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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Southeast/Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish January 28-February 9, 2025 Ted Ferry Civic Center, Ketchikan

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

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Board Members Present

Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair
Curt Chamberlain
Greg Svendsen
Stan Zuray

Tom Carpenter, Vice-chair
Gerad Godfrey
Mike Wood

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

Action	Prop #	Proposal	Audio Tracking Info ¹			
Commen	Commercial and Sport Crab (30 Proposals)					
C/A 7-0	233	Change the criteria for setting the season start date for the Registration A golden king crab commercial fishery to fall within the smallest set of falling tides between February 10 and 17. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC 44</i> .	1/31/2025 09:14:59 AM			
N/A 7-0	234	Change the start time for the Registration Area A commercial golden king crab fishery from 12:00 noon to 8:00 a.m. on the day the fishery opens. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to their action on proposal 233</i> .	1/31/2025 09:22:37 AM			
N/A	235	Add freezing spray to the criteria that would delay the start date of commercial golden king crab fishery in Registration Area A. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to their action on proposal 233</i> .	1/31/2025 09:23:04 AM			
F 0-7	236	Increase the depth that Registration Area A commercial king crab fishery pots can be stored to 20 fathoms.	1/31/2025 09:23:43 AM			
C 7-0	237	Expand the defined Lower Chatham Strait Area in the golden king crab commercial fishery in Registration Area A to include a portion of District 5.	1/31/2025 09:27:40 AM			

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C	238	Expand the defined Southern Area in the golden king crab commercial	<u>1/31/2025</u>
7-0	230	fishery in Registration Area A to include all waters of Section 3-A.	09:37:26 AM
C/A 7-0	239	Divide the defined Northern Area of the golden king crab fishery in Registration Area A into two areas and split the current guideline harvest level between the two new areas. Amended with Guideline Harvest Ranges of 0-81,000 lbs for the Upper Northern Area 0-64,000 lbs for the Lower Northern Area.	1/31/2025 09:42:43 AM
F 0-7	240	Allow participants in the Registration Area A Tanner and golden king crab fisheries to have Tanner crab aboard their vessel while fishing for golden king crab in a closed commercial Tanner crab area.	1/31/2025 09:57:35 AM
C/A 7-0	241	Allow a vessel participating in a Registration Area A king crab fishery to operate groundfish coil spring pots to catch bait. <i>Amended with substitute language found in <u>RC55</u>.</i>	10:01:57 AM
F 0-7	242	Allocate 100% of the Section 11-A red king crab guideline harvest level to the personal use fishery, 70% for summer harvest and 30% for fall/winter harvest.	1/31/2025 10:22:43 AM
C 7-0	243	Adopt a biologically based harvest strategy for the commercial red and blue king crab fishery along with a bag and possession limit maximum for the personal use fishery and adopt new management measures for the red and blue king crab fishery.	1/31/2025 10:57:26 AM
C/A 7-0	244	Change the criteria for setting the season start date for the Registration Area A Tanner crab commercial fishery to fall within the smallest set of falling tides between February 10 and 17. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC45</i> .	1/31/2025 11:19:23 AM
N/A	245	Change the start time for the Registration Area A commercial Tanner crab fishery from 12:00 noon to 8:00 a.m. on the day the fishery opens. The board took no action on this proposal due to their action on proposal 244.	1/31/2025 11:22:36 AM
N/A	246	Add freezing spray to the criteria that would delay the start date of commercial Tanner crab fishery in Registration Area A. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to their action on proposal 244</i> .	1/31/2025 11:23:01 AM
F 0-7	247	Increase the depth that Registration Area A commercial Tanner crab fishery pots can be stored to 20 fathoms.	1/31/2025 11:23:26 AM
N/A	248	Allow a vessel participating in a Registration Area A Tanner crab fishery to operate groundfish coil spring pots to catch bait. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to their action on proposal 241</i> .	1/31/2025 11:25:30 AM
C/A 7-0	249	Allow Tanner crab commercial fishery participants to operate pot gear for subsistence, personal use, or sport fisheries after unregistering from the commercial fishery. <i>Amended with substitute language found in</i> <u>RC53</u> .	1/31/2025 11:26:11 AM
F 0-7	250	Reduce the minimum size limit for male Dungeness crab from six and one-half inches to six and one-quarter inches in the Registration A subsistence and personal use fisheries.	1:08:42 PM
F 1-6	251	Change the start date of the Registration Area A Dungeness crab commercial fishery's summer season from June 15 to July 1.	1/31/2025 01:17:47 PM
N/A	252	Allow a vessel participating in a Registration Area A Dungeness crab fishery to operate groundfish coil spring pots to catch bait. <i>The board</i>	1/31/2025 01:52:13 PM



