

Copper Basin Advisory Committee Board of Fisheries Proposals

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<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
<u>1</u>	Establish a longline skate fishery in Prince William Sound, as follows:		
<u>2</u>	Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Prince William Sound Area directed lingcod fishery, as follows:		
<u>3</u>	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Prince William Sound Area, as follows:		
<u>4</u>	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the state-managed sablefish fishery in the Prince William Sound Area, as follows:		
<u>5</u>	Establish an optimal escapement goal for Copper River king salmon, as follows:		
Oppose	1	7	Ben Moore with Kenai AC who proposed this explained they will be withdrawing the proposal. We have been below objective the past 10 years. Fish and Game will still recommend changes every board cycle, SEG would differ with OEG.
<u>6</u>	Require in season reporting of subsistence, sport fish, and personal use harvest and effort, as follows:		
Oppose	3	5	Reporting like this doesn't help with in season management, using sonar counts works 2 weeks in advance. Daily reporting would only tell you what happened 3 or 4 days prior so not helpful. You must record catch daily already. This could be confusing with the requirement to record catch on license and then report every 3 days. Never hurts to have more information. This would be a burden to fish and game to enforce. 3-day reporting would give more accurate numbers of catch, reporting at end of Sept./Oct. people forget to report or forget what they caught. Looking to get more accurate reporting for future.

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<u>7</u>	Prohibit guiding in subsistence finfish fisheries, as follows:		
Oppose	3	5	Right now, this would affect about 5 or 6 guides. You can pay to fly out with a transporter for game subsistence so why not pay for a boat ride for subsistence. It provides an opportunity for subsistence people who don't have boats. Harvest is still sustainable in the fishery.
<u>8</u>	Prohibit dip netting near tributary mouths of the Upper Copper River District, as follows:		
Support as modified	5	3	Modify: No dip netting in the confluence 500 yards below and 100 yards above the mouth of the Tonsina, Gulkana, Gakona, Tazlina, and Klutina. Fish and Game would have to sign area each year as the rivers change. Most people who fish these areas are locals, 95 percent of take is within a mile and a half of the Chitina bridge. Dept doesn't think this a problem right now. There could be fish wheels within this area on the Tazlina/Copper.
<u>9</u>	Prohibit dip netting from a boat in the Glennallen Subdistrict, as follows:		
Support	5	3	This will take away dip netting from boats above the bridge at Chitina. Number of dip netting permits has been increasing. Dip netters don't exceed the number of fish wheels which are a lot more efficient. Could displace users to down below the canyon. If take away dip netting from boats more people may try and build and use fish wheels. If proposal 8 passes this will take care of this issue. We did this proposal to give the board options as we are concerned about the Copper River Sockeye fishery.
<u>10</u>	Prohibit dip netting from a boat in the Upper Copper River District, as follows:		
No action			See action in proposal 9
<u>11</u>	Prohibit dip netting from a moving boat in a portion of the Chitina Subdistrict, as follows:		
No action			
<u>12</u>	Prohibit dip netting from a boat when within 50 feet of a person dip netting from shore in the Chitina Subdistrict, as follows:		
No action			
<u>13</u>	Prohibit dip netting from a boat within 75 feet of an operating fish wheel in the Glennallen Subdistrict, as follows:		

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No action			Enforcement concerns, how do you measure 75 feet from the boat and the fish wheel. Will the boat even be there by the time Fish and Game get there. If there is a problem with a fish wheel and boater dip netting report to fish and game and they could address it as interfering possibly. This seems more like an ethics issue, maybe put out a “dip netters code of ethics” like trapping does.
14	Prohibit the use of gillnet mesh in dip nets, as follows:		
No action			See discussion in 15
15	Prohibit the use of gillnet mesh in dip nets, as follows:		
Oppose	2	6	Dip nets are commercially made nets. You can only by monofilament. Would you have to make your own? Tangling in the net is more of a function of the dip net, problem isn't the material but the size of the bag being too long. Public doesn't have a choice in what is available to buy. Just because it is allowed on the Kenai or Yukon doesn't mean it applies to the Copper.
16	Prohibit the use of depth or fish finders on boats in the Upper Copper River District, as follows:		
Support	7	1	Dip netting has had an increase in use, as can be seen by all the dip netting proposals due to concerns. Dip netting from a boat using fish finders can be very accurate way to get fish quicker. Would people have to pull fish finders from boats, how do you prove they used them? How would this be enforced? Fish finders make it too easy to find fish in large schools. If you fish rivers, you know which eddies and what areas to drift in already. Fish finders just let you know how much time you should spend in a spot so you are not wasting time and move on if no fish, you can do this with a net, but it takes more time. Channels are always changing so could be a safety issue if you take away the tool.
17	Establish specific permit and bag limits when dip netting from a boat in the Glennallen Subdistrict, as follows:		

