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Dear Chairman Carlson-Van Dort and Board of Fisheries Members,

We, the members of the Ketchikan AC seek the Alaska Board of Fisheries support in reviewing and addressing recent management decisions that affect all Southeast resident harvesters of non-pelagic rockfish.

In early 2020 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game determined that the directed harvest of non-pelagic rockfish, including Yelloweye would cease for all user groups. This is especially troubling as these species are one of the most readily available protein sources for residents, besides shellfish. The emergence and continuing Covid-19 pandemic, increasing costs in freight, fuel and groceries, the interruption of the cruise ship industry and an uncertain future has made it difficult for some families to put food on the table. Food security is paramount to all but can be especially challenging in Southeast Alaska when we lose the opportunity to pursue and harvest our natural resources. We are thankful for our harvest opportunities and to maintain these opportunities we support the following principles of sound management.

- 1.) Identify, accurately survey and monitor resource populations
- 2.) Study the resource, its lifecycle and habitat
- 3.) Capture accurate harvest information

We have contacted the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to determine the cost of purchasing a submersible ROV and the required budget to survey inside waters of Southeast Alaska. The ability to effectively survey, study and monitor would provide necessary and valuable biological data to inform better management and harvest opportunity. We ask the Board of Fisheries support this endeavor and support funds be made available during the legislative session.

The Division of Sportfish has made great strides to identify harvest by the guided sport sector, we applaud this effort. We ask the Board now direct that harvest information of all other sport harvest groups be made accessible to the same program, or the new ADF&G app be made to record these harvests in real time.

We request the Board consider Proposal 228 in our efforts to provide harvest opportunity for residents while promoting and implementing sound management of our rockfish resources.

We thank the Board for its time, considerations, and commitment, especially in these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Chair Clay Bezenek and the Ketchikan AC



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- I. Please see attached meeting minutes and comments from Ketchikan AC meetings occurring on December 9th, 10th, 13th and 14th.

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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>			
80	Amend regulation to address payback provisions when the State of Alaska king salmon fisheries exceed Alaska’s annual king salmon all-gear harvest ceiling, as follows:		
Support	10	0	Support the Departments need for clarification
81	Allocate any Alaska all gear-allocation king salmon remaining after September 1 to the commercial troll fishery, as follows:		
Support	7	3	Some concern how allocation might occur, could trollers have to give up allocation.
82	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with the provisions of the 2019–2028 Pacific Salmon Treaty annex, as follows:		
Support	10	0	Support aligning management with PST
83	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for an average sport harvest of 20% of the sport/troll allocation with commensurate regulations addressing sport fishery overages in the commercial troll fishery, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	Do not support give and take between Sportfish and Troll
84	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to ensure no closure of the resident king salmon fishery due to allocation concerns, as follows:		
Support	7	2	1 abstain (not comfortable voting on this proposal). The AC supports flexibility in managing stocks during periods of low abundance. Though we support resident priority this proposal is not supported by the Department and would limit their ability to manage.
85	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing closed periods and reducing bag limits for nonresidents, as follows:		



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86	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing closed periods and reducing bag limits for nonresidents, as follows:		
Support	7	2	1 abstain (not comfortable voting on this proposal). The AC supports flexibility in managing stocks during periods of low abundance. Though we support resident priority this proposal is not supported by the Department and would limit their ability to manage.
87	Make numerous changes to management of commercial troll and sport fisheries for king salmon in Southeast Alaska, as follows:		
No Action	9	1	Though we sympathize with the proposer and agree with some aspects of the proposal, this proposal is really 7 separate proposals.
88	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a sliding sport allocation between 16 and 24 percent with commensurate commercial troll fishery allocation modification under commercial regulation, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	The proposer has withdrawn support. Aspects of this proposal are addressed in others.
89	Allow the use of two additional fishing lines during periods of king salmon non-retention in all of the Southeast-Yakutat area if there is more than one CFEC power troll permit holder on board the vessel, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	Gear modification could affect CPUE and thus domestic/international aspects of PST.
90	Change trigger to from an annual abundance index (AI) number to a District 13 early-winter power troll CPUE tier, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	Department already has this ability. Could reduce flexibility during periods of low abundance.
91	Reallocate the annual troll harvest allocation between the winter, spring and summer troll fisheries, as follows:		