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		took no action on this proposal because the proposal's author withdrew		
		their support (RC43).		
N/A	253	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Registration Area A commercial Dungeness crab fishery if they operated commercial shrimp pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to their action on proposal 257.</i>	1/31/2025 01:59:42 PM	
N/A	254	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Registration Area A commercial Dungeness crab fishery if they operated commercial shrimp pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to their action on proposal 257.</i>	1/31/2025 2:00:13 PM	
C 7-0	255	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Registration Area A commercial Dungeness crab fishery if they operated commercial, personal use, or subsistence shrimp pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery.	1/31/2025 02:00:41 PM	
N/A	256	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Registration Area A commercial Dungeness crab fishery if they operated commercial shrimp pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery. In addition, permit holders may not register and participate in the Dungeness and shrimp pot commercial fisheries concurrently. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to their action on proposal 257</i> .	1/31/2025 02:18:19 PM	
C 7-0	257	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Registration Area A commercial Dungeness crab fishery if they operated commercial shrimp pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery.	1/31/2025 01:54:06 PM	
F 0-7	258	Open some or all areas closed to commercial Dungeness fishing in Registration Area A.	1/31/2025 02:18:49 PM	
F 0-7	259	Open all waters closed to commercial Dungeness fishing in Registration Area A between October 1 and November 30, annually.	1/31/2025 02:24:54 PM	
F 0-7	260	Close George Inlet, Carroll Inlet, and Thorne Arm in District 1 to the commercial harvest of shrimp and crab.	1/31/2025 02:39:19 PM	
F 0-7	261	Close Traitors Cove to commercial and sport shellfish harvest.	1/31/2025 02:40:46 PM	
C 5-2	262	Close sport fishing for Dungeness crab in Thorne Bay.	1/31/2025 02:46:24 PM	
Commercial, Subsistence, Sport, and Personal Use Groundfish (21 Proposals)				
C 7-0	191	Amend logbook requirements for vessels fishing for groundfish with pot and longline gear.	1/31/2025 03:58:29 PM	
C 7-0	192	Allow pots used in the personal use bottomfish fishery to be longlined.	1/31/2025 04:01:33 PM	
F 0-7	193	In state waters of the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area, allow CFEC permit holders fishing for groundfish or halibut with mechanical jig and hand troll gear to use a deepwater release mechanism to return rockfish to the ocean.	1/31/2025 04:04:58 PM	



