28-17: 1:00:51



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C/A (7/0)	136	Allow commercial fishing with set gillnets in the North Kalifonsky Beach (NKB), statistical area 244-32, within 660 feet of shore with shallow nets only, when the Kasilof Section is open, on or after July 8. <i>(Substituted with language in RC 96.)</i>	BOF Meeting 02-28-17: 1:01:20
N/A (7/0)	140	Allow a set gillnet to be up to 45 fathoms in length and a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holder to operate up to 135 fathoms of set gillnet gear when commercial fishing with set gillnets 29 meshes or less in depth. <i>(Took no action based on a request to withdraw the proposal by the proposer under RC56.)</i>	BOF Meeting 02-28-17: 1:17:54
F (1/6)	141	Limit the depth of all set gillnet gear in Upper Subdistrict of the Central District to no more than 29 meshes deep.	BOF Meeting 02-28-17: 1:18:32
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 2: Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan			
Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon (18 Proposals)			
C/A (7/0)	162	Establish an optimal escapement goal for Kenai River late-run king salmon. <i>(Substituted with language in RC 104, and further amended 5 AAC 21.359(e)(3)(A) to extend the commercial fishing opening from 36 to 48 hours per week, 5 AAC 21.359(e)(3)(B) opening from 12 to 24 hours per week, and struck 5 AAC 21.359(g).)</i>	BOF Meeting 02-28-17: 1:33:55
N/A (7/0)	163	Prohibit bait on runs less than 22,000 and eliminate 12-hour fishing period restriction. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 162.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 0:00:33
N/A (7/0)	160	Prohibit use of bait in the late-run Kenai River king salmon fishery until escapement goals have been met. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 162.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 0:01:43
N/A (7/0)	161	Start the Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries as unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, no retention. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 162.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 0:04:52
N/A (7/0)	173	Decrease the projected inriver run goal of late-run king salmon to 19,000 fish and remove the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery from “paired” restrictions. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 162.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 0:05:50
F (1/6)	168	Remove restrictions to the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery in July and August.	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 0:06:30
N/A (7/0)	169	Remove restrictions to the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery in July and August. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposals 162 and 168.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 0:19:28



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N/A (7/0)	172	Remove “paired” restrictions in the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposals 162 and 168.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 0:20:01
F (0/7)	167	Close the Kenai River personal use fishery when the late run king salmon sport fishery is closed.	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 0:20:33
N/A (7/0)	174	Remove provisions (e)(3)(A) (i) and (ii) that restrict the number and/or depth of commercial set gillnets fished by a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holder in the Upper Subdistrict if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 162.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 0:23:12
C (6/1)	175	Clarify the length and depth of set gillnets that may be used in the Upper Subdistrict commercial salmon fishery, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 0:23:34
C/A (7/0)	171	Remove the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Kasilof Section from “paired” restrictions in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> . <i>(Substituted with language in RC 107 but not to include section (f).)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 0:43:34
N/A (7/0)	176	Allow commercial set gillnet fishing periods in the Kenai and Kasilof sections to be managed separately, with regard to “paired” restrictions, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 162.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 0:59:48
N/A (7/0)	177	Allow commercial fishing periods in the Kasilof and Kenai/East Forelands sections to be opened separately, with regard to “paired” restrictions, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 162.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 1:00:21
N/A (7/0)	165	Decrease the trigger for management actions on Kenai River late-run king salmon from 22,500 to 16,500. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 162.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 1:01:02
N/A (7/0)	166	Modify season dates and area for Kenai River late-run king salmon management. <i>(Took no action based on a request by the proposer to withdraw the proposal in RC47.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 1:01:29
N/A (7/0)	164	Repeal and readopt the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> . <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 162.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 1:01:35
N/A (7/0)	170	Reconsider “paired” restrictions to the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 162.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 1:02:09