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Oppose	0	10	Could impact troller harvest in August. Could lead to increase in incidental mortality. Could have impact on PST
92	Allow retention of king salmon greater than 26 inches in hatchery terminal harvest areas by commercial trollers, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	The Department can already do this by EO
93	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan by reducing the maximum nonresident annual limit to three king salmon, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	Current tier system already allows for reduced non-resident retention. Could impact Sportfish ability to reach allocation during periods of higher abundance.
94	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing specific closed periods and reducing annual limits for nonresidents, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	Opposed as it is similar to Prop 93
95	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to provide for in-season liberalization of management measures when the sport fish allocation will not be met, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	Some concern it would bring underages into management consideration. Could make it difficult to increase harvest opportunity later in the season
96	Expand waters of Herring Bay Terminal Harvest Area open to commercial troll fishing, as follows:		
Support	10	0	The Department has already been doing this. Interception of Unuk chinook is low at this time. Would increase harvest by the Troll fleet.
97	Establish waters closed to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet gear but open to commercial troll gear in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area when spring troll areas in District 6 and 8 are closed, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	Intent would be to increase Troll access. However, this is a small area, they are not effective in such a small area and there has been little effort in the past when this area was opened.
98	Change the ratio of drift gillnet to purse seine openings from 2:1 to 1:2 in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Allocative and housekeeping for SSRAA



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99	Establish a gear rotation between purse seine and troll gear in the Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest area, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Allocative
100	Remove drift gillnet gear from allowed gear to participate in the Southeast Cove THA common property fisheries, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Allocative
101	Modify management plan to further consider potential effect of hatchery-produced salmon on wild-stock salmon, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	We support enhancement hatcheries and the Department
102	Change the ratio of drift gillnet to purse seine openings from 2:1 to 1:2 in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Allocative
103	Modify net gear allocation guidelines to further consider potential effect of hatchery-produced salmon on wild-stock salmon and wild-stock salmon management, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	We support enhancement hatcheries and the Department
104	Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Burnett Inlet, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	SSRAA housekeeping
105	Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Port Saint Nicholas, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	SSRAA housekeeping
106	Modify boundaries of the Port Saint Nicholas Special Harvest Area and allow use of drift gillnet gear for cost recovery operations, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	SSRAA houskeeping
107	Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Port Asumcion, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	SSRAA housekeeping
108	Create a special harvest area for Port Asumcion, as follows:		
No Actioin	10	0	SSRAA housekeeping
109	Establish a hatchery special harvest area in Carroll Inlet, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	SSRAA housekeeping
110	Require reporting and recovery of lost drift gillnet gear, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	This doesn't happen often and is unenforceable without net marking requirements
111	Change the maximum drift gillnet mesh size during periods established by emergency order from 6 inches to 6 and one-eighth inches, as follows:		



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No Action	10	0	Not an issue in the Ketchikan area
112	Provide the department authority to allow drift gillnets of up to 90 meshes in depth to be used in the District 11 drift gillnet fishery beginning in SW 34, as follows:		
Support	10	0	Department is against changes that could impact CPUE, would rather give time than a deeper net.
113	Change the maximum mesh size during periods established by emergency order from 6 inches to a range of five and one-quarter to 6 inches and define dates in Districts 6, 8 and 11 when the mesh size will be implemented, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	Current regulations are effective in addressing chinook conservation.
114	Allow the use of fishing rods in conjunction with downriggers by hand trollers, as follows:		
Oppose	2	8	Could impact allocation and efficient. AST are against.
115	Modify the start date of the winter troll fishery, as follows:		
Oppose	1	8	1 abstain (not comfortable voting). Not an issue for SEAK inside stocks. Changing the date could impact CPUE
116	Require retention of king salmon caught during periods of non-retention to be retained if they are deemed too injured to be released and set price at one dollar for selling retained fish, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	Concern this would be abused. The regulation would be difficult to enforce and would be a subjective, a personal judgement call.
117	Allow trollers the use of two additional fishing lines in designated chum troll fishing areas in August and September, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	Could lead to changes in the CPUE in the coho fishery and would then conflict with historical data.
118	Modify the boundaries of Districts 6 and 8 in Sumner Strait, as follows:		
No Action	9	0	Outside the Ketchikan area
119	Create a new section in District 6 and reimplement the Section 6-D Pink Salmon Management Plan, as follows:		
Support	9	0	Aims to make regulations less confusing.