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C 7-0	194	Reduce the minimum inside diameter of circular escape rings from three and three-fourths inches to three and one-half inches on pots used to take sablefish in the subsistence, commercial, and personal use sablefish fisheries.	1/31/2025 04:08:45 PM
F 0-7	195	Change the Southern Southeast Inside (SSEI) Subdistrict sablefish fishery season opening and closing dates to be concurrent with the federal Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) sablefish fishery season dates.	1/31/2025 04:14:55 PM
N/A	196	Reduce the minimum inside diameter of escape rings in commercial sablefish pots to three and three-eighths inches. <i>The board took no action on this proposal because the proposal author's withdrew their support</i> (RC57).	1/31/2025 04:18:44 PM
C/A 7-0	197	Clarify and amend existing regulations regarding subsistence, personal use, and commercial groundfish fisheries in the Northern Southeast Inside Subdistrict and the Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict. Amended with substitute language found in. RC60.	1/31/2025 04:19:27 PM
C 7-0	198	Increase the daily bag limit for sablefish in the sport fishery.	1/31/2025 04:24:25 PM
C/A 7-0	199	Add a weather delay provision that would postpone the opening date of the directed demersal shelf rockfish and directed lingcod fisheries if weather forecast meets gale warning or higher criteria in management areas in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area. Amended with substitute language found in RC62. Further amended to include freezing spray (freezing spray amendment intended to be similar to the wording in RC44.)	1/31/2025 04:29:09 PM
C 7-0	200	Adopt a catch reporting requirement for directed lingcod fisheries.	1/31/2025 04:35:20 PM
C/A 7-0	201	Clarify lingcod bycatch overage requirements in the Southeast District fisheries for longline halibut and salmon troll fisheries. <i>Amended with substitute language found in.</i> RC61.	1/31/2025 04:40:38 PM
C 7-0	202	Clarify that only one line can be used for dinglebar gear in the lingcod fishery.	1/31/2025 04:57:38 PM
F 0-7	203	Establish unguided nonresident lingcod regulations.	1/31/2025 05:05:18 PM
C 7-0	204	Allow pots to be longlined in the state waters of the Eastern Gulf of Alaska commercial Pacific cod fishery.	1/31/2025 05:15:59 PM
C 7-0	205	Allow personal use retention of Pacific cod and rockfishes, including thornyhead rockfish, in pot gear.	1/31/2025 05:20:04 PM
C 7-0	206	Reopen yelloweye sport fishery for residents.	1/31/2025 05:36:41 PM
N/A	207	Allow retention of demersal shelf rockfish by nonresidents. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to their action on proposal 208.</i>	1/31/2025 06:16:35 PM
C/A 6-1	208	Allow retention of demersal shelf rockfish by nonresidents. <i>Amended</i> with substitute language found in. <u>RC50</u> .	1/31/2025 05:51:50 PM
C/A 7-0	209	Establish provisions for a resident priority within emergency order authority for pelagic rockfish. Amended with substitute language intended to be similar to what is currently in 5 AAC 47.065, but for	1/31/2025 06:17:14 PM



		pelagic rockfish instead with proposal language specific to resident	
		harvest captured in the regulation preamble	
C	210	Reduce the bag and possession limit for pelagic rockfish in Southeast	<u>1/31/2025</u>
7-0		Alaska.	06:27:10 PM
C/A 7-0	211	Clarify regulations regarding fish ticket documentation of rockfish overages in the groundfish and halibut fisheries. Also, add a demersal shelf rockfish (DSR) overage reporting requirement for the Eastern Gulf of Alaska salmon troll fishery. <i>Amended with substitute language found in.</i> <u>RC54</u> .	1/31/2025 05:23:45 PM
Subsiste	nce Si	hellfish, Commercial and Sport Shrimp, and Commercial a	nd Sport
		aneous Shellfish (21 Proposals)	
	i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	Allow the number of geoduck permit holders able to fish from one vessel	
C/A 7-0	212	to be increased from two to four by emergency order. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC73</i> .	2/1/2025 02:09:07 PM
F 0-7	213	Modify how geoduck guideline harvest levels are calculated.	2/1/2025 02:12:45 PM
F 0-7	214	Allow for areas that have been closed for 5 years as a result of the estimated geoduck biomass dropping below 30% of the original biomass estimate to be resurveyed and potentially reopened.	2/1/2025 02:25:22 PM
F 0-7	215	Give the department the authority to experiment with reduced guideline harvest levels in sea otter impacted areas where the current biomass estimate is less than 30 percent of the original biomass estimate.	2/1/2025 02:40:35 PM
C 7-0	216	Clarify that only aquatic farm sites approved for the culture of geoduck clams are closed to commercial harvest of geoduck clams.	2/1/2025 02:44:20 PM
F 0-7	217	Allow weekly fishing periods to begin on Sundays.	2/1/2025 02:50:05 PM
C/A 7-0	218	Extend sea cucumber fishing season beyond March 31. <i>Proposal</i> amended to say the department may extend the sea cucumber season through April 30.	2/1/2025 02:54:29 PM
F 0-7	219	Clarify when a sea cucumber permit holder is in possession of the product they harvested.	2/1/2025 03:13:58 PM
F 0-7	220	Allow crew members to be in possession of sea cucumbers harvested by the sea cucumber permit holder.	2/1/2025 03:21:58 PM
F 3-4	221	Prohibit harvest of naturally occurring sea cucumbers on aquatic farm sites by farm operator in areas where there are commercial sea cucumber fisheries.	2/1/2025 03:26:52
C 7-0	222	Adopt seasonal closures for subsistence, sport, and personal use shrimp fisheries.	2/1/2025 04:05:07 PM
F 0-7	223	Increase the tunnel size for sport, personal use, and subsistence shrimp pots.	2/1/2025 04:27:33 PM
F 0-7	224	Revert shrimp pot season from May 15 opening date back to October 1.	2/1/2025 04:31:43 PM
N/A	225	Revert shrimp pot season from May 15 opening date to October 1 or to another start date in late summer/early fall. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to their action on proposal 224</i> .	2/1/2025 04:43:32 PM