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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 3: Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan (17 Proposals)			
Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan (17 Proposals)			
F (3/4)	106	Replace the optimal escapement goal with the sustainable escapement goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon.	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 3:50:14
N/A (7/0)	107	Replace the optimal escapement goal with a sustainable escapement goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 106.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 4:12:02
N/A (7/0)	108	Replace the optimal escapement goal with the current biological escapement goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 106.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 4:12:34
F (0/7)	99	Amend management plan to remove all restrictions and manage the commercial set gillnet fishery to harvest surplus Kasilof River sockeye salmon.	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 4:13:05
F (0/7)	100	Open the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Kasilof Section as early as June 20 if the department estimates 50,000 sockeye salmon will be in the Kasilof River before June 25.	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 4:18:30
C (5/2)	101	Allow commercial fishing with set gillnets within 600 feet of shore in the Kasilof Section, with fishing time occurring 600 feet or less offshore not subject to the hourly restrictions in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan</i> .	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 4:32:29
N/A (7/0)	102	Amend management plan to allow commercial fishing with set gillnet gear in the Kasilof Section within one-half mile of shore and eliminate the provision allowing commercial fishing with set gillnet gear only within 600 feet of shore in the Kasilof Section. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 101.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 5:06:19
F (1/6)	103	Add a 24-hour no fishing window on Tuesday in the Kasilof Section through July 7 and adopt mandatory no fishing windows in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area after July 7.	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 5:06:56
F (0/7)	104	Reduce the closed fishing period or “window” and increase additional fishing time with set gillnet gear in the Kasilof Section.	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 5:20:33
N/A (7/0)	105	Allow commercial fishing with set gillnet gear in the North Kalifonsky Beach statistical area (NKB - stat area 244-32) when the upper end of the Kasilof sockeye salmon escapement goal range is projected to be exceeded. <i>(Took no action based on a request by the proposer to withdraw</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 5:25:02



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		<i>the proposal in RC111.)</i>	
C/A (7/0)	109	Provide clarification on the use of gear in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area (KRSHA) for individuals who hold two Cook Inlet set gillnet Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) limited entry permits. <i>(Clarified the option of one set gillnet per permit met board intent.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 5:25:37
N/A (7/0)	110	Allow a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holder to commercial fish in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area with one gillnet per limited entry permit held. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 109.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 5:36:40
N/A (7/0)	111	Allow a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holder to commercial fish in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area with one set gillnet per limited entry permit held. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 109.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 5:37:06
N/A (7/0)	112	Allow holders of two Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission set gillnet limited entry permits to fish two set gillnets in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 109.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 5:37:30
C (7/0)	113	Remove restrictions on the amount of drift or set gillnet gear a vessel may have on board within the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area.	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 5:38:09
C/A (7/0)	114	Require all nets, buoys, ropes and anchoring devices to be removed from the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area when this area is closed to commercial fishing. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC 133.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 5:46:39
C (7/0)	115	Define the boundary that separates set gillnet from drift gillnet gear in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area (KRSHA), and define the outside boundaries of the KRSHA.	BOF Meeting 03-01-17: 5:54:58
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 4: Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan (14 Proposals)			
Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan (14 Proposals)			
C/A (7/0)	85	Repeal and readopt provisions (a)–(f) of the management plan and add provisions to manage the drift gillnet fishery to harvest surplus sockeye, pink, and chum salmon production and achieve escapement goals. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC146. The board later provided its intent as found in RC162.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-02-17: 0:02:03 BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 0:00:19



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N/A (7/0)	86	Amend provisions (a)–(f) of the management plan and add language to manage the commercial drift gillnet fishery based on the inseason abundance to meet escapement goals and harvest surplus salmon. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 85).</i>	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 0:01:40
N/A (7/0)	89	Repeal and readopt <i>Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan</i> with the amended plan removing mandatory time and area restrictions from July 1–August 15. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 85).</i>	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 0:02:50
N/A (7/0)	87	Amend <i>Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan</i> to maximize commercial harvest of sockeye salmon. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 85).</i>	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 0:03:26
N/A (7/0)	88	Remove restrictions to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, so that the fishery would occur during two inlet-wide fishing periods based on test fishery and escapement data. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 85).</i>	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 0:05:09
N/A (7/0)	90	Remove restrictions on the commercial drift gillnet fishery from July 1–31 and manage the drift gillnet fishery based on inseason salmon abundance. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 85).</i>	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 0:05:39
N/A (7/0)	91	Remove area restrictions imposed on the commercial drift gillnet fishery during July 9–15 and 16–31 time periods. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 85).</i>	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 0:06:05
N/A (7/0)	92	Restrict commercial drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Corridor and Drift Gillnet Area 1 from August 1–15. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 85).</i>	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 0:06:34
N/A (7/0)	93	Amend preamble of management plan and restrict commercial drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Corridor and Drift Gillnet Area 1 from August 1–15. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 85).</i>	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 0:07:14
N/A (7/0)	95	Restrict commercial drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Corridors and Drift Gillnet Area 1 from August 1–15. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 85).</i>	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 07:51
F (1/6)	94	Remove the one-percent rule, as referenced to both the set and drift gillnet fisheries, from the drift gillnet management plan.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 0:08:16
N/A (7/0)	97	Repeal the drift and set gillnet one-percent rules that apply from August 1–15. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 94)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 0:51:53
N/A (7/0)	96	Allow commercial fishing with drift gillnets in all waters of the Central District, except the Kenai and Kasilof Sections, from August 16 until closed by emergency order. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 85).</i>	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 0:52:15