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120	Remove Section 6-D closure to fishing with drift gillnet gear during the month of August, as follows:		
Support	8	1	Gillnetters are behind in species allocation. Would impact CPUE data.
121	Establish waters closed to commercial drift gillnet fishing in and around Coffman Cove, as follows:		
No Action			
122	Northern Southeast seine salmon fishery management plans -- Remove sunset date so regulation remains in effect, as follows:		
No Action			
123	Remove the sunset date so regulation remains in effect and change effective end date of the plan from July 22 to July 15, as follows:		
No Action			
124	Establish additional guidelines for the department to manage the District 12 purse seine fishery north of Point Marsden, as follows:		
No Action			
276	Allow for the retention of salmon during periods of commercial non-retention when the sport fishery in the area is open for that species, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	This is allocative and could lead to issues with the PST
125	Clarify language for subsistence take of coho and king salmon, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	
126	Repeal net tending requirement in Yakutat Bay, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Outside the Ketchikan area
127	Repeal net tending requirement in Yakutat Bay, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Outside the Ketchikan area
128	Allow use of set gillnets in all Southeast Alaska area subsistence salmon fisheries, as follows:		
Oppose	3	7	Some members are against not tending a net
129	Modify closed waters and remove coho salmon annual limit for the Klawock River, as follows:		



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Oppose	0	10	Should be addressed under personal-use. Concerned about the potential harvest of sockeye
130	Modify fishing times and locations for subsistence salmon fishery in the Klawock River and Lake, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	Concerned about potential overharvest of sockeye.
131	Modify fishing area and add hand purse seine as legal gear for the Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence salmon fishery, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Outside the Ketchikan area.
132	Prohibit the use of spears in Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence fishery from June 21 to August 1, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Outside the Ketchikan area.
133	Allow the use of seine and gillnet gear in the waters of Redoubt Bay that are open to commercial salmon fishing, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Outside the Ketchikan area.
134	Prohibit obstructing more than half of the stream, creek, or river when personal use fishing, as follows:		
Support	10	0	The proposal would allow more fish to escape. This is already on the KTN management permit.
135	Allow permits to be issued for the personal use taking of king and coho salmon, as follows:		
Support	10	0	Department would stipulate this would only occur in areas targeting hatchery chinook.
136	Include commercial harvested salmon to fish that may not be possessed on the same day sport or personal use salmon are taken, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	
137	Prohibit personal use proxy permits at Sweetheart Creek, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Outside the Ketchikan area
138	Create salmon personal use fisheries in marine waters of the Juneau Management Area, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Outside the Ketchikan area



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139	Modify where personal use fishing can occur in the Taku River to include all of Section 11-B and remove dates when the fishery can occur, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Outside the Ketchikan area
140	Add section 11-B as a personal use salmon fishing area when the area is closed to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Outside the Ketchikan area
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No Action	10	0	Outside the Ketchikan area
142	Establish bag and possession limits and lawful gear for smelt fishing in the Ketchikan area, as follows:		
Support	10	0	Department would be comfortable allowing for limited harvest through subsistence use through the USFS
143	Require in-season reporting of non-resident sport fish harvest, as follows:		
Support	8	2	
144	Establish a logbook program for rental vessels used in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows:		
Support	9	0	Concern that a significant amount of boats are not caught in creel. We want to see timely data available to inform management. We support any and all tools to allow for resident priority and good management.
145	Establish nonresident bag, possession, and annual limits for coho and sockeye salmon in the fresh and salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows:		
Support	9	0	Ketchikan is not a federally qualified subsistence community.
146	Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for coho, sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows:		
Oppose	0	9	Only concern is with McDonald Lake sockeye.
147	Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for coho salmon in the fresh waters east of the longitude of Cape Fairweather, as follows:		
Oppose	0	9	



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148	Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows:		
Oppose	0	9	No biological concern.
149	Reduce saltwater coho salmon bag and possession limit in Puget Cove to two fish, as follows:		
No Action	9	0	Outside the Ketchikan area.
150	Repeal rainbow trout size limits in Crystal, Glacier, and Moraine lakes, as follows:		
No Action	9	0	Outside the Ketchikan area
151	Prohibit guided sport fishing on the Salmon River near Gustavus, as follows:		
No Action	9	0	Outside the Ketchikan area
152	Close sport fishing in a section of 108 Creek, as follows:		
Support	8	1	Current regs are regional. Higher mortality in freshwater based on research on the Kenai. Support if this does not create a personal resident fishery.
153	Close sport fishing in a section of Log Jam Creek, as follows:		
Support	6	2	1 abstain (concern there is something else afoot), could create an exclusion subsistence or personal-use fishery. Some support to preserve the resource.
154	Allow the use of bow and arrow in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows:		
Oppose	1	8	Would this require a bow certification. Concerns with the ability to distinguish between species. Would not be able to safely release non-target species. Could pose a hazard/safety concern in populated areas.
155	Prohibit the removal of salmon from the water when non-retention regulations apply and prohibit the use of a multiple hook in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows:		



