



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Alaska Peninsula/Chignik/Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Finfish
February 21-26, 2019 | Anchorage

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. All references to meeting materials, including this summary, may be located on the Board of Fisheries meeting website at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=02-21-2019&meeting=anchorage>

Board Members Present

Reed Morisky, Chair	John Jensen
Robert Ruffner, Vice Chair	Fritz Johnson
Orville Huntington	Israel Payton
Al Cain	

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

<i>Action</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Audio Tracking Info*</i>
<u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 1: ALASKA PENINSULA AREA SALMON (19 proposals)</u>			
<i>Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan (6 proposals)</i>			
F <i>(0-7)</i>	128	Increase Chignik Management Area sockeye salmon harvest and escapement thresholds in the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan.	<i>BOF Meeting 02-24-19: 01:38:10 PM</i>
N/A <i>(0/7)</i>	129	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. <i>(No action was taken per the Board's action on Proposal 128.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-24-19: 01:49:37 PM</i>
F <i>(0-7)</i>	130	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.	<i>BOF Meeting 02-24-19: 01:50:14 PM</i>



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F/A (3-3)	131	Increase the Southeast District Mainland allocation of Chignik River-origin sockeye salmon from 7.6% to 10%. <i>(Member Cain absent. Failed after substituted with language found in RC 124 amended with section (f) RC 125 and further amended to lower 80% allocation to 70% (on a vote of 5/1).)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-24-19: 01:54:49 PM</i> <i>BOF Meeting 02-25-19: 09:54:32 AM</i>
F (1-6)	132	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.	<i>BOF Meeting 02-24-19: 02:28:57 PM</i>
N/A (7/0)	133	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. <i>(No Action taken due to proposer request to withdraw found in RC 75)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-24-19: 02:34:12 PM</i>
South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan (8 proposals)			
F/A (3-3)	134	Repeal the current South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and readopt the management plan in place prior to 2001. <i>(Member Cain absent. Failed after substituted with language found in RC 122)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-25-19: 01:44:18 PM</i>
F (1-5)	135	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. <i>(Member Cain absent.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-25-19: 02:07:58 PM</i>
C/A (6-0)	136	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. <i>(Member Cain absent. Substituted with language found in RC 131.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-25-19: 02:23:57 PM</i>
N/A (6/0)	137	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. <i>(Member Cain absent. No Action taken due to proposer request do withdraw found in RC 88)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-25-19: 04:25:25 PM</i>
C/A (6-0)	138	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. <i>(Member Cain absent. Substitute language found in RC 128.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-25-19: 04:26:10 PM</i>



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F (0-6)	139	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. <i>(Member Cain absent.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-25-19: 04:32:12 PM</i>
N/A (6/0)	140	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. <i>(Member Cain absent. No action taken based on proposer request to withdraw found in RC 92)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-25-19: 04:36:30 PM</i>
N/A (6/0)	141	Repeal closed waters in the South Alaska Peninsula Area. <i>(Member Cain absent. No Action taken based on proposer request to withdraw found in RC 92)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-25-19: 04:37:11 PM</i>
<i>Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula (2 proposals)</i>			
N/A (7/0)	142	Establish commercial salmon fishing periods by emergency order from July 14 through July 31 in the South Alaska Peninsula. <i>(Member Cain absent. No Action based on proposer request to withdraw found in RC 85)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-24-19: 02:36:03 PM</i>
N/A (7/0)	143	Repeal the immature salmon test fishery in the Shumagin Islands Section. <i>(Member Cain absent. No Action taken based on proposer request to withdraw found in RC 92)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-24-19: 02:36:55 PM</i>
<i>Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan (3 proposals)</i>			
F (2-4)	144	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. <i>(Member Cain absent.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 08:49:08 AM</i>
F (1-5)	145	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. <i>(Member Cain absent.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 09:19:44 AM</i>
F (0-6)	146	Close portions of the Northern District to commercial fishing for salmon when escapement goals are not met for two consecutive years. <i>(Member Cain absent.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 09:51:16 AM</i>
<u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 2: CHIGNIK AREA SALMON, ALASKA PENINSULA AND CHIGNIK GEAR SPECIFICATIONS, ALEUTIAN ISLANDS HERRING AND ALASKA PENINSULA GROUND FISH (14 proposals)</u>			