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F (0/7)	98	Reduce sport fishery bag limit for coho salmon on the west side of Cook Inlet and close drift gillnet fishing in Areas 3 and 4 for remainder of season if coho salmon sport fishing is restricted or closed in the Little Susitna River.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 0:53:00
COMMITTEE–GROUP A: Cook Inlet Areawide and Northern Cook Inlet Sport Fisheries (18 Proposals)			
Cook Inlet – Areawide Sport Fisheries (5 Proposals)			
F (0/7)	14	Allow snagging for sockeye salmon in all Cook Inlet freshwater lakes.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 0:59:12
F (0/7)	34	Allow party fishing in Cook Inlet fresh and salt water for all species except king salmon.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 1:05:28
F (0/7)	144	Require that when proxy fishing in Upper Cook Inlet, once a bag limit is taken the next legal bag limit caught must be retained.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 1:10:19
F (0/7)	145	Allow only barbless hooks in Upper Cook Inlet flowing waters closed to salmon fishing.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 1:15:46
F (0/7)	146	Require the use of circle hooks when fishing for sockeye salmon.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 1:24:04
Knik River, Anchorage Area (13 Proposals)			
C (7/0)	233	Extend the area closed to sport fishing downstream of the Little Susitna weir.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 1:29:01
F (0/7)	225	Reduce the bag limits for salmon, other than king salmon, and prohibit releasing coho salmon.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 1:42:50
C (7/0)	232	Modify the Fish Creek personal use fishery to accommodate a new Sustainable Escapement Goal (SEG) range.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 1:51:33
C (7/0)	228	Increase the hours open to fishing in Fish Creek. <i>(Amended to include the Cottonwood Creek, Wasilla Creek, and Rabbit Slough drainage to the proposal.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 2:14:23
N/A (7/0)	235	Increase the hours open to fishing on Cottonwood Creek. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposals 228.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 2:21:33
N/A (7/0)	236	Increase the hours open to fishing in the Wasilla Creek / Rabbit Slough drainage. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposals 228.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 2:22:08
C (7/0)	234	Open waters in a closed area on Wasilla Creek within 300 feet of Palmer Fishhook Road to sport fishing.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 2:22:37
C/A (7/0)	224	Restrict hours and dates open to fishing on Jim Creek. <i>(Amended to change season dates from August 10 – December 31.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 2:26:09
C/A (7/0)	237	Amend the regulations for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages to allow harvest of salmon, other than king salmon, that are	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 2:37:55



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		less than 16 inches in length. (<i>Substituted with language found in RC144.</i>)	
C (7/0)	238	Add Lower Sixmile Lake to the list of stocked lakes.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 2:41:37
C (7/0)	240	Close all fishing on a portion of Campbell Creek when that portion is not open to coho salmon fishing.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 2:43:30
C (7/0)	239	Create a youth-only fishery on Ship Creek.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 2:48:38
C (7/0)	241	Extend the area closed to sport fishing on Ship Creek.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 3:00:13
COMMITTEE–GROUP B: Fishing Districts and Gillnet Specifications and Operations, Pink Salmon Management Plan, Upper Cook Inlet Management Plan, West Cook Inlet Salmon, Cook Inlet Smelt (14 Proposals)			
Fishing Districts and Gillnet Specifications and Operations (4 Proposals)			
C/A (7/0)	84	Clarify closed waters around the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers. (<i>Substituted with language found in RC168.</i>)	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 3:05:48
N/A (7/0)	131	Define commercial fishing statistical areas in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery. (<i>Took no action based on a request by the proposer under RC178 to withdraw the proposal.</i>)	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 3:10:04
C (6/1)	132	Move the southwestern-most point of the Expanded Kasilof Section 1.2 nm west so it aligns with the northwestern-most point of the Expanded Anchor Point Section.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 3:10:49
C (5/2)	133	Allow a single person holding two Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Cook Inlet drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 3:16:46
Pink Salmon Management Plan (4 Proposals)			
F (0/7)	123	Repeal and readopt the management plan to allow for the commercial harvest of surplus pink salmon in the Upper Subdistrict with set and drift gillnet gear.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 3:32:39
C/A (7/0)	124	Amend the <i>Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan</i> to remove or lower the daily harvest triggers. (<i>Amended to lower the daily harvest trigger to 25,000 and cumulative to 50,000.</i>)	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 3:41:36
F (1/6)	125	Remove mesh size restrictions on set and drift gillnet gear in the commercial pink salmon fishery.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 4:04:31
N/A (7/0)	126	Increase maximum mesh size for set gillnets to 5-inches and expand the fishing season to August 6–15 in the commercial pink salmon fishery. (<i>Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 125.</i>)	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 4:09:49
Upper Cook Inlet Management Plan (4 Proposals)			



