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LOWER COOK INLET FINFISH

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TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP
(47 proposals)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 1: SPORT FISHING REGULATORY ALIGNMENT, SEWARD YOUTH FISHERY, WATERS, SEASONS, LIMITS, DEFINITIONS, GUIDE SERVICES, EMERGENCY ORDER AUTHORITY (16 proposals: Chair -Payton)

Regulatory Alignment (2 proposals)

- 1 Redefine the management plan to include all waters north of Bluff Point
- 2 Align gear restrictions for roadside streams closed to salmon fishing

Seward Youth Fishery (3 proposals)

- 3 Reduce the bag limit for the Seward Lagoon youth fishery to one fish
- 4 Define the boundaries for the Seward Lagoon youth fishery
- 5 Extend the dates of the Seward youth king and coho salmon fisheries

Waters, Seasons, Limits, and Methods and Means (8 proposals)

- 6 Close the Homer Marine Terminal barge basin to sport fishing
- 7 Redefine the area prohibited to snagging in Cook Inlet salt waters
- 8 Reduce the sport fish bag limit to one king salmon south of Bluff Point
- 9 Establish a season limit of five king salmon from October 1–April 30
- 10 Redefine the boundary for the lower and upper Anchor River
- 11 Allow two unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies and limit hook size in the Anchor River and Deep Creek
- 12 Reduce the sport fish bag limit for lingcod west of Gore Point to one fish
- 13 Establish a season limit of two lingcod in the North Gulf coast area

Definitions, Guide Services, and Emergency Order Authority (3 proposals)

- 14 Modify the definition of bag limit to mean fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler
- 15 Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides
- 282 Extend emergency order authority to restrict stocked waters to no retention in times of low hatchery production or stocked waters contamination



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 2: LOWER COOK INLET PERSONAL USE AND SUBSISTENCE FISHING, AQUATIC PLANTS, SALMON HATCHERIES AND SPECIAL HARVEST AREAS (14 proposals: Chair - Carlson Van-Dort)

Personal Use and Subsistence (5 proposals)

- 16 Require a permit to participate in the China Poot Bay personal use dip net fishery
- 17 Require that the permit holder be on site during the operation of personal use set gillnet gear
- 18 Extend the subsistence salmon fishery in Seldovia Bay through June 30
- 19 Increase the amount of shoreline where subsistence set gillnet harvest is permitted in Seldovia Bay
- 20 Allow subsistence set gillnets throughout all of the Cook Inlet area to be set within 300 feet of another set gillnet

Aquatic Plants (2 proposals)

- 21 Allow commercial harvest of aquatic plants in Cook Inlet
- 241 Establish provisions for the personal use of aquatic plants in the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area

Salmon Hatcheries and Special Harvest Areas (7 proposals)

- 22 Limit the number of salmon that a hatchery may take for cost recovery
- 23 Suspend, revoke, or alter the Tutka Bay hatchery permit to reduce capacity
- 24 Eliminate the Tutka Bay Lagoon Special Harvest Area
- 25 Close waters of Tutka Bay southeast of 59° 26.50' N. lat
- 26 Close waters to commercial salmon fishing near the head of Tutka Bay
- 27 Eliminate the Halibut Cove Lagoon Special Harvest Area
- 28 Redefine the China Poot and Hazel Lake Special Harvest Area as two separate and discrete Special Harvest Areas

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 3: FISHING DISTRICTS, CLOSED WATERS, SEASONS AND SEINE SPECIFICATIONS, KING SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND GROUND FISH AND HERRING (17 proposals: Chair - Godfrey)

Fishing Districts, Closed Waters, Seasons and Seine Specifications (8 proposals)

- 29 Move the outer boundary line of the Rocky Bay subdistrict further from shore
- 30 Open the Kamishak Bay District commercial salmon fishing season on June 1, or earlier, by emergency order
- 31 Reduce the size of the closed waters area in Ursus Cove
- 32 Open the regulatory closed waters area in China Poot Bay that is inshore of the Homer Electric Association (HEA) powerlines
- 33 Establish regulatory closed waters within one nautical mile radius of the end of the Homer Spit
- 34 Reduce the maximum size of seines in Lower Cook Inlet to 150 fathoms in length



- 35 Increase the maximum depth of commercial salmon seines in Lower Cook Inlet from 325 meshes to 335 meshes
- 36 Prohibit the retention and sale of king salmon greater than 28" in length by commercial purse seine permit holders in the Southern District of Lower Cook Inlet

King Salmon Management Plan (2 proposals)

- 37 Create a king salmon conservation management plan that paired restrictions in Upper Cook Inlet and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries
- 38 Prohibit the retention and sale of king salmon greater than 28" in length by commercial purse seine permit holders in the Southern District of Lower Cook Inlet

Groundfish and Herring, and Aleutian Islands Groundfish (7 proposals)

- 39 Exempt vessels using jig gear from exclusive and superexclusive groundfish registration restrictions
- 40 Add specific registration requirements for Cook Inlet Area groundfish fisheries
- 41 Clarify possession and landing requirements for the state-managed sablefish fishery in the Cook Inlet Area
- 42 Clarify possession and landing requirements for the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Cook Inlet Area
- 43 Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet Area directed lingcod fishery
- 44 Amend the *Kamishak Bay District Herring Management Plan* to remove restrictions to the Shelikof Strait food and bait herring fishery
- 278 Designate the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict an exclusive registration area for Pacific cod