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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Prince William Sound/Upper Copper and Upper Susitna Rivers Finfish and Shellfish
Nov. 30 – Dec. 6, 2021 | Cordova Center, Cordova

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=11-30-2021&meeting=cordova>.

Board Members Present

Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair
 Israel Payton
 Gerard Godfrey
 Indy Walton (Absent)

John Jensen, Vice-chair
 McKenzie Mitchell
 John Wood

Meeting commenced at 8:32am, November 30, 2021

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

Action	#	Proposal	Audio tracking info*
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 1: GROUND FISH (4 proposals)			
Commercial Groundfish (4 Proposals)			
F (0/6)	1	Establish a longline skate fishery in Prince William Sound.	Meeting 12-02-21: 02:08:18PM
C (6/0)	2	Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Prince William Sound Area directed lingcod fishery	Meeting 12-02-21: 02:19:34PM
C (6/0)	3	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Prince William Sound Area.	Meeting 12-02-21: 02:25:27PM
C (6/0)	4	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the state-managed sablefish fishery in the Prince William Sound Area.	Meeting 12-02-21: 02:28:54PM
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 2: COPPER RIVER KING SALMON, UPPER COPPER RIVER SUBSISTENCE AND PERSONAL USE (19 proposals)			
Copper River King Salmon Management Plan (2 Proposals)			
F/A (2/4)	5	Establish an optimal escapement goal for Copper River King Salmon (<i>The proposal failed after it was amended to lower the upper end of the optimum escapement goal from 40,000 to 31,000.</i>)	Meeting 12-02-21: 02:36:05PM



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F (2/4)	41	Repeal mandatory closed waters from the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan.	Meeting 12-02-21: 03:08:30PM
<i>Upper Copper River Personal Use and Subsistence (17 Proposals)</i>			
F (1/5)	6	Require inseason reporting of subsistence, sport fish and personal use harvest and effort.	Meeting 12-02-21: 03:33:35PM
C (4/2)	7	Prohibit guiding in subsistence finfish fisheries. <i>(Proposal 7 initially failed after substituted with language found in RC48 by a vote of 3-2-1 (Mitchell abstained). It was later brought up for reconsideration and carried after substituted with language found in RC100.)</i>	Meeting 12-02-21: 04:10:01PM Meeting 12-05-21: 10:34:05PM
F (0/6)	8	Prohibit dipnetting near tributary mouths of the Upper Copper River District.	Meeting 12-03-21: 08:33:38AM
F (0/6)	9	Prohibit dipnetting from a boat in the Glennallen Subdistrict.	Meeting 12-03-21: 08:46:16AM
F (0/6)	10	Prohibit dipnetting from a boat in the Upper Copper River District.	Meeting 12-03-21: 08:56:46AM
F (0/6)	11	Prohibit dipnetting from a moving boat in a portion of the Chitina Subdistrict.	Meeting 12-03-21: 08:59:24AM
F (0/6)	12	Prohibit dipnetting from a boat when within 50 feet of a person dipnetting from shore in the Chitina Subdistrict	Meeting 12-03-21: 09:02:32AM
F (0/6)	13	Prohibit dipnetting from a boat within 75 feet of an operating fish wheel in the Glennallen Subdistrict.	Meeting 12-03-21: 09:07:26AM
F (0/6)	14	Prohibit the use of gillnet mesh in dip nets.	Meeting 12-03-21: 09:18:38AM
F (0/6)	15	Prohibit the use of gillnet mesh in dip nets	Meeting 12-03-21: 09:26:05AM
F (0/6)	16	Prohibit the use of depth or fish finders on boats in the Upper Copper River District.	Meeting 12-03-21: 09:28:36AM