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Oppose	2	6	Proposal is overly broad. We support good catch-n-release habits to include not removing fish from the water. Do not wish to see people removing fish from the water to take pictures if they are to be released. There is little support for restricting treble hooks.
277	Align bag limits for non-resident unguided halibut harvest from rental vessels in Southeast Alaska with NOAA bag limits for guided anglers in Halibut Management Area 2C, as follows:		
No Action	9	0	Out of the Ketchikan area
156	Modify harvest rate control rule for Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Out of the Ketchikan area
157	Modify harvest rate for Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery based on forecasted age structure, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Out of the Ketchikan area
158	Incorporate forecasted age structure into Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery spawning biomass threshold, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Out of the Ketchikan area
159	Repeal this regulation related to management of the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Sitka Sound, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Out of the Ketchikan area
160	Reduce closed waters in the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Out of the Ketchikan area
161	Require a subsistence fishing permit to harvest herring roe on branches in the Sitka Sound area, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Out of the Ketchikan area
162	Increase the possession limit for subsistence spawn-on-kelp harvest, as follows:		
Support	10	0	This is often shared with families. This is a way to help provide for others in need.
163	Establish equal share quotas for the Sitka sac roe purse seine fishery, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Out of the Ketchikan area



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164	Establish equal share quotas for the Sitka Sound sac roe herring purse seine fishery, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Out of the Ketchikan area
165	Allow unharvested Sitka sac roe quota to be harvested for food and bait by herring sac roe purse seine permit holders, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Out of the Ketchikan area
166	Create an open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Out of the Ketchikan area
167	Redefine the boundaries of the Hoonah Sound spawn-on-kelp fishery (13-C) and the Sitka sac roe fishery (13-A/B), as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Out of the Ketchikan area
168	Repeal commercial set gillnet sac roe herring fisheries in Section 1-F, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	Permit holders would like to keep this on the books. It's difficult to get a fishery back once it's gone. Will not open unless there are multiple years of biomass. No interest in harvest opportunity from stakeholders if the resource can't support it.
169	Repeal commercial set gillnet sac roe herring fisheries in Sections 1-E and 1-F, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	Permit holders would like to keep this on the books. It's difficult to get a fishery back once it's gone. Will not open unless there are multiple years of biomass. No interest in harvest opportunity from stakeholders if the resource can't support it.
233	Remove districts 13-A and 13-B from Northern Southeast herring spawn on kelp pound fishery administrative area, as follows:		
No Action			Out of the Ketchikan area
170	Establish a positive customary and traditional use finding for shellfish and plants for all intertidal areas of Southeast Alaska and Yakutat, as follows:		
Support	10	0	



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171	Change the start of the pot shrimp season from October to after March, as follows:		
Support	9	1	Support this proposal with a May 15 th start date.
172	Change the pot shrimp fishery from a fall/winter season to a spring/summer season, as follows:		
Support	9	1	Support this proposal with a May 15 th start date.
173	Repeal rainbow trout size limits in Crystal, Glacier, and Moraine lakes, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Outside the Ketchikan area
174	Change the pot shrimp season in Districts 2 and 6 from a fall/winter season to spring/summer season, as follows:		
Support	10	0	Support this proposal with a May 15 th start date.
175	Limit the number of shrimp pots that may be deployed on a longline to 10, as follows:		
No Action	10	0	The Department manages to meet GHL.
176	Reduce the number of shrimp pots that a vessel may fish, as follows:		
Oppose	1	9	Some concern it would benefit smaller operators. Gear could be pulled more often, resulting in the harvest of more small shrimp.
177	Establish closed waters in the Hydaburg area of Section 3-A, as follows:		
Support	10	0	We support closing a smaller area to allow for harvest opportunity free from commercial competition.
178	Expand waters closed to commercial pot shrimp fishery in Kasaan Bay, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	Tools exist to manage and close the fishery if needed.
179	Expand waters closed to commercial pot shrimp fishery in Twelve-Mile Arm, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	Tools exist to manage and close the fishery if needed
180	Repeal observer coverage requirement, as follows:		