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F 0-7	226	Provide for further conservation in the shrimp pot fishery by reducing all GHLs by 20%, reducing the number of pots allowed by 40–50%, and eliminating the large pot size.	2/1/2025 04:44:01 PM
F 0-7	227	Allow for more than one CFEC shrimp pot permit holder to fish from the same vessel and jointly operate pot gear in aggregate of no more than 50% allowed gear for the additional permit.	2/1/2025 04:47:52 PM
C/A 7-0	228	Redefine legal shrimp pot requirements to allow for the use of slinky pots. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC71</i> .	2/1/2025 04:52:01 PM
C/A 7-0	229	Repeal redundant descriptions of Southeast Alaska districts and sections in 5 AAC 31.105, update 5 AAC 33.200 with District 10 section descriptions, add Section 6-E to District 6 shrimp pot fishing areas, and update regulations that refer to 5 AAC 31.105. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC72</i> .	2/1/2025 04:47:55 PM
F 2-5	230	Establish a commercial jig fishery for squid.	2/1/2025 05:01:56 PM
N/A	231	Establish a commercial jig fishery for squid. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to their action on proposal 230.</i>	2/1/2025 05:12:41 PM
C/A 7-0	232	Allow for the concurrent possession of red and green urchin aboard. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC74</i> .	2/1/2025 05:13:20 PM
King Sa	lmon ((32 Proposals)	
F 0-7	104	Allocate 5,000 king salmon for the Alaska's all gear quota to a king salmon subsistence fishery and establish provisions for king salmon subsistence fishery.	2/6/2025 11:13:29 AM
C/A 7-0	105	Modify sport fishing regulations in salt waters subject to the Magnuson-Stevens Act by removing differential regulations for resident and nonresident anglers. <i>Amended with substitute language found <u>RC80</u>.</i>	2/6/2025 11:34:32 AM
F 0-7	108	Modify management and allocation provisions of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan.	2/6/2025 11:39:23 AM
C/A 5-2	109	Modify the structure of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan by removing management tiers and other provisions. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC140 and further amended to change the allocation to 77% troll / 23% sport.</i>	2/6/2025 11:45:32 AM
N/A	110	Manage the sport fishery inseason to achieve the annual king salmon allocation to the sport fishery. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 109</i> .	2/6/2025 02:36:15 PM
N/A	111	Modify the management provisions and target allocation for the king salmon sport fishery. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the proposal author's withdrawal of support in RC148</i> .	2/6/2025 02:36:57 PM
N/A	112	Modify the sport allocation of king salmon and provisions for management. The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 109.	2/6/2025 02:37:29 PM
N/A	113	Modify the provisions of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan and increase the sport allocation of king salmon. The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 109.	2/6/2025 02:37:58 PM
N/A	114	Reduce the nonresident annual limit in low allocation management tiers and other modifications to the Southeast Alaska King Salmon	2/6/2025 02:38:29 PM