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F (0/7)	127	Remove inriver goals from the list of escapement goals in the <i>Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan</i> and realign inriver and escapement goals in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan</i> .	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 4:10:32
F (0/7)	128	Amend plan to prioritize the need to harvest all surplus salmon stocks and to maximize economic yield and the overall benefits from salmon stocks managed under the plan.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 4:18:09
N/A (7/0)	129	Amend plan to prioritize the need to harvest all surplus salmon stocks and to maximize economic yield and the overall benefits from salmon stocks managed under the plan. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 128.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 4:22:31
F (0/7)	130	Amend <i>Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan</i> so that fishery restrictions on fully allocated stocks of concern are shared among all user groups in proportion to the respective user group harvest of that stock.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 4:23:01
West Cook Inlet Salmon (1 Proposal)			
F (0/7)	142	Close waters within one statute mile of the terminus of Kustatan, Drift, and Big rivers, and Bachatna Creek; as measured from mean lower low water, to commercial fishing.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 4:26:09
Cook Inlet Smelt (1 Proposal)			
C (5/2)	143	Increase the amount of smelt that may be taken in the Cook Inlet commercial smelt fishery from 100 tons to 200 tons annually.	BOF Meeting 03-04-17: 4:29:12
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 5: Kenai and Kasilof River King Salmon Sport Fisheries, Vessel and Habitat Restrictions, and Guides (21 Proposals)			
Kenai River King Salmon (13 Proposals)			
C/A (7/0)	149	Revise <i>Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan</i> . <i>(Substituted with language in RC206. The proposal was further amended to add the language provided in RC202 and change 5 AAC 57.160(d)(3)(F) to read “...range, the fishery may start as described in 5 AAC 57.120(d)(2)(A)(i)”. The board provided additional intent that 5 AAC 57.120(d)(2)(B) and (d)(3)(B) should use “shall” versus “may”, the provisions under 5 AAC 21.363(e) are not in effect for this plan, and no action taken here will trigger paired restrictions under the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Plan.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 2:41:38
N/A (7/0)	148	Rewrite the <i>Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan</i> to redefine early-run stocks and establish age- and sex-based escapement goals. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 149.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 4:49:43



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N/A (7/0)	147	Start the Kenai River early-run king salmon fishery as an unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, no retention fishery. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 149.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 4:50:35
N/A (7/0)	150	Start the Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries as single-hook, no bait, non-retention. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 149.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 4:50:35
N/A (7/0)	153	Prohibit fishing for king salmon from markers 300 yards below Slikok Creek upstream to Skilak Lake. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 149.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 4:51:28
F (0/7)	154	Expand the waters of the Kenai River closed to fishing for king salmon.	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 4:51:58
F (2/5)	155	Expand the waters of the Kenai River closed to fishing for king salmon.	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 4:57:12
N/A (7/0)	156	Replace slot limit for Kenai River king salmon with maximum size limit to prohibit retention of king salmon greater than 42 inches in length. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 149.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 5:15:40
N/A (7/0)	159	Extend the time that the slot limit for Kenai River king salmon is in effect. <i>(Took no action based on a request by the proposer under RC213 to withdraw the proposal.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 5:16:11
F (0/7)	157	Modify the annual limit of king salmon from the Kenai River to two fish, only one taken prior to July 1.	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 5:17:23
N/A (7/0)	158	Modify the annual limit of two king salmon for the Kenai River to include only one large fish. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposals 149 and 157.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 5:19:56
C (6/1)	151	Repeal barbless hook provisions in Lower Kenai River.	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 5:20:32
N/A (7/0)	152	Expand the dates to prohibit back trolling and tie to prohibition of bait. <i>(No action based on a request by the proposer under RC205 to withdraw the proposal.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 5:23:58
Kenai River Vessels and Habitat Restrictions (4 Proposals)			
F (0/7)	178	Increase the number of days only non-motorized vessels may fish on the lower Kenai River.	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 5:24:30
N/A (7/0)	179	Add Thursdays as a day only non-motorized vessels may fish on the Kenai River downstream of Cunningham Park. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 178.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 5:27:25
C (7/0)	180	Establish two Kenai River riparian habitat areas equal to approximately nine-tenths of a mile that will be closed to fishing from shore within 10 feet of the waterline from July 1 – August 15.	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 5:27:40
N/A (7/0)	181	Only non-motorized vessels may be used when fishing on the Kenai River. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on</i>	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 5:31:07