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F (0/6)	17	Establish specific permit and bag limits when dipnetting from a boat in the Glennallen Subdistrict.	Meeting 12-03-21: 09:37:14 AM
F/A (3/3)	18	Extend the lower boundary of the Chitina Subdistrict downstream ½ mile. <i>(Proposal failed after substituted with language found in RC64.)</i>	Meeting 12-03-21: 10:21:07 AM
F (0/6)	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.	Meeting 12-03-21: 10:47:27 AM
F (0/6)	20	Amend the annual limit for salmon in the Chitina Subdistrict.	Meeting 12-03-21: 11:08:04 AM
F (0/6)	21	Amend the opening date of the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery from June 7 to June 1.	Meeting 12-03-21: 11:25:09 AM
F (0/6)	22	Reverse the positive customary and traditional subsistence use determination for freshwater finfish within the Chitina Subdistrict.	Meeting 12-03-21: 11:31:59 AM
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 3: PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND SUBSISTENCE, AND PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AND UPPER COOPER AND SUSITNA RIVERS SPORT (18 proposals)			
Prince William Sound Subsistence (7 Proposals)			
F (0/6)	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.	Meeting 12-04-21: 10:28:55 AM
C (6/0)	24	Add bag and possession limits for Dolly Varden in the Prince William Sound freshwater finfish subsistence fishery.	Meeting 12-04-21: 10:39:17 AM
C (6/0)	25	Establish allowable gear in the Prince William Sound freshwater finfish subsistence fishery	Meeting 12-04-21: 10:42:38 AM
F/A (1/5)	26	Create a community subsistence salmon permit for Prince William Sound. <i>(Proposal failed after substituted with language found in RC94.)</i>	Meeting 12-04-21: 10:45:18 AM
N/A (6/0)	27	Amend subsistence fishing season to remove linkage between subsistence salmon fishing opportunity and commercial salmon fishing periods. <i>(Board took no action)</i>	Meeting 12-04-21: 11:59:49 AM



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		<i>based on a request by proposer to withdraw the proposal under RC90.)</i>	
C/A (6/0)	28	Amend household harvest limits for subsistence-caught salmon. <i>(Proposal carried after substituted with language found in RC103.)</i>	Meeting 12-04-21: 01:42:40PM
C/A (6/0)	29	Allow use of drift gillnets to harvest salmon for subsistence uses throughout Prince William Sound. <i>(Proposal carried after substituted with language found in RC104, and further amended to change "until August 1" to "from July 1 to August 1". The board later clarified its intent on gear type.)</i>	Meeting 12-04-21: 01:49:09PM
Prince William Sound and Upper Copper and Susitna Rivers Sport (11 proposals)			
C (6/0)	30	Extend single-hook, artificial fly regulations in the Gulkana River to include the area under the Richardson Highway Bridge.	Meeting 12-04-21: 02:00:32PM
C (4/2)	31	Increase the possession limit for sockeye salmon in the Upper Copper River.	Meeting 12-04-21: 02:04:08PM
F (0/6)	32	Allow harvest of rainbow trout 20 inches or less in a portion of the Gulkana River	Meeting 12-04-21: 02:15:36PM
F (0/6)	33	Allow harvest of rainbow trout 18 inches or less in the Gulkana River.	Meeting 12-04-21: 02:25:28PM
C (6/0)	34	Remove the 14-inch size limit for Gulkana River Arctic grayling.	Meeting 12-04-21: 02:28:19PM
F (0/6)	35	Amend bag and possession limits for Arctic grayling and methods and means in Moose Creek.	Meeting 12-04-21: 02:32:50PM
F (1/5)	36	Increase the bag and possession limit of lake trout in Crosswind Lake.	Meeting 12-04-21: 02:39:48PM
C (6/0)	37	Establish sport bag and possession limit for lake trout in the Prince William Sound area	Meeting 12-04-21: 02:48:30PM
F (0/6)	38	Establish restrictions in the Copper River Delta coho salmon sport fishery based on the number of days the commercial fishery is closed.	Meeting 12-04-21: 02:51:27PM
N/A (6/0)	39	Extend the area closed to sport fishing in Ibeck Creek. <i>(The board took no action based on a request by the proposer to withdraw the proposal found in RC97.)</i>	Meeting 12-04-21: 03:00:25PM
F/A (3/3)	40	Close 18 Mile or Silver Creek to coho salmon fishing August 1 to November 1. <i>(Proposal fails after substituted with language found in RC98.)</i>	Meeting 12-04-21: 03:01:05PM