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<i>Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan (8 proposals)</i>			
C/A (6-0)	147	Reduce the inriver goal for sockeye salmon above the Chignik River weir for August and September. <i>(Member Cain absent. Amended to add ANS option B found in RC 101.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 10:28:20 AM</i>
N/A (6/0)	148	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. <i>(Member Cain absent. No action taken due to proposer request to withdraw found in RC 87.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 11:30:57 AM</i>
N/A (6/0)	149	Increase commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Western and Perryville districts. <i>(Member Cain absent. No action taken due to proposer request to withdraw found in RC 95.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 11:31:28 AM</i>
N/A (6/0)	150	Open the Western District to commercial fishing for salmon for up to 48 hours each week from June 1 to July 5. <i>(Member Cain absent. No action taken due to proposer request to withdraw found in RC 86.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 11:32:03 AM</i>
C/A (6-0)	151	Increase commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Western and Perryville districts from June 1 through July 5. <i>(Member Cain absent. Substitutes with language found in RC 105.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 10:32:23 AM</i>
N/A (6/0)	152	Prohibit commercial fishing for salmon in the Perryville District and Mitrofanina Section until the Orzinski Lake sockeye escapement goal is met. <i>(Member Cain absent. No action taken due to proposer request to withdraw found in RC 92.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 11:40:39 AM</i>
F (0-6)	153	Prohibit commercial fishing for salmon in the Perryville District and Mitrofanina Section when the Southeastern District is closed to commercial fishing for salmon. <i>(Member Cain absent.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 11:41:15 AM</i>
F (1-5)	154	Adopt a large fish escapement goal for king salmon. <i>(Member Cain absent.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 11:44:08 AM</i>
<i>Gear Specifications and Operations (4 proposals)</i>			
F (0-6)	155	Allow the shoreward end of a set gillnet to be anchored other than on the beach above low tide. <i>(Members Cain absent.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 11:55:08 AM</i>



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C (5-0)	156	Repeal minimum mesh size requirement for set gillnets in the South Alaska Peninsula Area. <i>(Members Cain and Huntington absent.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 01:40:24 PM</i>
C/A (4-1)	157	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. <i>(Members Cain and Huntington absent. Substitutes with language found in RC 111)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 01:47:26 PM</i>
N/A (5/0)	158	Increase the maximum length of purse seines from 225 to 250 fathoms in the Eastern, Central, Western, and Perryville Districts. <i>(Members Cain and Huntington absent. No action taken due to proposer request to withdraw found in RC 95)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 01:53:40 PM</i>
Groundfish and Herring (2 proposals)			
C/A (5-0)	159	Change season start dates and allocation between drift gillnet and purse seine gear groups in the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery. <i>(Members Cain and Huntington absent. Substitute language in RC 137)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 01:54:11 PM</i>
C (5-0)	160	Allow pot gear to be longlined during the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters sablefish fishery. <i>(Members Cain and Huntington absent.)</i>	<i>BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 02:47:51 PM</i>

* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry "BOF Meeting 02-26-19:" indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the proposal began according to the meeting audio.

Other Board Action/Issues/Discussion:

Miscellaneous Business:

- 1. Approval of Alaska Peninsula and Chignik Escapement Goals and Stocks of Concern.** The board reviewed and concurred with the department's escapement goal and stock of concern changes as demonstrated in RC53. *BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 02:51:10 PM*
- 2. Approval of Arctic, Yukon, Kuskokwim Stocks of Concern.** The board reviewed and concurred with the department's stock of concern changes as demonstrated in RC132. *BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 02:57:10 PM*
- 3. Emergency Petition: Yakutat Tlingit Tribe.** The Yakutat Tlingit Tribe's petition (RC 36) for regulatory action related to Chinook subsistence harvest was scheduled for the Statewide Finfish meeting, March 9-12, 2019. *BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 02:59:35 PM*



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- 4. Meeting time for the Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan Special Committee.** The board scheduled the committee meeting to occur at 3:30pm, 2/26/19. *BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 03:00:21 PM*
- 5. Prince William Sound Shellfish Rescheduling.** The board agreed to reschedule Prince William Sound shellfish proposals to 1.) in the 2020/2021 meeting cycle shift PWS Shrimp proposals to the Statewide Shellfish meeting, March 2021, and 2.) revise the current 2019/2020 call for proposal to remove PWS Tanner crab as a subject of the call. Instead of taking PWS Tanner crab proposals up in March 2020 as planned, the board will take these up in December 2020 at the Prince William Sound Finfish and Crab meeting. *BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 03:00:53 PM*
- 6. Draft Bristol Bay Drift Vessel 32' Length Finding.** The board discussed a draft policy regarding the history of actions taken on the Bristol Bay drift gillnet vessel 32' length (RC 127). The board agreed to review the finding further at the October 2019 work session following time for public comment. *BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 03:07:14 PM*
- 7. Discussion of GPS Coordinates in Regulations.** The board discussed the merits of establishing GPS coordinates in regulation for the purpose of defining boundaries. The Department of Law offered to look into the possibility of handling the work administratively. *BOF Meeting 02-26-19: 03:12:14 PM*

Meeting Adjourns 3:16 pm.