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		<i>Proposals 178 and 179.)</i>	
Guides - Kenai and Kasilof Rivers (4 Proposals)			
F (0/7)	182	Prohibit all guiding from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 5:32:24
F (0/7)	183	Allow guided anglers to fish on Mondays in August.	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 5:40:44
N/A (7/0)	185	Modify language referencing fishing from guide boats on the Kenai River to include all guided fishing. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 182.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 5:39:02
F (0/7)	184	Relax guiding restrictions when king salmon fishing is closed by emergency order.	BOF Meeting 03-06-17: 5:44:31
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 6: Kenai, Kasilof and Russian River–Sport and Personal Use (23 Proposals)			
Kenai, Kasilof, and Russian Rivers (9 Proposals)			
F (0/7)	186	Only barbless hooks allowed in Kenai River upstream of the Lower Killey River.	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 0:01:42
F (0/7)	187	Allow only barbless, unbaited, single-hook gear on the Kenai River from January 1 – August 1.	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 0:09:49
F (1/6)	188	Allow only one single-hook or one single-hook lure.	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 0:12:38
F (0/7)	189	Allow fishing from shore after harvesting a bag limit of coho salmon.	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 0:24:42
F (0/7)	190	Expand the waters open to fishing after harvesting a bag limit of coho salmon in the lower Kenai River.	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 0:28:09
F (1/6)	191	Increase Kenai River coho salmon bag limit from two fish to three.	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 0:31:18
C/A (5/2)	192	Shorten the Kenai River coho season by closing October 31. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC199.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 0:57:00
F (0/7)	193	Create an archery fishery for sockeye salmon in a section of the Russian River.	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 1:29:42
C (4/3)	194	Create a size limit for lake trout on Hidden Lake.	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 1:33:48
Kenai River Personal Use (13 Proposals)			
F (0/7)	195	Remove the commissioner's emergency order authority to extend the Kenai River personal use fishery hours.	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 1:49:53
F (0/7)	196	Prohibit dip nets from being attached to a vessel.	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 2:11:27
F (0/7)	197	Prohibit dipnetting from a vessel that is not anchored in the Kenai and Kasilof river personal use fisheries.	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 2:13:36
F (0/7)	198	Prohibit webbing in personal use dip nets that exceeds 2.5 inch stretched measure.	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 2:14:52



