



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Bristol Bay Finfish

November 29 – December 3, 2023 | Dena’ina 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:

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=11-29-2022&meeting=anchorage>

Board Members Present

Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair

John Jensen, Vice-chair

John Wood

Mike Heimbuch

Tom Carpenter

McKenzie Mitchell

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

| Action | # | Proposal | Audio Tracking Info ¹ |
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| <i>Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan (3 proposals)</i> | | | |
| Post-poned | 11 | Make numerous amendments to the Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan. | 12-01-22 8:51:23 AM |
| Post-poned | 12 | Make several changes to the management plan to reduce commercial king salmon harvest and increase sockeye salmon harvest. | 12-01-22 8:51:23 AM |
| Post-poned | 13 | Structure fishing periods in the Nushagak District so that pulses of king salmon, not subjected to commercial fishing pressure, may enter the Nushagak River. | 12-01-22 8:51:23 AM |
| Proposals 11–13 and the draft Action Plan for Nushagak River Chinook Salmon were deferred to the March 10-14, 2023 meeting on Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues. | | | |
| <i>Subsistence Salmon (3 proposals)</i> | | | |
| C 6-0 | 14 | Reinstate provision that set gillnets are the only lawful gear for subsistence fishing for salmon in the Naknek, Alagnak, and Wood River Special Harvest Areas. | 12-02-22 1:50:03 PM |

¹ The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry “Meeting 12-02-22” indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the proposal began according to the meeting audio.



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| F 3-3 | 15 | Allow use of small fishwheels to harvest salmon for subsistence purposes in the Ugashik Bay, Ugashik River, and Dago Creek drainages | 12-02-22 1:55:31 PM |
| C 6-0 | 16 | Repeal requirement that subsistence salmon fishing permits for the Naknek River Drainage may only be obtained at the King Salmon office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. | 12-02-22 2:10:51 PM |
| <i>Sport Fishing Guides (1 proposal)</i> | | | |
| F 1-5 | 17 | Limit guided angler access to sport fishing in a section of the Naknek River. | 12-02-22 2:17:50 PM |
| <i>Methods and Means (3 proposals)</i> | | | |
| F 0-6 | 18 | Prohibit the use of salmon eggs for sport fishing. | 12-02-22 2:28:44 PM |
| F 0-6 | 19 | Prohibit the use of certain sport fishing tackle in a section of the Naknek River. | 12-02-22 2:33:38 PM |
| F/A 0-6 | 20 | Prohibit the use of bait and barbed hooks in the Wood River Lakes system. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC99.</i> | 12-02-22 2:42:35 PM |
| <i>Rainbow Trout (1 proposal)</i> | | | |
| F 1-5 | 21 | Prohibit harvest of rainbow trout by nonresident anglers in a section of the Naknek river drainage. | 12-02-22 2:48:24 PM |
| <i>Sport Salmon (8 proposals)</i> | | | |
| F 2-4 | 22 | Close Big Creek to sport fishing for salmon. | 12-02-22 2:58:08 PM |
| F 0-6 | 23 | Allow retention of king salmon less than 20 inches in length in Big Creek. | 12-02-22 3:14:45 PM |
| C/A 4-2 | 24 | Reduce king salmon bag and possession limits and prohibit harvest of female king salmon in the Naknek River drainage. <i>Amended using language found in RC107</i> | 12-02-22 3:19:26 PM |
| N/A | 25 | Reduce king salmon bag and possession limits and prohibit harvest of female king salmon in the Naknek River drainage. | 12-02-22 4:23:00 PM |
| F 0-6 | 26 | Close tributaries and upper section of the Naknek River to sport fishing for king salmon. | 12-02-22 4:23:39 PM |
| F 1-5 | 27 | Create a nonresident annual limit for coho salmon in the Naknek River drainage. | 12-02-22 4:29:06 PM |
| F/A 1-5 | 28 | Close the Nushagak, Mulchatna, and Nuyakuk river drainages to sport fishing for king salmon. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC69</i> | 12-02-22 4:35:30 PM |