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Oppose	0	10	This tool is optional, is not a requirement and has never been utilized. We would oppose taking this tool away.
181	Open a directed sidestripe beam trawl fishery in District 8 for remainder of November-February season once the directed shrimp beam trawl fishery has closed, as follows:		
Support	10	0	Would like to give local fishermen some opportunity.
182	Divide the District 15 GHR into two fishing areas with distinct GHRs for the new areas, as follows:		
Support	10	0	Outside of the Ketchikan area
183	Establish tunnel eye size requirements for ridged mesh shrimp pots in the personal use and sport fisheries, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	
184	Clarify the practice of long-lining shrimp pots in the sport fishery, as follows:		
Support	10	0	Broad support to disallow non-residents from longlining
185	Allow the use of artificial lights as an attractant when taking squid., as follows:		
No Action	10	0	Artificial light is not currently prohibited.
186	Allow the take of squid with hook and line gear with an unlimited number of hooks, as follows:		
Support	10	0	Would like to see BoF direction. AC supports current regs for baitfish harvest.
187	Allow the department to modify weekly fishing periods by emergency order during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day, as follows:		
Support	10	0	Currently co-managed, support to allow it to start any day.
188	Change the start of the sea cucumber fishery from October 1 to the first Monday or Tuesday of October, as follows:		
Support	10	0	The Department supports.
189	Allow the department to increase the number of divers allowed to fish from a vessel from two to four by emergency order, as follows:		
Support	10	0	This would only be done late in the season and would improve economics.
190	Amend the Red King Crab Management Plan to include trip limits and equal share quotas when harvestable surplus is below threshold, as follows:		



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Oppose	1	10	Could result in unsustainable harvest.
191	Amend the Southeast Alaska Red King Crab Management Plan to base harvestable surplus on historical fishery performance information when surveys are not available, as follows:		
Oppose	2	9	Could lead to overharvest and loss of personal-use opportunity
192	Establish minimum guideline harvest level and guidance on in-season adjustment of guideline harvest levels in the Southeast Alaska golden king crab fishery, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	Department wouldn't be able to close the fishery. Current harvest seems to indicate low abundance.
193	Extend northern boundary of the Southern management area, as follows:		
Support	11	0	Would increase the southern area for golden king crab. The Department supports this proposal.
194	Remove Glacier Bay from the list of blue king crab fishing areas within Registration Area A, as follows:		
No Action	11	0	Outside the Ketchikan area
195	Extend Tanner crab fishing season in exploratory areas, as follows:		
Support	11	0	The Department supports this proposal
196	Reduce the commercial golden king crab pot limit in waters of Registration Area A from 100 pots per vessel to 80 pots per vessel, as follows:		
Support	11	0	Would reduce fishing pressure on golden king crab.
197	Modify Tanner crab harvest strategy definition of core, non-core, and exploratory areas, as follows:		
Oppose	0	11	Would result in a less orderly fishery, difficult to describe, maintain and enforce.
198	Establish fixed start date for the Registration Area A commercial Tanner crab fishery, as follows:		
Oppose	0	11	Current regulations allow for flexibility and a start to the fishery with better tides.
199	Allow operation of personal use, subsistence, or sport Dungeness crab and shrimp pot gear during the commercial king or Tanner crab fishery, as follows:		
Oppose	0	11	



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200	Close the Dungeness crab commercial and nonresident sport fisheries in the vicinity of Klawock, as follows:		
Support	10	1	Problems might be more associated with sea otters
201	Expand closed water boundary lines for the Dungeness crab commercial fishery in the Sitka Sound Special Use Area during the summer season, as follows:		
Oppose	1	10	We would support if it addressed resident priority
202	Reduce waters closed to Dungeness crab commercial fishing in Tenakee Inlet, as follows:		
Support	11	0	The remaining closed areas is enough to meet the needs of residents and non-residents.
203	Repeal closed waters for Dungeness crab commercial fishing in Merrifield Bay and Port Protection, as follows:		
Support	11	0	
204	Close the Dungeness crab sport fishery in the vicinity of Coffman Cove, as follows:		
Support	6	4	1 abstain (not comfortable voting). No conservation concern in this area. Would un-align Federal and State regs.
205	Close waters in Coffman Cove to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab, as follows:		
Oppose	0	11	This would increase fishing pressure and density of gear in open areas.
206	Close the Dungeness crab sport fishery in the vicinity of Whale Pass, as follows:		
Oppose	5	6	No conservation concern. Harvest data has been stable.
207	Close waters in Whale Pass to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab, as follows:		
Oppose	0	11	This would increase fishing pressure and density of gear in open areas.
208	Close waters in Kasaan Bay to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab, as follows:		
Oppose	1	10	No conservation concern. Harvest numbers are good.
209	Reduce the number of crab pots allowed and the Dungeness crab bag limit for nonresident anglers in District 3, as follows:		