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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 4: PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND ENHANCEMENT AND GEAR, SEASONS, AND CLOSED WATERS (19 proposals)			
Enhancement (14 Proposals)			
F (0/6)	42	Amend the set gillnet group exvessel value percentage trigger point in the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan.	Meeting 12-04-21: 03:55:26PM
F (0/6)	43	Repeal the definition of enhanced salmon stocks.	Meeting 12-04-21: 04:04:13PM
N/A (6/0)	44	Amend allocation corrective action criteria for set gillnet gear under the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan. <i>(The board took no action based on a request by the proposer to withdraw the proposal under RC106.)</i>	Meeting 12-04-21: 04:08:45PM
C (5/1)	45	Increase minimum operation distance between set and drift gillnet gear in the Main Bay Subdistrict.	Meeting 12-04-21: 04:09:13PM
N/A (6/0)	46	Repeal limitations on use of deep gillnet gear. <i>(The board took no action based on a request by the proposer to withdraw the proposal under RC108.)</i>	Meeting 12-04-21: 04:20:02PM
F (0/6)	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.	Meeting 12-04-21: 04:20:32PM
F (0/6)	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.	Meeting 12-04-21: 04:20:32PM
F (0/6)	49	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan.	Meeting 12-04-21: 04:26:00PM
N/A (6/0)	50	Amend the Armin F. Koernig Salmon Hatchery Management Plan to reduce straying of hatchery-produced salmon. <i>(The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 49.)</i>	Meeting 12-04-21: 04:43:08PM
N/A (6/0)	51	Amend the Cannery Creek Salmon Hatchery Management Plan to reduce straying of hatchery-produced salmon. <i>(The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 49.)</i>	Meeting 12-04-21: 04:43:44PM
N/A (6/0)	52	Amend the Solomon Gulch Salmon Hatchery Management Plan to reduce straying of hatchery-produced salmon. <i>(The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 49.)</i>	Meeting 12-04-21: 04:44:11PM
N/A (6/0)	53	Amend the Wally Noerenberg (Esther Island) Hatchery Management Plan to reduce straying of hatchery-produced salmon. <i>(The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 49.)</i>	Meeting 12-04-21: 04:44:43PM



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F (0/6)	54	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan to specify hatchery chum salmon production.	Meeting 12-04-21: 04:45:06PM
N/A (6/0)	55	Amend private-non-profit hatchery permits to decrease allowable hatchery production. <i>(The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 54.)</i>	Meeting 12-04-21: 04:58:51PM
<i>Gear, Seasons, Closed Waters (5 Proposals)</i>			
C/A (5/1)	56	Create requirements and specifications for use of 250 fathoms of seine gear in Prince William Sound. <i>(Proposal carried after substituted with language found in RC74.)</i>	Meeting 12-04-21: 04:59:17PM
N/A (6/0)	57	Create requirements and specifications for use of 250 fathoms of seine gear in Prince William Sound. <i>(The board took no action based on the action under Proposal 56.)</i>	Meeting 12-04-21: 05:43:12PM
F (0/6)	58	Amend the Armin F. Koernig Salmon Hatchery Management Plan to provide daily fishing periods.	Meeting 12-05-21: 09:45:45AM
F (0/6)	59	Reduce waters closed to commercial salmon fishing.	Meeting 12-05-21: 09:53:52AM
C (6/0)	60	Update closed waters defined in regulation by incorporating GPS locations to replace closed waters areas historically defined by physical markers.	Meeting 12-05-21: 09:59:58AM
<i>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 5: SHELLFISH (19 proposals)</i>			
<i>Sea Cucumbers (2 Proposals)</i>			
N/A (6/0)	61	Establish a commercial fishery for sea cucumbers in Registration Area E. <i>(The board took no action based on the proposers request to withdraw the proposal under RC111.)</i>	Meeting 12-05-21: 03:37:08PM
F (3/3)	62	Establish a commercial fishery for sea cucumbers in Registration Area E.	Meeting 12-05-21: 03:38:09PM
<i>King Crab (5 Proposals)</i>			
N/A (6/0)	63	Amend Registration Area E king crab fishing seasons, guideline harvest level, and lawful gear regulations. <i>(The board took no action based on the proposers request to withdraw the proposal under RC111.)</i>	Meeting 12-05-21: 03:49:53PM
F (0/6)	64	Establish a fishing season for golden king crab in Registration Area E	Meeting 12-05-21: 03:50:36PM
F (0/6)	65	Establish a department-issued permit for the commercial golden king crab fishery in Registration Area E.	Meeting 12-05-21: 03:54:26PM



