



**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AND UPPER COPPER/UPPER
SUSITNA RIVERS FINFISH AND SHELLFISH (EXCEPT
SHRIMP)**

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**Tentative Proposal Roadmap
(103 Proposals)**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 1: PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND
GROUNDFISH (29 proposals – Chair Carpenter)**

Subsistence Groundfish (1 proposal)

- 1 Establish pot gear as legal gear for sablefish in PWS subsistence, sport, and personal use fisheries

Commercial Groundfish (23 proposals)

- 2 Reopen waters closed to the harvest of groundfish in Prince William Sound
- 4 Restrict gear in Prince William Sound relative to the rockfish guideline harvest level
- 5 Adopt a provision to close waters to specific groundfish gear types for rockfish conservation
- 6 Allow for release of rockfish in mechanical jig and hand troll fisheries
- 8 Modify the Prince William Sound pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level
- 9 Combine the Pacific cod longline and pot gear allocations and close the longline fishery for Pacific cod when the commercial halibut fishery is closed
- 10 Modify pot limit in the Prince William Sound Pacific cod fishery
- 11 Reduce the Prince William Sound Pacific cod jig/hand troll allocation and create a new, larger allocation for pot and longline gear
- 12 Increase Pacific cod allocation for jig and pot gear to 50%
- 13 Increase bycatch limits for skates in the Prince William Sound Pacific cod fishery
- 14 Close the Prince William Sound walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery
- 15 Modify bycatch limits in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery
- 16 Close the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery
- 17 Establish observer requirements in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery
- 18 Extend the season dates in the Prince William Sound sablefish fishery
- 19 Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound
- 20 Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound
- 3 Modify Prince William Sound groundfish pot specifications
- 7 Establish gear specifications for directed lingcod fisheries in Prince William Sound
- 21 Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound
- 22 Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound
- 23 Prohibit the retention of sablefish from state waters
- 24 Lengthen the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound



Personal Use Groundfish (2 proposals)

- 25 Establish a personal use sablefish fishery in Prince William Sound
- 26 Establish a Prince William Sound groundfish personal use fishery

Sport Groundfish (3 proposals)

- 27 Modify rockfish bag and possession limits
- 28 Modify the rockfish area, bag and possession limit
- 29 Create additional provisions for yelloweye rockfish management

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 2: PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND SHELLFISH
(14 proposals – Chair Wood)**

Subsistence Shellfish (4 proposals)

- 30 Increase subsistence Tanner crab pot limit in portions of Prince William Sound
- 31 Repeal closed waters for the Prince William Sound subsistence and commercial Tanner crab fisheries
- 32 Reopen the subsistence and commercial Dungeness crab fisheries in Prince William Sound
- 33 Adopt community-based subsistence harvest permits and reporting requirements for shellfish in the Prince William Sound Area

Tanner Crab (5 proposals)

- 34 Repeal the Registration Area E Tanner crab harvest strategy
- 35 Modify the harvest strategy for Prince William Sound Tanner crab
- 36 Increase the pot limit in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery
- 37 Establish a pot limit of 30 pots per vessel in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery
- 38 Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery to also tender Tanner crab

King Crab (4 proposals)

- 39 Establish season dates for a commercial golden king crab fishery in Prince William Sound
- 40 Adopt a harvest strategy for golden king crab in Prince William Sound
- 41 Adopt new Prince William Sound king and Tanner crab harvest strategies
- 42 Open a sport king crab fishery and liberalize the personal use king and Tanner crab fisheries in Prince William Sound

Miscellaneous Shellfish (1 proposal)

- 43 Establish a directed octopus fishery in Prince Willilam Sound

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 3: COPPER RIVER SALMON (27 proposals
– Chair Godfrey)**

Subsistence (7 proposals)

- 44 Allow more than the legal limit of gillnet gear to be onboard a vessel used in the subsistence salmon fishery



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- 45 Allow subsistence fishing for salmon in the Copper River inside closure area
- 46 Require harvest reporting within seven days of harvest in the lower Copper River district subsistence salmon fishery
- 47 Require inseason reporting in subsistence and personal use fisheries
- 48 Repeal the prohibition of subsistence guide services in the Glennallen Subdistrict
- 49 Prohibit transport services in the Glennallen Subdistrict
- 50 Prohibit the use of chartplotters or fish finders in the Chitina and Glennallen Subdistricts

Salmon Management Plans (5 proposals)

