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ALASKA PENINSULA / ALEUTIAN ISLANDS / CHIGNIK FINFISH February 21–February 26, 2019 Sheraton Hotel, Anchorage

TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP (33 proposals)

<u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 1</u>: ALASKA PENINSULA AREA SALMON (19 proposals – Chair Jensen)

Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan (6 proposals)

- Increase Chignik Management Area sockeye salmon harvest and escapement thresholds in the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.
- Decrease the Chignik River-origin sockeye salmon harvest composition from 80 percent to 66 percent of harvest in the Southeast District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.
- Decrease the Chignik River-origin sockeye salmon harvest composition from 80 percent to 60 percent of harvest in the Southeast District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.
- Increase the Southeast District Mainland allocation of Chignik River-origin sockeye salmon from 7.6% to 10%.
- Revise the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow commercial salmon fishing with set gillnet gear concurrent to open commercial fishing periods for salmon in the Chignik Management Area.
- Open the Southeastern District to commercial fishing for salmon in concurrence with Western and Perryville district open commercial salmon fishing periods from June 1 through July 13.

South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan (8 proposals)

Repeal the current South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and readopt the management plan in place prior to 2001.

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- Repeal the current South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and readopt an amended version of the management plan in place prior to 2001.
- Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan so that fishing periods are structured with 24-hour windows where commercial salmon fishing gear is in the water.
- Expand geographic scope of the Dolgoi Island Area as defined in the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management and Post June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula.
- Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula to reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Dolgoi Island Area.
- Repeal Dolgoi Island Area-related regulations from the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula.
- Include the area from Cape Tolstoi to McGinty Point in the area open to commercial fishing for salmon under the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.
- Repeal closed waters in the South Alaska Peninsula Area.

Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula (2 proposals)

- Establish commercial salmon fishing periods by emergency order from July 14 through July 31 in the South Alaska Peninsula.
- Repeal the immature salmon test fishery in the Shumagin Islands Section.

Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan (3 proposals)

- Restrict commercial fishing for salmon in areas both along the coast and in open seaward waters of the Outer Port Heiden Section and the open seaward waters of the Ilnik Section when the preseason Bristol Bay sockeye salmon forecast is 30 million fish or less.
- Restrict commercial fishing for salmon along the coast and in offshore waters of the Outer Port Heiden Section and restrict fishing in offshore waters of the northeast portion of the Ilnik Section.
- 146 Close portions of the Northern District to commercial fishing for salmon when escapement goals are not met for two consecutive years.

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<u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 2</u>: CHIGNIK AREA SALMON, ALASKA PENINSULA AND CHIGNIK GEAR SPECIFICATIONS, ALEUTIAN ISLANDS HERRING AND ALASKA PENINSULA GROUNDFISH (14 proposals – Chair Cain)

Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan (8 proposals)

- Reduce the inriver goal for sockeye salmon above the Chignik River weir for August and September.
- Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan so that pink, chum, and coho salmon stocks in the Western and Perryville sections of Area L will be managed based on the strength of the pink, chum, and coho salmon stocks in the Stepovak and Shumagin Islands sections of Area M.
- Increase commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Western and Perryville districts.
- Open the Western District to commercial fishing for salmon for up to 48 hours each week from June 1 to July 5.
- Increase commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Western and Perryville districts from June 1 through July 5.
- Prohibit commercial fishing for salmon in the Perryville District and Mitrofania Section until the Orzinski Lake sockeye escapement goal is met.
- Prohibit commercial fishing for salmon in the Perryville District and Mitrofania Section when the Southeastern District is closed to commercial fishing for salmon.
- 154 Adopt a large fish escapement goal for king salmon.

Gear Specifications and Operations (4 proposals)

- Allow the shoreward end of a set gillnet to be anchored other than on the beach above low tide.
- Repeal minimum mesh size requirement for set gillnets in the South Alaska Peninsula Area.
- Allow two legal limits of set gillnet gear to be transported by a single vessel as long as both limited entry permit holders owning the gear are onboard the vessel.
- Increase the maximum length of purse seines from 225 to 250 fathoms in the Eastern, Central, Western, and Perryville Districts.

Groundfish and Herring (2 proposals)

- 159 Change season start dates and allocation between drift gillnet and purse seine gear groups in the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery.
- Allow pot gear to be longlined during the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters sablefish fishery.