		Management Plan. The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 109.	
N/A	115	Reduce the nonresident annual limit for king salmon to one fish. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 109</i> .	2/6/2025 02:38:44 PM
N/A	116	Reduce the nonresident annual limit for king salmon to two fish prior to July 1 and one fish after July 1. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 109</i> .	2/6/2025 02:39:08 PM
N/A	117	Reduce the nonresident annual limit for king salmon to two fish prior to July 1 and one fish after July 1. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the proposal author's withdrawal of support in RC145</i> .	2/6/2025 02:39:32 PM
N/A	118	The nonresident annual limit for king salmon shall not exceed three and nonresident annual limits will not apply in terminal harvest areas. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 109</i> .	2/6/2025 02:39:56 PM
N/A	119	Close the nonresident sport fishery for king salmon for 2 days per week. The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 109.	2/6/2025 02:40:21 PM
N/A	120	Close the nonresident sport fishery for king salmon on weekends. The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 109.	2/6/2025 02:40:39 PM
N/A	121	Extend the sunset provisions in the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 109</i> .	2/6/2025 02:41:13 PM
N/A	106	Prohibit nonresidents on charter vessels that have taken fish in the EEZ from offloading those fish in state waters. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the proposal author's withdrawal of support in RC146</i> .	2/6/2025 02:41:38 PM
N/A	107	Prohibit nonresidents that have taken fish in the EEZ from possessing or offloading those fish in state waters. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to lack of legal authority and because it would violate National Standard #10 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.</i>	2/6/2025 02:42:23 PM
F 1-6	122	Prohibit the removal of king salmon from the water when retention is not allowed.	2/6/2025 02:43:05 PM
F 0-7	123	Prohibit netting or handling king salmon when catch-and-release fishing is implemented.	2/6/2025 02:55:40 PM
F 0-7	124	Modify resident sport fishing opportunity prescribed by Southeast Alaska king salmon action plans.	2/6/2025 02:58:40 PM
C/A 7-0	125	Close sport fishing for king salmon in District 14A when a stock of concern exists for king salmon stocks in Northern Southeast Alaska. Amended to add, "this would only apply while the Taku and King Salmon Rivers Chinook Salmon Stock of Concern Action Plan is in effect."	2/6/2025 03:02:27 PM
N/A	126	Close sport fishing for king salmon in District 14A. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 125</i> .	2/6/2025 03:16:18 PM
F 0-7	127	Allow residents to retain king salmon in the month of April near Ketchikan.	2/6/2025 03:16:44 PM