- 51 Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District
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- 53 Allow the Copper River District commercial salmon fishery to open for the first two periods, then close until the Copper River cumulative salmon management objective is met
- 54 Restrict use of Copper River District inside closure area during statistical weeks 20 and 21
- 55 Restrict commercial guide services in the Upper Copper River District when the Copper River District commercial fishery is restricted

Personal Use (14 proposals)

- 58 Provide EO authority to liberalize personal use king salmon limits when escapement goal is exceeded
- 59 Provide EO authority to liberalize personal use sockeye salmon limits when escapement goal is exceeded
- 60 Modify the annual limit for the Chitina Subdistrict
- 61 Modify the annual limit and establish a supplemental permit for the Chitina Subdistrict
- 62 Allow inseason adjustment of the Copper River personal use maximum harvest level
- 63 Amend the opening date of the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery
- 64 Prohibit a household from possessing permits for multiple personal use salmon fisheries in the same year
- 65 Require a weekly permit and inseason reporting in the Chitina Subdistrict
- 66 Manage the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery to achieve the Gulkana Hatchery broodstock goal
- 67 Prohibit removing king salmon from the water if it is to be released in the Chitina Subdistrict
- 68 Prohibit dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict
- 69 Establish restrictions when dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict
- 70 Extend the lower boundary of the Chitina Subdistrict
- 71 Prohibit guiding in the Chitina Subdistrict

Sport (1 proposal)

- 72 Close sport fishing for salmon based on water temperature in the Gulkana River



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 4: COMMERCIAL FISHING PERMITS, ALLOCATION PLAN AND HATCHERY OPERATIONS, AND HERRING (20 proposals – Chair Chamberlain)

Allocation Plan and Hatchery Operations (7 proposals)

- 75 Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan
- 78 Reduce Prince William Sound hatchery permitted pink salmon egg take level by 25%
- 76 Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan to increase access to the Port Chalmers Subdistrict by drift gillnet permit holders.
- 77 Include salmon produced by Valdez Fishery Development Association in the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan.
- 79 Close Main Bay to all fishing during hatchery cost recovery operations
- 80 Manage the Main Bay sport fishery based on the hatchery corporate escapement goal
- 81 Modify the area open to sport fishing near the Main Bay Hatchery

Commercial Fishing Permits (4 proposals)

- 73 Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine permit holders
- 74 Allow permit stacking in the Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine fishery
- 56 Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon drift gillnet permit holders
- 57 Allow dual permit operations in the Prince William sound commercial drift gillnet salmon fishery

Herring (9 proposals)

- 95 Make numerous changes to management of commercial herring fisheries in Prince William Sound
- 96 Change herring management year dates for the Prince William Sound District and create a new food and bait fishery allocation
- 97 Reduce the minimum herring spawning biomass threshold
- 98 Align Prince William Sound herring and salmon management area descriptions
- 99 Define commercial herring fishery districts in Prince William Sound
- 100 Adopt a Kayak Island District herring management plan
- 101 Adopt a new exploratory fishery for herring in the eastern portion of the Prince William Sound Management Area
- 102 Allow commercial fishery permit holders to harvest herring for the own use as bait
- 103 Allow dual permit commercial herring purse seine operations in Prince William Sound

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 5: PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AND UPPER COPPER AND UPPER SUSITNA RIVERS SPORT (13 proposals – Chair Svendsen)

Prince William Sound (7 proposals)

- 82 Modify the Prince William Sound management area marine waters into two units
- 83 Allow a resident sport angler to use two rods when fishing for salmon



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- 84 Prohibit charter operators and crew from retaining king salmon and rockfish while clients are on board the vessel
- 85 Modify the bag and possession limit for coho salmon
- 86 Modify the sport fishing area and season dates in Ibeck Creek
- 87 Modify the sport fishing area and season in a Copper River Delta system
- 88 Modify coho salmon fishery bag limits and methods and means if the commercial fishery is closed

Upper Copper and Upper Susitna River (6 proposals)

- 89 Increase the bag and possession limit for burbot in Lake Louise
- 90 Modify bag and possession limits of burbot in Crosswind Lake
- 91 Modify seasons, bag, possession, and size limits for Arctic grayling in Mendeltna Creek, Moose Lake, and Our Creek
- 92 Modify the seasonal bait closure in Paxson and Summit Lakes
- 93 Modify area closed to sport fishing in Hungry Hollow Creek
- 94 Repeal definition of “bow and arrow” in area regulations