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oppose	3	5	Dip net from shore is 30-35 fish per permit, from boat 20 fish per permit. There has been an increase in permits. This proposal would complicate permitting for fish and game. Want local people to have some fish also, 85% of fish are taken in commercial fishery. All we have to work on is what we get here on the Copper. If we keep regulating dip netting people will turn to fish wheels more.
18	Extend the lower boundary of the Chitina Subdistrict downstream ½ mile, as follows:		
Oppose	1	7	This is upstream from fish wheel recapture so no effect. Getting crowded with boats even per Chitina Dip netters association. This is a dangerous area with s curve, you have to be on top of it, large whirlpool. They are just wanting bigger area to catch more fish. More area means more people.
19	Reduce the maximum harvest level in the Chitina Subdistrict Personal Use Fishery when the Copper River commercial fishery harvest is 50% below the 10-year average on June 1, as follows:		
Support	5	3	Fish could be late and then commercial would benefit but personal would not get fish. Several past years have been late. Later part of run has been stronger. Fish and Game can take action by EO if they need to. Delay in personal use is sometimes needed at the beginning until the fish come up. Management plans are already set up to take this into account.
20	Amend the annual limit for salmon in the Chitina Subdistrict, as follows:		
Support	7	1	Returns limits to what it was 6 years ago. ANS numbers on north end of copper are not being met. Feds don't shut down for anything, but still a minor increase will have to see what 2021 numbers come in. This was changed 6 years ago to align with Kenai, and because a person would have to travel to area multiple times. Fed sub. Opportunity is provided but still need to meet escapement goals, puts management practices on nonfederal user first.

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21	Amend the opening date of the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery from June 7 to June 1, as follows:		
Oppose	0	8	2012 changed to June 7. There is no change in fish harvest when this changed last time. Allows some fish to get upriver when fish have an early return.
22	Reverse the positive customary and traditional subsistence use determination for freshwater finfish within the Chitina Subdistrict, as follows:		
No action			Confusing proposal. You can have a different count between species, no conflict.
23	Reverse the positive customary and traditional subsistence use determination for rainbow and steelhead trout in the Prince William Sound Area, or establish amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence and bag and possession limits for rainbow and steelhead trout in the Prince William Sound Area, as follows:		
No action			
24	Add bag and possession limits for Dolly Varden in the Prince William Sound freshwater finfish subsistence fishery, as follows:		
Support	7	1	Confusing proposal. Rainbow/steelhead are closed to subsistence fishing. No positive count for trout. Dolly Varden count finfish must be a bag limit to allow sub. Fishery to take place, same as sport fish with annual limit.
25	Establish allowable gear in the Prince William Sound freshwater finfish subsistence fishery, as follows:		
Support	7	1	Put in regulation what we are already limited to in stip. Whitefish, suckers. Gillnets in lakes not streams, Oct 1-March 30
26	Create a community subsistence salmon permit for Prince William Sound, as follows:		
27	Amend subsistence fishing season to remove linkage between subsistence salmon fishing opportunity and commercial salmon fishing periods, as follows:		
28	Amend household harvest limits for subsistence-caught salmon, as follows:		

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Oppose	1	6	Make same as Glennallen Subdistrict. Incidental catch could happen in gill nets. Management for upper escapement goal for us would complicate commercial fishery and this take would come out of commercial numbers, manager would have to meet in river goal so this will take change commercial fishing times. Allocation issue.
29	Allow use of drift gillnets to harvest salmon for subsistence uses throughout Prince William Sound, as follows:		
30	Extend single-hook, artificial fly regulations in the Gulkana River to include the area under the Richardson Highway Bridge, as follows:		
Support	7	0	House keeping proposal. Make 1 regulation instead of 3 now.
31	Increase the possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Upper Copper River, as follows:		
Support	5	2	Double possession limit 3 per day 6 in possession. We are not the Kenai River, should be managed to the conditions here. Allow you to catch more.
32	Allow harvest of rainbow trout 20 inches or less in a portion of the Gulkana River, as follows:		
Support	7	0	Long time since we could retain rainbows, went from 10 to 5 to 2. Even with fly fishing a good chance you will gill or hurt fish. Allowing keep 1 to eat if floating the Gulkana when you know the fish will die anyways.
33	Allow harvest of rainbow trout 18 inches or less in the Gulkana River, as follows:		
No action			See proposal 32
34	Remove the 14-inch size limit for Gulkana River Arctic grayling, as follows:		
Support	7	0	5 graylings only 14", increase to 5 graylings keep all sizes, no biological reason not to do this.
35	Amend bag and possession limits for Arctic grayling and methods and means in Moose Creek, as follows:		
Oppose	0	7	People fishing this area is low. Limited spring fishery. Beaver dams could have affected the run. Most grayling caught are released anyway. Pools that used to be in the area are no longer there.