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		Allow residents to retain king salmon in the month of April in the	2/6/2025
N/A	128	Ketchikan area. The board took no action on this proposal due to the	03:22:56 PM
		action taken on proposal 127.	
C	129	Increase the number of days open in the Yakutat Bay spring troll fishery	<u>2/6/2025</u>
7-0	127	from 1 day to 2 days.	03:23:16 PM
F		Allow for remaining troll king salmon allocation after winter and spring	2/6/2025
	130	troll fisheries to be harvested during a single retention period beginning	2/6/2025
0-7		July 1.	03:28:09 PM
CIA		Establish criteria for establishing a limited harvest troll fishery in August	2/6/2025
C/A	131	and allow for more than one limited harvest fishery to occur. Amended	<u>2/6/2025</u>
7-0		with substitute language found in <u>RC139</u> .	03:33:05 PM
F	4.5.5	Establish a minimum size limit for king salmon of 26 1/2 inches from	2/6/2025
0-7	132	snout to fork of tail in the spring troll fisheries.	03:38:07 PM
<u> </u>		Allow for king salmon of 26 1/2 inches snout to fork length be retained	
N/A	133	in District 13 spring troll fisheries. <i>The board took no action on this</i>	<u>2/6/2025</u>
1 1/ 1/1	133	proposal due to the action taken on proposal 132.	03:53:22 PM
		Expand landing and retention requirements for king salmon by purse	2/6/2025
N/A	134	seine permit holders and establish penalties for violating landing	2/6/2025
		requirements. The board took no action on this proposal due to the	03:53:47 PM
		proposal author's withdrawal of support in <u>RC117</u> .	01616000
F	169	Allow use of two fishing rods used in conjunction with a down rigger or	2/6/2025
0-7	107	hand troll gurdy to be used during the spring and summer troll fisheries.	03:54:18 PM
Subsiste	ence, C	Commercial, Personal Use, and Sport Salmon and Trout; E	nhancement
		Harvest Areas (35 Proposals)	
		Only allow for the use of seine gear in the Redoubt Bay subsistence	
C/A	135	fishery when the escapement is projected to be greater than 40,000	02/7/2025
7-0	133	sockeye salmon. Amended with substitute language found in <u>RC94</u> .	03:14:36 PM
F			02/7/2025
0-7	136	Increase sockeye salmon possession and annual limits at Basket Bay.	03:20:37 PM
C		Increase the possession limit of sockeye salmon for Basket Bay from 15	02/7/2025
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	138	•	03:25:12 PM 02/7/2025
2-5	138	Prohibit snagging in the Mendenhall Wildlife Refuge.	03:25:12 PM
2-5		Prohibit snagging in the Mendenhall Wildlife Refuge. Prohibit snagging within Don D. Statter harbor. <i>Amended to close</i>	03:25:12 PM 02/7/2025 03:27:09 PM
2-5 C/A	138	Prohibit snagging in the Mendenhall Wildlife Refuge. Prohibit snagging within Don D. Statter harbor. Amended to close snagging inside of a line from Wadleigh Creek to an ADF&G marker on	03:25:12 PM 02/7/2025 03:27:09 PM 02/7/2025
2-5 C/A 7-0		Prohibit snagging in the Mendenhall Wildlife Refuge. Prohibit snagging within Don D. Statter harbor. Amended to close snagging inside of a line from Wadleigh Creek to an ADF&G marker on the other side of Auke Bay.	03:25:12 PM 02/7/2025 03:27:09 PM 02/7/2025 03:36:40 PM
2-5 C/A 7-0 F	139	Prohibit snagging in the Mendenhall Wildlife Refuge. Prohibit snagging within Don D. Statter harbor. Amended to close snagging inside of a line from Wadleigh Creek to an ADF&G marker on the other side of Auke Bay. Sport fishing may only be conducted with a single barbless circle hook	03:25:12 PM 02/7/2025 03:27:09 PM 02/7/2025 03:36:40 PM 02/7/2025
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C/A 7-0	145	Increase harvest opportunity for trout in Klawock Lake drainage. Amended to reduce the minimum size limit from 14 to 11 inches but retain the current bag and possession limit.	02/7/2025 04:20:41 PM
F 0-7	146	Increase the bag and possession limit for rainbow and cutthroat trout in 108 Creek drainage.	02/7/2025 04:30:52 PM
C 7-0	147	Increase the bag and possession limit for rainbow and cutthroat trout and prohibit the use of bait in Neck Lake.	02/7/2025 04:33:53 PM
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7-0	148	Modify Eagle Lake cutthroat trout bag and possession and size limit.	04:39:41 PM
F 0-7	149	Prohibit the use of bait and establish a catch-and-release fishery with single barbless hooks in Petersen Creek.	02/7/2025 04:46:14 PM
F 3-4	150	Change the weekly subsistence fishing periods in the Yakutat Area from 6:00 a.m. to 12:01 a.m. start time and 6:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. end time.	02/7/2025 04:50:07 PM
C/A 7-0	151	Modify the nonresident annual limit for king salmon in the freshwaters of the Yakutat management area and the Situk River. Amended to reduce the nonresident annual limit in the freshwaters of the Yakutat Area to one fish 20 inches or greater and only open the season for nonresidents if retention of king salmon is allowed in the state subsistence fishery.	02/7/2025 05:10:05 PM
C 7-0	152	Amend the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Lost River King Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to reflect recent management strategies.	2/8/2025 08:41:26 AM
C/A 7-0	153	Close a portion of the Situk River to sport fishing until the escapement goal for king salmon is met. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC187</i> .	2/8/2025 08:46:29 AM
F 0-7	154	Close sport fishing in a portion of the Situk River between April 15 and May 15.	2/8/2025 08:50:44 AM
F 1-6	155	Increase the sport fish bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the fresh waters flowing into the Situk-Ahrnklin estuary.	2/8/2025 09:05:07 AM
C 6-1	170	Add waters closed to commercial fishing in Sudden Stream and Malaspina Lake.	2/8/2025 09:16:21 AM
F 2-5	156	Reduce Southeast Alaska hatchery permitted pink and chum salmon egg take level by 25%.	2/8/2025 09:38:09 AM
C 7-0	157	Establish a terminal harvest area and associated management plan for harvesting hatchery produced salmon at Burnett Inlet.	2/8/2025 10:19:09 AM
C 7-0	158	Modify boundaries of the Hidden Falls terminal harvest area (THA) for chum, king, and coho salmon and the Hidden Falls special harvest area (SHA) for chum and king salmon.	2/8/2025 10:24:43 AM
C/A 7-0	159	Modify the Wrangell Narrows-Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC162</i> .	2/8/2025 10:26:59 AM
N/A	160	Modify the Wrangell Narrows-Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 159</i> .	2/8/2025 10:33:33 AM
N/A	161	Reduce the sport fish bag limit for king salmon in the Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 159</i> .	2/8/2025 10:34:03 AM
N/A	162	Reduce king salmon sport fish bag limits outside of the time when the Wrangell Narrows-Blind Slough Management Plan is in effect. <i>The</i>	2/8/2025 10:34:29 AM





