

**FAIRBANKS FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FAC)**  
**MARCH 12, 2025 6:00PM**  
**JP JONES CENTER, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA**  
**FINAL COMMENTS ON STATEWIDE PROPOSALS <sup>1</sup>**  
**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES, MARCH 2025**

These comments on Statewide Shellfish, Prince William Sound Shrimp and Supplemental Issues from the Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee (FAC) were approved by the FAC on March 12, 2025. Minutes of that meeting are attached. There were 12 FAC members present and all actions were unanimous.

Statewide Shellfish, Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues March 11 – March 16, 2025   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<b>267</b>	Modify the noncommercial Tanner crab fishery thresholds		
OPPOSE	0	12	<b>FAC OPPOSES</b> - believes this is not complying with Subsistence law. Relying on commercial fish harvest is not consistent with subsistence law.
<b>268</b>	Prohibit harvest of Tanner crab from a charter vessel		
OPPOSE	0	12	<b>FAC OPPOSES</b> — very concerned about this being a slippery slope. Restricts opportunities for Alaskans with no methods and means to harvest .
<b>287</b>	Amend definition of preferred sized males in the commercial Bering Sea District Tanner crab harvest strategy		
OPPOSE	0	12	<b>FAC OPPOSES</b> this proposal.
<b>300</b>	Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan		
OPPOSE	0	12	<b>FAC OPPOSES</b> (see comments on proposal 268).
<b>301</b>	Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan		
OPPOSE	0	12	<b>FAC OPPOSES</b> as it unnecessarily restricts non-commercial harvest.

<sup>1</sup> Being submitted as RC (Record Copy) March 13, 2025

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<b>304</b>	Delay the season opening by two weeks in the noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries		
SUPPORT	12	0	<b>FAC SUPPORTS</b> This allows the shrimp sufficient time to lay their eggs.
<b>305</b>	Prohibit noncommercial shrimp participants from carrying additional shrimp gear		
OPPOSE	0	12	<b>FAC OPPOSES</b> Restricts opportunity to non-commercial users.
<b>310</b>	Remove the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishing area rotation		
OPPOSE	0	12	<b>FAC OPPOSES</b> Concern over conservation. Not a sustainable fishery if allowed to fish three zones.
<b>311</b>	Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery to also operate as tenders		
OPPOSE	0	12	<b>FAC OPPOSES</b> Gives unfair advantage to non-commercial users.
<b>312</b>	Increase the season dates and weekly fishing periods for dip net gear under the Kenai River late run king salmon stock of concern management plan		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	12	0	<b>FAC SUPPORTS AS AMENDED “with no allowance for subsistence or homepack.”</b> The FAC supports the increase of season dates and weekly fishing periods for dip net gear, but we do not want that to include allowance for subsistence or homepack.
<b>313</b>	Add set beach seine nets as legal gear under the Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	12	0	<b>FAC SUPPORTS AS AMENDED</b> with the language found in RC24.
<b>316</b>	Modify herring purse seine gear, fishing seasons and periods, and herring sac roe harvest strategy to increase commercial herring harvest		
OPPOSE	0	12	<b>FAC OPPOSES</b> Potential for impacts on increasing harvest on multiple mixed stocks.

Minutes Recorded By: Gale Vick

Minutes Approved By: Jeff Lucas

Date: 3/13/25