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36	Increase the bag and possession limit of lake trout in Crosswind Lake, as follows:		
Support	5	2	Only keep 1 lake trout any size 1 in possession. No bait summer, with current reg. yield potential 561. Harvest data now estimated, hard to tell if there would be an effect.
37	Establish sport bag and possession limit for lake trout in the Prince William Sound area, as follows:		
38	Establish restrictions in the Copper River Delta coho salmon sport fishery based on the number of days the commercial fishery is closed, as follows:		
39	Extend the area closed to sport fishing in Ibeck Creek, as follows:		
40	Close 18 Mile or Silver Creek to coho salmon fishing August 1 to November 1, as follows:		
41	Repeal mandatory closed waters from the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan, as follows:		
Oppose	0	7	Repeal current reg of mand. Closure of early season to protect king salmon early by keeping closure.
42	Amend the set gillnet group exvessel value percentage trigger point in the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan, as follows:		
43	Repeal the definition of enhanced salmon stocks, as follows:		
44	Amend allocation corrective action criteria for set gillnet gear under the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan, as follows:		
45	Increase minimum operation distance between set and drift gillnet gear in the Main Bay Subdistrict, as follows:		

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46	Repeal limitations on use of deep gillnet gear, as follows:		
47	Amend Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan to provide management guidance for reducing Coghill District harvest of salmon stocks bound for other districts, as follows:		
48	Amend Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan to provide management guidance for reducing Eshamy District harvest of salmon stocks bound for other districts, as follows:		
49	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan, as follows:		
50	Amend the Armin F. Koernig Salmon Hatchery Management Plan to reduce straying of hatchery produced salmon, as follows:		
51	Amend the Cannery Creek Salmon Hatchery Management Plan to reduce straying of hatchery produced salmon, as follows:		
52	Amend the Solomon Gulch Salmon Hatchery Management Plan to reduce straying of hatchery produced salmon, as follows:		
53	Amend the Wally Noerenberg (Esther Island) Hatchery Management Plan to reduce straying of hatchery-produced salmon, as follows:		
54	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan to specify hatchery chum salmon production, as follows:		
55	Amend private-non-profit hatchery permits to decrease allowable hatchery production, as follows:		

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56	Create requirements and specifications for use of 250 fathoms of seine gear in Prince William Sound, as follows:		
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58	Amend the Armin F. Koernig Salmon Hatchery Management Plan to provide daily fishing periods, as follows:		
59	Reduce waters closed to commercial salmon fishing, as follows:		
60	Update closed waters defined in regulation by incorporating GPS locations to replace closed waters areas historically defined by physical markers, as follows:		
61	Establish a commercial fishery for sea cucumbers in Registration Area E, as follows:		
62	Establish a commercial fishery for sea cucumbers in Registration Area E, as follows:		
63	Amend Registration Area E king crab fishing seasons, guideline harvest level (GHL), and lawful gear regulations, as follows:		
64	Establish a fishing season for golden king crab in Registration Area E, as follows:		
65	Establish a department-issued permit for the commercial golden king crab fishery in Registration Area E, as follows:		
66	Amend guideline harvest range for golden king crab in Registration Area E, as follows:		

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67	Establish a golden king pot limit in Registration Area E, as follows:		
68	Adopt amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence for Tanner crab in the Prince William Sound Area, outside the Valdez Non-subsistence Area, as follows:		
69	Modify criteria for opening commercial Tanner crab fishery in Prince William Sound, as follows:		
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71	Adopt a new Tanner crab harvest strategy for Prince William Sound, as follows:		
72	Allow the department to issue a permit for Tanner crab fisheries closed more than one year, as follows:		
73	Establish closed waters for commercial Tanner crab fishing in the Prince William Sound Area, Registration Area E, as follows:		
74	Redefine and rename commercial Tanner crab districts in the Prince William Sound Area, and add one additional district, as follows:		
75	Adopt a new a Prince William Sound Area (PWS; Area E) Tanner crab harvest strategy to align with new proposed districts, as follows:		
76	Repeal commissioner's permits for Tanner crab in the Eastern and Western Districts of Prince William Sound Area (PWS), as follows:		
77	Amend the Tanner crab registration deadline, as follows:		

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78	Remove district references and include all districts in the Prince William Sound Area (PWS; Area E) and include a weather-delay provision for the opening date of the fishery, as follows:		
79	Designate Registration Area E an exclusive registration area for Tanner crab, as follows:		