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F 2-5	182	Establish provisions for a herring sac roe purse seine permit holder participating in the Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery to use open pound instead of purse seine fishing gear.	2/9/2025 10:09:18 AM
F 0-7	183	Add the Sitka Sound area in Sections 13-A and B as open area to northern spawn on kelp permit holders and limit pound type to open pounds.	2/9/2025 11:07:11 AM
F 0-7	184	Expand open area in Section 3-B for placement spawn on kelp pounds and to seining for taking of herring for pounds.	2/9/2025 11:10:10 AM
N/A	185	Expand open area in Section 3-B for spawn on kelp pounds and to seining for taking of herring for pounds. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 184</i> .	2/9/2025 11:14:13 AM
N/A	186	Expand open area in Section 3-B for spawn on kelp pounds and to seining for taking of herring for pounds. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 184</i> .	2/9/2025 11:14:40 AM
F 0-7	187	Allow the use of large mesh webbing to surround spawn on kelp pound structure to protect structure and spawn on kelp product.	2/9/2025 11:15:05 AM
F 0-7	188	Limit the number days and limit the number of hours in a day commercial herring activity may occur, require observers for commercial herring fishing, require reporting of bycatch in fishery announcements, and limit the overall commercial harvest of herring in Southeast Alaska to 15,000 tons.	2/9/2025 11:18:49 AM
F 0-7	189	Reduce by half the length limit of purse seine net for commercial herring harvest.	2/9/2025 11:25:08 AM
F 0-7	190	Provide for co-management of herring fisheries with tribal governments.	2/9/2025 11:29:29 AM

Additional actions:

The board voted (5-2) to create a board-generated proposal on <u>RC67</u> and scheduled the matter for consideration at the board's March 11-16, 2025 meeting in Anchorage. This new proposal is <u>Proposal 316</u>.

The board reviewed the <u>Draft Taku and King Salmon Rivers Chinook Salmon Stock Status and Action Plan</u> and selected Option A for Action #1, Option B for Action #2, and status quo for Action #4. The board also adopted the four delisting criteria from the draft Action Plan with an emphasis on the first bullet point.

The board reviewed the <u>Draft Hugh Smith Lake Sockeye Salmon Stock Status and Action Plan</u> and selected Option B for Action #1, Option A for Action #2, and Option A for Action #3. Additionally, the board adopted delisting criteria points 1-3 with an emphasis on the first point.

The board reviewed the <u>Draft Northern Southeast Outside Chum Salmon Stock Status and Action Plan</u> and selected Option A for Action #1, Option A for Action #2, Option A for Action #3 and Option A for Action #4. Additionally, the board adopted delisting criteria points 1-3 with an emphasis on the first point.

Miscellaneous Business:

The board's agenda for Miscellaneous Business can be found in <u>RC193</u>. The board did not take any actions in Misc. Business, but will revisit items 2, 3 and 4 for possible final action during the board's March meeting.

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Drafts of these documents will be placed on the <u>meeting page for the March meeting</u> under "Miscellaneous" on the. The public is invited to comment.

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm on Sunday, February 9, 2025.