



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Work Session
October 15-16, 2018 | Egan Center, 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=10-15-2018&meeting=anchorage>

Board Members Present

Reed Morisky, Chair
 Orville Huntington
 Al Cain
 Israel Payton

Robert Ruffner, Vice-chair
 John Jensen
 Fritz Johnson

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

Action	#	Proposal	Audio Tracking Info*
Hatcheries (2)			
F (1-6)	1	Prohibit Valdez Fisheries Development Association from incubating, rearing, and releasing pink salmon resulting from additional egg take capacity permitted in 2018 and cap egg take capacity at the level permitted in 2017 (5 AAC 24.366).	Meeting 10-15-18 BOF: 9:42:46 AM Meeting 10-16-18 (2) BOF: 4:22:28 PM
F (2-5)	2	Cap statewide private non-profit salmon hatchery egg take capacity at 75% of the level permitted in 2000 (5 AAC 40.XXX).	Meeting 10-16-18 (2) BOF: 4:30:45 PM
Aleutian Islands King Crab Fishery (1)			
C (7-0)	3	Adopt a new harvest strategy for Aleutian Islands golden king crab that relies on annual stock assessment model outputs to set total allowable catch and stock status determination criteria (5 AAC 34.612).	Meeting 10-15-18 BOF: 02:46:08 PM
Westward Area Dungeness Crab Fishery (1)			
F (2-5)	4	Change requirement to operate commercial Dungeness crab pot gear from once every 14 days to once every 30 days in Registration Area J (5 AAC 32.415).	Meeting 10-15-18 BOF: 02:52:18 PM



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Cook Inlet Area Salmon Fisheries (3)			
F (0-7)	5	Prohibit fishing in the waters of the Homer Spit Marine Terminal barge basin (5 AAC 58.022).	Meeting 10-15-18 BOF: 02:59:17 PM
F (0-7)	6	Provide the department emergency order authority to utilize time, area, methods and means or possession limits to restrict Kenai and Kasilof river personal use fisheries and require daily reporting of harvest in these fisheries (5 AAC 77.540, 5 AAC 21.360).	Meeting 10-15-18 BOF: 03:08:39 PM
C (7-0)	7	Open and close the commercial set gillnet fishery within 600 feet of the North Kalifornsky Beach area independent of fishing time restrictions described in various management plans (5 AAC 21.310).	Meeting 10-15-18 BOF: 03:11:39 PM
Copper River Area Salmon Fisheries (1)			
F (1-5)	8	Prohibit operation of dipnet gear from a boat to harvest salmon for subsistence purposes in the Glennallen Subdistrict (5 AAC 01.620). (Board member Cain recused.)	Meeting 10-15-18 BOF: 03:17:58 PM
Southeast Alaska Area Fisheries (2)			
C (7-0)	9	Align regulations within the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan with provisions of the Pacific Salmon Treaty annex (5 AAC 47.055).	Meeting 10-15-18 BOF: 03:23:21 PM
F (1-6)	10	Close Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery until regional herring stock status improves, additional research on herring is conducted, and the amount necessary for subsistence is met in at least three consecutive years (5 AAC 27.110 and 5 AAC 27.160).	Meeting 10-15-18 BOF: 03:25:45 PM
Statewide Sport Fishing Guide Licensing and Reporting (1)			
C (7-0)	11	Align regulations for sport fishing services and sport fishing guide services in fresh and salt water and update guide registration and reporting regulations (5 AAC 75.075, 5 AAC 75.076, 5 AAC 75.085, 5 AAC 75.995).	Meeting 10-15-18 BOF: 03:31:30 PM
Joint Board Agenda Change Requests (1)			
F (0-7)	JB1	Consider whether the Chitina Subdistrict should be classified as a nonsubsistence area.	Meeting 10-15-18 BOF: 03:34:52 PM

* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry "Meeting 10-15-18 BOF" 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:

1. **Election of Officers.** Reed Morisky was named Chair in a run-off with John Jensen by a vote of 4-3. Robert Ruffner was voted as Vice-Chair by unanimous consent. *Meeting 10-15-18
BOF: 8:46:08 AM*

2. **Board Committee and Task Forces.** There were no committee meetings since the last board committee report. *Meeting 10-15-18
BOF: 9:39:50 AM*

3. **2018/2019 Standing Committee Assignments** *Meeting 10-15-18
BOF: 9:40:22 AM*
 - a. Committee on Committees, Chair Morisky, Payton, Cain
 - b. Board of Fisheries/Board of Game, Chair Ruffner, Cain, Morisky, Jensen(Alt)
 - c. Federal/State Subsistence, Chair Payton, Huntington, Jensen
 - d. Habitat, Chair Huntington, Ruffner, Johnson
 - e. Joint BOF/NPFMC Protocol, Chair Jensen, Johnson, Ruffner
 - f. Legislation, Chair Cain, Morisky, Payton
 - g. Hatchery, Chair Morisky with full board

The board recreated its hatchery committee – a committee of the full board. The board scheduled its next hatchery committee meeting for March 8, 2019. *Meeting 10-16-18 (2)
BOF: 09:30:21 AM*