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F (0/7)	199	Prohibit dipnetting on the Kasilof River from a vessel with a motor on board greater than 10 horsepower.	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 2:16:45
C/A (7/0)	200	Amend the number of king salmon that may be retained in the Upper Cook Inlet personal use fishery to 10 king salmon under 20 inches. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC167, with additional board intent that this change is to be consistent with the Late-Run King Salmon Plan in 5 AAC 21.359(e)(1)(B)(2) and retention of may occur regardless of sport restrictions.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 2:21:45
C/A (5/2)	201	Amend the area open to dipnetting from shore in the Kenai River personal use dip net fishery. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC179.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 2:37:02
F (1/6)	202	Extend the Cook Inlet personal use dip net fisheries to the 2nd Sunday of August.	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 3:03:47
F (1/7)	203	Extend the season and liberalize the bag limit in the Kenai River personal use fishery when the sonar estimate is projected to exceed 1.2 million sockeye salmon.	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 3:07:27
F (0/7)	204	Extend the boundary of the Kenai River personal use dip net boat fishery upstream to Cunningham Park. <i>(Substituted with language in RC180.)</i>	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 3:14:54
F (0/7)	205	Allow shore based personal use dipnetting in the Kenai River upstream to Skilak Lake.	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 3:20:31
F (0/7)	206	Create an area upstream of the Kenai River personal use fishery where recording and fin clip requirements are waived for fish that have not been off loaded.	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 3:22:15
C (7/0)	207	Amend the boundary description language for the area open to dipnetting in the Kasilof River personal use salmon fishery.	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 3:26:09
Cook Inlet Personal Use (1 Proposal)			
F (0/7)	208	Allow 10 Dolly Varden/Arctic char per household in Cook Inlet Personal Use Fisheries.	BOF Meeting 03-05-17: 3:27:56
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 7: Northern District Commercial and Susitna River Sport Fisheries (20 Proposals)			
Northern District Commercial Salmon (10 Proposals)			
F (0/7)	209	Repeal the <i>Northern District King Salmon Management Plan</i> .	BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 0:00:49
F (0/7)	211	Close the Northern District commercial set gillnet fishery until the first regular period after June 24, if the Susitna River sport fishery is restricted by emergency order.	BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 0:20:32



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F (0/7)	210	Repeal and readopt management plan to fully utilize surplus salmon stocks based on the abundance of salmon returning to the Northern District.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 0:27:54</i>
F (1/6)	212	Close the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Northern District on August 15.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 0:35:03</i>
F (2/5)	213	Close commercial fishing within one mile of Little Susitna River when the Little Susitna River sport fishery is restricted to no bait. <i>(Substituted with language found in RC166.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 0:46:40</i>
F (0/7)	214	Close commercial fishing within one mile of the Little Susitna River when more than half of Northern District streams with king salmon escapement goals are closed to sport harvest of king salmon or when the Little Susitna River sport fishery is restricted by emergency order.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 1:24:58</i>
N/A (7/0)	215	Close commercial fishing within one mile of the Little Susitna River, if the Little Susitna River king salmon sport fishery is restricted to harvest less than 7 days per week and artificial lures by emergency order. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 214.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 1:30:04</i>
F (2/5)	216	Close waters within one-statute mile of the Little Susitna River to commercial fishing.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 1:30:29</i>
F (0/7)	217	Remove the Eastern Subdistrict of the Northern District from commercial set gillnet restrictions that apply July 20–August 6.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 1:40:09</i>
F (1/6)	218	Allow a holder of more than one Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission set gillnet limited entry permit to fish with one set gillnet per permit held in the Northern District.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 1:48:14</i>
<i>Susitna River Sport Fisheries (10 Proposals)</i>			
F (1/6)	230	Create a Deshka River King Salmon Management Plan.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 2:07:46</i>
F (0/7)	231	Create a Susitna River King Salmon Management Plan.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 2:37:53</i>
F (0/7)	219	Allow an unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, no retention fishery on resident species when waters of Montana Creek are closed to fishing for king salmon.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 2:41:27</i>
F (0/7)	221	Prohibit harvest of king salmon in units 2, 3, 5 and 6, except Willow Creek.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 2:50:02</i>
F (0/7)	223	Prohibit king salmon fishing in Unit 2 if no retention is allowed.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 2:54:05</i>
C (7/0)	220	Establish sport fishery closure times in the Larsen Creek drainage.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 2:57:47</i>
F (0/7)	222	Prohibit fishing for king, sockeye, and coho salmon in the Larson Creek drainage.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 3:04:55</i>



