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STATEWIDE DUNGENESS CRAB, SHRIMP, OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SHELLFISH, AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES MEETING ROADMAP

March 6-9, 2018 Egan Civic and Convention Center, Anchorage

TENTATIVE PROPOSAL ROADMAP

(31 proposals)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE-GROUP 1: Statewide and Prince William Sound Sport and Personal Use Shellfish, Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Commercial Shellfish, and Cook Inlet Subsistence, Commercial, and Personal Use Shellfish, Southeastern Area Miscellaneous Shellfish (13 Proposals - Chair: Morisky)

Statewide Sport and Personal Use Shellfish (3 Proposals)

- Allow use of pot gear to harvest octopus under sport fishing regulations.
- Allow for harvest of octopus with additional gear while participating in the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery.
- Allow retrieval of personal use scallop dredges with five horsepower or less haulers.

Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Commercial Shellfish (6 Proposals)

- 208 Establish pot limits in the Alaska Peninsula District commercial Dungeness crab fishery.
- 209 Specify legal operation of commercial Dungeness crab pot gear in Registration Area J.
- 210 Establish fishing season for scallops in the Southeast District of Registration Area K.
- 211 Reduce closed waters for scallops in the Southwest District of Registration Area K.
- 212 Establish sea cucumber management plan in the Kodiak District of Registration Area J.
- Repeal fixed total allowable catch (TAC) and adopt an Aleutian Islands golden king crab harvest strategy that uses biomass estimates generated from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game stock assessment model to establish TAC.

Cook Inlet Subsistence, Commercial, and Personal Use Shellfish (3 Proposals)

- 213 Repeal the Cook Inlet Area personal use clam fishery.
- 214 Modify sport and subsistence razor clam regulations in the Cook Inlet Area.
- 215 Allow commercially caught scallops in the Kamishak Bay District of the Cook Inlet Area to be delivered live.

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Southeastern Area Miscellaneous Shellfish Sea Cucumber Management Plan (1 Proposal) (Note: Proposal 88 was tabled at the Southeast Shellfish and Finfish Meeting to the Statewide Meeting.)

Modify the method for establishing the guideline harvest level in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial sea cucumber fishery.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE-GROUP 2: Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Islands Area Commercial Herring Fishery, Aleutian Islands Area King Crab Fishery, Yukon Area Subsistence and Commercial Fisheries, Prince William Sound Area Sport Fishery (7 Proposals – Chair: Ruffner)

Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Islands Area Commercial Herring Fishery (1 Proposal)

Increase the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery allocation, eliminate the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery allocations between gear types, and open the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery earlier.

Yukon Area Subsistence and Commercial Finfish Fisheries (5 Proposals)

- Allow the use of drift gillnets to harvest salmon for subsistence purposes in Yukon River Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C.
- Repeal the prohibition on subsistence fishing in Yukon River Districts 1 and 2 during the first pulse of king salmon.
- Allow sale of Yukon River king salmon caught incidentally during open commercial fishing periods for other salmon species.
- Clarify the District 1 boundary and allow set gillnets to be operated up to three nautical miles seaward from any grassland bank in District 1 after July 15.
- Repeal the District 6 commercial salmon fishing season fixed closure date and replace with a closure date established by emergency order.

Prince William Sound Area Sport Fishery (1 Proposal)

Require all anglers to use deep water release mechanisms when releasing rockfish in Prince William Sound.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE-GROUP 3: Prince William Sound Shrimp Noncommercial and Commercial (11 Proposals – Chair: Huntington)

Noncommercial (2 Proposals)

- Require participants in the Prince William Sound Area noncommercial shrimp fishery to register with the department prior to May 1.
- Modify the start date for the Prince William Sound Area noncommercial shrimp pot fishing season. (Correction: an error was noted in the original publication of this proposal. The proposal was revised February 6.)

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Commercial (9 Proposals)

- 219 Modify the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishing season.
- 220 Modify the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishing seasons to separate commercial and noncommercial seasons.
- Amend statistical areas included in the three areas fished triennially on a rotating basis in the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.
- Modify the fishing area rotation system in the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.
- Remove the total allowable harvest threshold for the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.
- Modify the guideline harvest threshold for the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.
- Increase the commercial allocation of the total allowable harvest in the Prince William Sound Area shrimp pot fishery.
- Reduce closed waters in the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp trawl fishery.
- Repeal Prince William Sound Area commercial winter shrimp trawl fishery fishing season provisions allowing a fall/winter fishery.