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| C/A 6-0 | 29 | Restrict the Togiak River king salmon sport fishery until a minimum king salmon commercial harvest is achieved. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC66 and references to barbless hooks removed.</i> | 12-02-22 4:48:01 PM |
| Miscellaneous Sport (1 proposal) | | | |
| C/A 6-0 | 30 | Create a youth-only sport fishery in the Naknek River drainage. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC96.</i> | 12-02-22 5:08:15 PM |
| King Salmon Harvest Reporting (2 proposals) | | | |
| C/A 5-1 | 31 | Require reporting of king salmon harvest in guided sport fisheries and commercial fisheries in Bristol Bay. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC105.</i> | 12-02-22 5:18:17 PM |
| N/A | 32 | Require reporting of king salmon harvest in guided sport fisheries and commercial fisheries in Bristol Bay. | 12-02-22 5:52:53 PM |
| Gear Specifications and Operations; Vessel Specifications and Operations (15 proposals) | | | |
| C 4-1 | 33 | Increase maximum offshore operation distance for set gillnets in Ugashik District. | 12-03-22 8:47:55 AM |
| F 0-5 | 34 | Increase minimum distance between units of drift and set gillnet gear in the Ugashik District. | 12-03-22 8:53:13 AM |
| F/A 3-2 | 35 | Increase minimum distance between units set and drift gillnet gear. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC100.</i> | 12-03-22 9:03:28 AM |
| F/A 3-2 | 36 | Limit the length of drift gillnet tows to 100 feet. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC94 and further amended to a length of 600' / 100fm.</i> | 12-03-22 9:10:13 AM |
| N/A | 37 | Limit the length of drift gillnet tows to 100 feet. | 12-03-22 9:20:52 AM |
| N/A | 38 | Limit the length of drift gillnet tows to 25 fathoms. | 12-03-22 9:21:15 AM |
| F 0-5 | 39 | Prohibit placement of set gillnet gear on the shore fishery lease site of another set gillnet permit holder. | 12-03-22 9:21:49 AM |
| F 2-3 | 40 | Increase area available to set gillnet fishermen in the Graveyard Point area. | 12-03-22 9:25:14 AM |
| C/A 5-0 | 41 | Adjust seaward boundary for set gillnet gear near in the Nushagak District. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC101.</i> | 12-03-22 9:51:09 AM |
| F 0-5 | 42 | Repeal provisions allowing operation of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet from a vessel with two CFEC permit holders onboard. | 12-03-22 9:55:24 AM |
| N/A | 43 | Repeal provisions allowing operation of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet from a vessel with two CFEC permit holders onboard. | 12-03-22 9:59:43 AM |
| N/A | 44 | Review provisions allowing operation of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet from a vessel with two CFEC permit holders onboard. | 12-03-22 10:00:15 AM |



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| F 0-5 | 45 | Provide drift gillnet vessels with a single permit holder onboard more fishing opportunity per opening than vessels with two permit holders onboard. | 12-03-22 10:36:08 AM |
| F 0-5 | 46 | Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery. | 12-03-22 10:40:14 AM |
| N/A | 47 | Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery. | 12-03-22 10:46:32 AM |
| Registration and Re-registration; Time and Area; Area and District Descriptions (9 proposals) | | | |
| C/A 5-0 | 48 | Delay the date at which fishermen may reregister to or from the Togiak District. <i>Amended using substitute language found in RC95.</i> | 12-03-22 10:47:09 AM |
| F 1-4 | 49 | Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan. | 12-03-22 10:53:06 AM |
| N/A | 50 | Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan. | 12-03-22 11:05:45 AM |
| N/A | 51 | Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan. | 12-03-22 11:06:09 AM |
| N/A | 52 | Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan. | 12-03-22 11:06:28 AM |
| N/A | 53 | Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan. | 12-03-22 11:06:58 AM |
| N/A | 54 | Adopt an Eastside Bristol Bay late-season management plan. | 12-03-22 11:07:14 AM |
| C/A 5-0 | 55 | Align Naknek Section southern boundary line with Naknek-Kvichak District southern boundary line. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC41</i> | 12-03-22 11:07:36 AM |
| F/A 0-5 | 56 | Allow drift gillnet fishermen to make 'test sets' under certain circumstances. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC83.</i> | 12-03-22 11:11:45 AM |
| East Side Management (4 proposals) | | | |
| F 0-5 | 57 | Repeal set and drift gillnet allocations in the Naknek-Kvichak District. | 12-03-22 11:21:34 AM |
| C/A 4-1 | 58 | Provide increased commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Naknek River Special Harvest Area. <i>Amended to require fish harvested in the Naknek Section or Naknek-Kvichak District shall be delivered prior to fishing in the NRSHA</i> | 12-03-22 11:36:20 AM |
| C 4-1 | 59 | Repeal provisions directing the department to avoid continuous fishing with set gillnet gear in the Egegik District. | 12-03-22 11:51:55 AM |
| C 5-0 | 60 | Align the Ugashik District fall fishing schedule with the Naknek-Kvichak District and Egegik District fall fishing schedules. | 12-03-22 11:59:58 AM |
| Reporting Requirements (1 proposal) | | | |
| N/A | 61 | Require reporting of king salmon harvest by size class on fish tickets. <i>Proposer request to withdraw RC22</i> | 12-02-22 5:55:10 PM |



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| <i>Herring (1 proposal)</i> | | | |
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| C 6-0 | 62 | Allow all commercial gear types to fish for herring simultaneously in Bristol Bay. | 12-02-22 5:55:42 PM |

Other Board Action/Issues/Discussion:

Miscellaneous Business

1. The board added one day to the March 2023, meeting on Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues to accommodate Proposals 11–13 and the Nushagak River Chinook Salmon Action Plan, which were deferred. New meeting dates: March 10–14, 2023 (Egan Center, Anchorage).
2. Discussion about the need for increased fishery enforcement funding was referred to the board's Legislation Committee to develop recommendations to be brought back to the full board for consideration at a future meeting.
3. Member Mitchell provided the board with an update on the newly formed UAF/UAS Master of Marine Policy program.
4. The board discussed whether there is a need to continue the Committee on Naknek River Sport Commercial Services/Guide Fisheries. No decision reached; board Chair will take it under advisement and welcomes additional public input on the matter.