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F (0/7)	226	Create a bag limit of one hatchery king salmon in the Susitna River drainage.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 3:07:28</i>
N/A (7/0)	227	Allow harvest of hatchery king salmon when emergency orders restrict the sport fishery. <i>(Took no action based on action taken on Proposal 226.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 3:09:59</i>
F (0/7)	229	Reduce the maximum legal size for rainbow trout in Byers Creek from 20 to 16 inches.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 3:10:36</i>
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 8: Regulatory Alignment (13 Proposals)			
Sport Fishing (13 Proposals)			
C (7/0)	71	Align size restrictions for Dolly Varden and rainbow trout bag limit in the flowing waters of the Kenai River Drainage Area.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 3:15:06</i>
C (7/0)	72	Amend general provisions for lakes and ponds of the Kenai River drainage to restore winter ice fisheries for landlocked coho salmon less than 16 inches in length.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 3:15:06</i>
C (7/0)	73	Align the Swanson River rainbow trout spawning closure with the proposed Kenai River drainage rainbow trout spawning closure start date.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 3:15:06</i>
C (7/0)	74	Align the Kenai River king salmon sanctuaries start date, and boat closures with the proposed rainbow trout spawning closure start date.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 3:15:06</i>
N/A (7/0)	75	Align dates anglers are prohibited from fishing from boats with rainbow trout closure. <i>(Took no action based on request by the proposer under RC147 to withdraw the proposer.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 3:23:51</i>
C (7/0)	76	Align the Kenai River tributary fishing closure start dates with the proposed king salmon sanctuaries and rainbow trout spawning closure start dates, and align all Kenai River tributary closures so they have similar closure periods.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 3:15:06</i>
C (7/0)	77	Align the Kenai River tributary fishing closure start dates with the proposed king salmon sanctuaries and rainbow trout spawning closure start dates, and align all Kenai River tributary closures so they have similar fishing seasons, such that anglers are prohibited from fishing for salmon.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 3:15:06</i>
C (7/0)	78	Align the closure start date for all the tributaries of the Upper Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area with the start dates proposed for the king salmon sanctuaries and the start dates proposed for the rainbow trout spawning closure. In addition, create the same fishing season in all the tributaries of the Upper Section of the Kenai River Drainage area.	<i>BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 3:15:06</i>



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C (7/0)	79	Change the Kenai River king salmon sanctuaries and the Moose-Kenai rivers confluence area fly-fishing-only waters to artificial fly waters, and align dates for these special provisions with other provisions.	BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 3:15:06
C (7/0)	80	Align gear restrictions for Kenai River tributaries.	BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 3:15:06
C (7/0)	81	Create consistent rainbow/steelhead trout regulations in the Kasilof River above and below the Sterling Highway Bridge and amend the open season date for Tustumena Lake tributaries to protect spawning rainbow/steelhead trout.	BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 3:15:06
C (7/0)	82	Amend Kasilof River early-run king salmon possession requirements.	BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 3:15:06
C (7/0)	83	Repeal gear regulations for northern pike.	BOF Meeting 03-07-17: 3:15:06
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE–GROUP 9: Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan (1 Proposal)			
Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan (1 Proposal)			
C/A (7/0)	279	Clarify when 4-inch mesh set gillnets may be used during the early season king salmon subsistence fishery closure. (Substituted with language found in RC 218.)	BOF Meeting 03-08-17: 1:06:48

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Miscellaneous Business

1. **Kodiak Genetics Report Discussion** – The board added a day to its October 2017 work session to hear additional information on the Kodiak genetics report in relation to Cook Inlet stocks. The department will prepare more detailed information on Cook Inlet stock origins from the Kodiak genetics research. BOF Meeting
03-07-17:
3:28:41

2. **Emergency Petitions**
 - a. Deshka River Chinook Salmon Stock of Concern (RC 60): The board reviewed the emergency petition regarding the request to list Deshka River Chinook Salmon as a stock of yield and management concern. The board did not find an emergency on a vote of 0 to 7. BOF Meeting
03-07-17:
4:00:25
 - b. Northern District of Upper Cook Inlet king salmon stocks of concern (RC 122): The board reviewed the emergency petition seeking to list 17 king salmon stocks in the Northern District as stocks of concern at a yield level. The board did not find an emergency on a vote of 0 to 7. BOF Meeting
03-07-17:
4:14:57

3. **Stock of Concern Discussion** – The board and department discussed the BOF Meeting



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- current process whereby species listed as stocks of concern are “delisted” as such. Given public concerns about how a species is delisted the board decided to add the subject to its October 2017 work session and asked the department to provide information for the purposes of further review and discussion. *03-07-17:
4:20:13*
4. **Board Work on Yukon River Salmon Treaty:** Member Huntington reported on his continued work with the Yukon River Salmon Treaty Panel. *BOF Meeting
03-07-17:
4:29:46*
5. **Enumeration of King Salmon on the Kasilof River:** Member Morisky asked the board consider adding the subject of enumeration of king salmon on the Kasilof River to the miscellaneous business for the upcoming Statewide meeting. *BOF Meeting
03-07-17:
4:31:06*