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C (6/0)	66	Amend guideline harvest range for golden king crab in Registration Area E.	Meeting 12-05-21: 03:58:24PM
F (0/6)	67	Establish a golden king pot limit in Registration Area E.	Meeting 12-05-21: 04:01:50PM
Tanner Crab Subsistence (1 Proposals)			
C/A (6/0)	68	Adopt amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence for Tanner crab in the Prince William Sound Area, outside the Valdez Nonsubsistence Area. <i>(The proposal was amended to select Option B – 300 to 2050 Tanner crab – for the amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence.)</i>	Meeting 12-05-21: 04:08:48PM
Tanner Crab Commercial (11 Proposals)			
F (0/6)	69	Modify criteria for opening commercial Tanner crab fishery in Prince William Sound.	Meeting 12-05-21: 04:44:47PM
N/A (6/0)	70	Modify criteria for opening commercial Tanner crab fishery in Prince William Sound. <i>(The board took no action based on action taken under Proposal 75.)</i>	Meeting 12-05-21: 04:55:11PM
N/A (6/0)	71	Adopt a new Tanner crab harvest strategy for Prince William Sound. <i>(The board took no action based on action taken under Proposal 75.)</i>	Meeting 12-05-21: 04:55:54PM
N/A (6/0)	72	Allow the department to issue a permit for Tanner crab fisheries closed more than one year. <i>(The board took no action based on action taken under Proposal 75.)</i>	Meeting 12-05-21: 04:56:26PM
C (6/0)	73	Establish closed waters for commercial Tanner crab fishing in the Prince William Sound Area, Registration Area E.	Meeting 12-05-21: 04:25:15PM
C/A (6/0)	74	Redefine and rename commercial Tanner crab districts in the Prince William Sound Area, and add one additional district. <i>(The proposal carried after it was substituted with language found in RC38.)</i>	Meeting 12-05-21: 04:29:01PM
C/A (6/0)	75	Adopt a new a Prince William Sound Area E Tanner crab harvest strategy to align with new proposed districts. <i>(The proposal carried after it was substituted with language found in RC109.)</i>	Meeting 12-05-21: 04:19:51PM
C (6/0)	76	Repeal commissioner's permits for Tanner crab in the Eastern and Western Districts of Prince William Sound Area.	Meeting 12-05-21: 04:32:20PM



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C (6/0)	77	Amend the Tanner crab registration deadline.	Meeting 12-05-21: 04:40:03PM
C (6/0)	78	Remove district references and include all districts in the Prince William Sound Area E and include a weather-delay provision for the opening date of the fishery.	Meeting 12-05-21: 04:42:01PM
C (4/2)	79	Designate Registration Area E an exclusive registration area for Tanner crab.	Meeting 12-05-21: 04:56:51PM
Shrimp Definition (1 Proposal)			
--	241	Define shrimp. (To be heard at Prince William Sound and Southeast meetings and deliberated on at the Statewide Shellfish meeting.)	--
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 6: COMMERCIAL HALIBUT GEAR, KUSKOKWIM RIVER SUBSISTENCE SALMON, BRISTOL BAY COMMERCIAL HERRING (3 proposals)			
Commercial Halibut Gear (1 Proposal)			
C (6/0)	278	Include pots as lawful gear for commercial halibut fishing.	Meeting 12-05-21: 05:04:30PM
Kuskokwim River Subsistence Salmon (1 Proposal)			
C (6/0)	279	Extend Kuskokwim River subsistence salmon fishing permit sunset date one year	Meeting 12-05-21: 05:11:36PM
Bristol Bay Commercial Herring (1 Proposal)			
C (6/0)	280	Extend Bristol Bay Herring Management Plan sunset dates one year.	Meeting 12-05-21: 05:14:27PM

* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry "Meeting 12-01-21" 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) Delegation to amend the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan re: escapement goal

The Board approved a delegation to the department to adopt regulations to change the escapement goal language in 5 AAC 24.361 Copper River King Salmon Management Plan as provided for in RC118. The board indicated its preference that the department use the actual escapement goal numbers in the regulation. This delegation was assigned policy number 2021-302-FB.

2) Discussion on scheduling for Proposal 281 (ACR #7)

The board noted a request under PC14 asking the board to consider rescheduling Proposal 281 (formerly ACR#7) at some time other than the March Statewide Shellfish meeting given many stakeholders would be finishing in a Pacific cod fishery at that time. After discussion, the board considered individuals who



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would not be able to attend had adequate time to submit written public comments and could appoint others who could represent their interests at the March meeting. The board approved maintaining the existing schedule and keeping Proposal 281 at the March Statewide meeting.

3) Draft policy on abstentions during voting

After hearing two abstention votes at the Prince William Sound meeting, the board considered a draft policy on abstentions (RC119). After discussion, the board chose not to establish the policy.

4) General discussion on policies

The board had a wide-ranging conversation about board process. Much of the discussion revolved around processes on how to get ADF&G staff comments much earlier than currently provided, determining a way to handle hatchery proposals intended to reduce production capacity in such a way to minimize workload for the board, staff, and general public, and handling identical serial proposals that are submitted meeting after meeting without any new information.

5) Discussion on the development of a board-generated proposal on a subsistence guide definition

In revisiting its action under Proposal 7, the board contemplated whether it made sense to generate a proposal intended to develop a statewide definition for subsistence fishery guide services. The board asked the department to draft language and present that to the board at the Southeast Finfish and Shellfish meeting for consideration and potential action.

The meeting adjourned at 9:57am on December 6, 2021.