4. **Escapement Goals/Stocks of Concern.** The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) staff provided information on Escapement Goals and Stocks of Concern. All reports can be found on the Board of Fisheries work session meeting web page under RCs 4-9. *Meeting 10-15-18
BOF: 10:23:38 AM*

During miscellaneous business, the board accepted ADF&G's recommendations for stocks of concern in anticipation for staff action plans at the upcoming in-cycle meetings. *Meeting 10-16-18 (2)
BOF: 09:28:22 AM*

5. **North Pacific Fishery Management Council Update.** Commissioner Sam Cotten provided the Board an update on Council activities at the most recent October 2018 meeting. *Meeting 10-15-18
BOF: 11:06:06 AM*

6. **Federal Subsistence Board Update.** Federal Subsistence Board (FSB) liaison George Pappas provided the board with an update on the FSB and Regional Advisory Council meetings and activities for the upcoming year. *Meeting 10-15-18
BOF: 11:19:04 AM*

7. **Improving Delivery of Sport Fishing Regulations in Alaska.** The board heard a report from the Division of Sport Fish on its study of Alaska sport fish users' ability to understand Alaska's sport fishing regulations. A report is available on the Board's work session meeting web page. *Meeting 10-15-18
BOF: 01:11:49 PM*



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8. **2019/2020 Call for Proposals approval.** The board approved the draft call for proposals for the 2019/2020 meeting cycle. The draft call is found in the board's workbook under the miscellaneous section. *Meeting 10-15-18
BOF: 01:53:13 PM*
9. **Review of 2018/2019 Cycle Workload.** Upon review of the meeting cycle and number of proposals the board decided to reduce by one day its Bristol Bay and Alaska Peninsula, Chignik, and Aleutian Islands finfish meetings. The revised meeting dates are for the Bristol Bay meeting, November 28-December 3, 2018, and Alaska Peninsula, etc., February 21-26, 2019. A report on the meeting cycle work load is found on the board's website for the work session under the miscellaneous section. *Meeting 10-15-18
BOF: 01:55:20 PM*
10. **Approval of Meeting Locations and Dates for the 2020/2021 Cycle.** The board approved the following locations and dates for the 2020/2021 meetings. *Meeting 10-15-18
BOF: 01:58:28 PM*
- Work session, Anchorage, October 15-16, 2020
 - Prince William Sound (PWS) Finfish and Shellfish, Cordova*, December 11-17, 2020
 - Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish, Ketchikan, January 4-16, 2021
 - Statewide (except Southeast, Yakutat, and Prince William Sound), All Shellfish, Anchorage, March 5-10, 2021

The board changed its long-term meeting schedule starting with the 2020/2021 meeting cycle. PWS shellfish proposals, currently reviewed in two statewide meetings, will be combined with the PWS finfish meeting. The meeting duration is extended by two days. Further, remaining shellfish proposals currently held during the Statewide King and Tanner crab meeting will be combined with the Statewide Dungeness, Shrimp, and Other Miscellaneous Shellfish meeting into a single Statewide shellfish meeting. A report on the proposed schedule change is found in the board's website for the work session under the miscellaneous section.

The board approved the PWS meeting in Cordova on a reconsideration.

*Meeting 10-16-18 (2)
BOF: 4:35:57 PM*

11. **Scheduling Agenda Change Requests.** The board scheduled the accepted ACRs for the upcoming meeting cycle as follows. *Meeting 10-16-18 (2)
BOF: 08:39:08 AM*
- ACR 3 – Bering Sea Tanner crab harvest strategy – set for Statewide meeting.
 - ACR 7 – North Kalifornsky Beach gillnet fishery time restrictions – set for Statewide meeting.
 - ACR 9 – Pacific Salmon Treaty alignment – set for Arctic, Yukon, Kuskokwim meeting
 - ACR 11 – Sport fish licensing regulations – set for Bristol Bay meeting.



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12. **Board Generated Proposals.** The board generated two proposals at its work session.

- a. Bristol Bay Special Harvest Areas clarification. The board adopted a proposal to clarify Bristol Bay Special Harvest Areas with language found in RC 36.
- b. Yukon River subsistence salmon drift gear. The board adopted a proposal to allow the use of drift gillnet gear in certain portions of the Yukon River subsistence fishery with the language found in RC 50.

*Meeting 10-16-18 (2)
BOF: 08:39:28 AM*

*Meeting 10-16-18 (2)
BOF: 04:47:47 PM*

Alaska Salmon Hatchery Meeting. The board set aside a special meeting at the work session to conduct an Alaska salmon hatchery meeting in accordance with the Joint Protocol on Salmon Enhancement (2002-215-FB). The board heard ADF&G reports on the regulatory permitting process, hatchery production levels, and a number of biological considerations. Following this, the board conducted a townhall-style forum with discussion from the public. The board committed to creating a hatchery committee and holding the next meeting prior to the Board's Statewide meeting in Anchorage on March 8, 2019.

*Meeting 10-16-18 (2)
BOF: 10:07:28 AM*

The Board of Fisheries adjourned their work session meeting at 4:52pm on Tuesday, October 16, 2018.