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Support	11	0	This seems a better way of reducing efficiency but still allow for harvest.
210	Establish waters closed to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab in Sukwaan Strait, as follows:		
Oppose	1	10	AC is sympathetic. Would like to see the closed area reduced due to its large size. Closed area should include Natzuhini Bay as it is a common harvest area.
211	Repeal and amend Dungeness crab fishing season in Sitka Sound Special Use Area, as follows:		
Support	11	0	Outside the Ketchikan area
212	Extend pot storage allowance after fishery closure, as follows:		
Support	11	0	This helps address safety concerns.
213	Extend pot storage allowance after fishery closure, as follows:		
Support	11	0	This helps address safety concerns.
214	Clarify that Dungeness crab pots are circular in shape, as follows:		
Support	11	0	This clarifies regulations.
215	Align state waters sablefish fishing season with federal sablefish fishing season, as follows:		
Oppose	0	9	Historical data and assessment couldn't be used because the fishery would already be occurring.
216	Extend sablefish fishing season to December 15, as follows:		
Oppose	0	9	Would create an exclusive fishery for pot gear.
217	Adjust lingcod bycatch allocations between groundfish and salmon fisheries, as follows:		
Support	9	0	Bycatch allocation is currently not fully utilized.
218	Establish registration requirements for the Pacific cod directed fishery, as follows:		
Support	9	0	This is housekeeping and is the only fishery currently not requiring registration.



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219	Clarify lawful gear for rockfish retention, as follows:		
Support	9	0	We support this Department proposal.
220	Allow pot gear in the Northern Southeast Inside Subdistrict sablefish commercial fishery, as follows:		
Support	9	0	Much less bycatch with pot gear. Would limit whale predation and bycatch.
221	Reduce the minimum inside diameter of circular escape rings from four inches to three and three fourths of an inch on pots used to take sablefish, as follows:		
Support	9	0	This regulation would make it optional to go to a smaller ring.
222	Require CFEC permit holders fishing for groundfish or halibut using hook-and-line, pot, or jig gear in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area to retain and land all rockfish, including thornyhead rockfish, as follows:		
Oppose	3	6	Unknown how thornyhead survive after release. Concern that the Department would require total retention for commercial but sportfish are required to release all DSR rockfish. Frustration with the lack of inside surveys and having to use outside data to inform management. Support additional funding and surveying for inside waters.
223	Establish and clarify gear specifications of a groundfish pot for the subsistence and personal use sablefish fisheries, as follows:		
Support	9	0	This is housekeeping and would better define gear between fisheries.
224	Allow rod and reel as lawful gear to harvest rockfish for personal use, as follows:		
Support	9	0	This is an effort to allow a resident who can't pull a longline to the opportunity to catch a rockfish. Current longline regs allow for unlimited hooks, bycatch is far higher than if by rod&reel. Deep water releases allow for safe return of fish at depth.
225	Modify sablefish bag, possession, and nonresident annual limits based on sablefish abundance in NSEI and SSEI sections, as follows:		



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No Action	9	0	Current participation is low. Some confusion in the proposal.
226	Establish bag and possession limit for slope rockfish, as follows:		
Oppose	0	9	The Department is already doing this. Putting it into regulation would limit management tools available to the Department.
227	Reduce the nonpelagic rockfish bag and possession limits and prohibit retention of yellow rockfish, as follows:		
Oppose	0	9	Though we support the Department it's hard to accept the complete loss of access to non-pelagics due to yelloweye.
228	Reduce the nonpelagic rockfish bag and possession limits and prohibit the retention of yelloweye rockfish by nonresidents in the SSEI Section, as follows:		
Support	9	0	The Department opposes this proposal. We support the need for more funding and data. Non-resident anglers take the vast majority of the resource. Residents harvest far fewer fish and depend on them for food security.
229	Establish lingcod bag, possession, size, and annual limits for nonresidents in the Central Southeast Outside Waters section, as follows:		
No Action	9	0	
230	Amend the Demersal shelf rockfish delegation of authority and provisions for management to provide a resident priority, as follows:		
Support	8	1	
231	Amend harvest record recording requirements for lingcod, as follows:		
No Action	9	0	



Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____