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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Statewide Shellfish, PWS Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues
March 11-15, 2025 Egan Civic & Convention Center, Anchorage

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

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Board Members Present

Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair Tom Carpenter, Vice-chair
Curt Chamberlain Gerad Godfrey (absent 3/11-14)
Greg Svendsen Mike Wood
Stan Zuray

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
<i>Commercial Crab and Scallops (27 Proposals)</i>			
F 0-6	272	Modify the start of the fishing season to open July 1 instead of June 15.	3-14-2025 08:52:34 AM
F 1-5	273	Modify the start of the winter fishing season to open by emergency order on or after February 1 instead of opening on February 1.	3-14-2025 09:03:13 AM
F 1-5	274	Increases the legal size of male red king crab from four and three-quarter inches to five inches and increase size of pot escape mechanisms.	3-14-2025 09:18:08 AM
N/A	275	Update Bristol Bay red king crab harvest strategy used to set annual harvest limits. <i>The board took no action on this proposal submitted by ADF&G based on the department's recommendation in RC2 staff comments.</i>	3-14-2025 09:27:39 AM
C/A 6-0	277	Establish Aleutian Islands state-waters golden king crab fishery. <i>Amended with the substitute language found in RC47.</i>	3-14-2025 09:37:02 AM
N/A	278	Establish pot limit for the Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the authors withdrawal of support in RC44.</i>	3-14-2025 09:47:22 AM
F 0-6	276	Amend longline king pot storage depth from 75 to 100 fathoms or less.	3-14-2025 09:47:53 AM

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C 6-0	279	Amend vessel gear sharing and transfer provisions in the rationalized Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery west of 174° W. longitude.	3-14-2025 09:58:50 AM
F 0-6	290	Change season opening date for the Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery from January 15 to February 20.	3-14-2025 10:30:33 AM
C 6-0	289	Amend pot limit for the Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery.	3-14-2025 10:35:54 AM
C 6-0	282	Amend escape mechanism requirements for Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab gear.	3-14-2025 10:39:19 AM
C/A 6-0	284	Allow catcher vessels to operate as tenders during the Kodiak District commercial Tanner crab fishery. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC46.</i>	3-14-2025 10:43:51 AM
F 0-6	285	Repeal and replace the South Peninsula District Tanner crab harvest strategy.	3-14-2025 10:49:38 AM
F 0-6	286	Repeal South Peninsula District Tanner crab harvest strategy and replace with size, sex, and season management.	3-14-2025 10:54:33 AM
F 0-6	287	Amend definition of preferred sized males in the commercial Bering Sea District Tanner crab harvest strategy.	3-14-2025 10:56:51 AM
F 0-6	288	Amend definition of preferred sized males in the commercial Bering Sea District snow crab harvest strategy.	3-14-2025 11:11:21 AM
C 6-0	291	Formalize the closure of Bristol Bay waters east of 163°W. long. to directed Tanner crab fishing.	3-14-2025 11:16:12 AM
F 2-4	283	Allow longlining of Bering Sea District commercial snow and Tanner crab pot gear.	3-14-2025 11:19:11 AM
C 6-0	292	Amend Tanner crab landing requirements for Registration Area J.	3-14-2025 11:30:30 AM
F 0-6	294	Establish 58-foot vessel length limit for Alaska Peninsula District commercial Dungeness crab fishery.	3-14-2025 11:34:10 AM
C 6-0	296	Amend Registration Area J Dungeness crab vessel inspection requirements.	3-14-2025 11:45:44 AM
C 6-0	297	Amend Dungeness crab pot gear operation requirements for Registration Area J.	3-14-2025 11:48:51 AM
F 0-6	293	Amend season dates for the Kodiak District commercial Dungeness crab fishery.	3-14-2025 11:54:54 AM
C 6-0	295	Amend Dungeness crab season dates for the North Peninsula District of Registration Area J.	3-14-2025 12:12:07 PM
F 0-6	298	Amend the State-Waters Weathervane Management Plan to ban scallop dredges, allow pots and other gear types to be used, impose trip limits, require observers, and eliminate the VMS requirement.	3-14-2025 12:14:19 PM
C 6-0	280	Amend contracting agent performance standards.	3-14-2025 12:20:27 PM
C 6-0	281	Amend observer trainee minimum qualifications.	3-14-2025 12:25:52 PM
<i>Subsistence, Sport, Personal Use Shellfish and Prince William Sound and Kodiak Shrimp (22 Proposals)</i>			
C/A 6-0	263	Open the Cook Inlet subsistence Dungeness crab fishery. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC56.</i>	3-14-2025 02:42:04 PM



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F 0-6	265	Establish season, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for Dungeness crab in Cook Inlet – Resurrection Bay.	3-14-2025 02:56:10 PM
N/A	264	Allow harvest of Dungeness crab in the Cook Inlet sport Tanner crab fishery. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 265.</i>	3-14-2025 03:04:39 PM
C 6-0	267	Modify the noncommercial Tanner crab fishery thresholds.	3-14-2025 03:05:11 PM
F 1-5	268	Prohibit harvest of Tanner crab from a charter vessel.	3-14-2025 03:15:03 PM
F 0-6	266	Allow additional gear types in the personal use crab fishery.	3-14-2025 03:27:55 PM
C 6-0	269	Implement a permit for harvesting razor clams in Cook Inlet sport and personal use fisheries.	3-14-2025 03:37:29 PM
C/A 6-0	270	Modify the East Cook Inlet Razor Clam Sport and Personal Use Fishery Management Plan. <i>Amended to select August as the month for the fishery to occur.</i>	3-14-2025 03:55:54 PM
N/A	271	Reduce the East side razor clam bag limit. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 270.</i>	3-14-2025 04:06:54 PM
F 0-6	299	Develop a Prince William Sound pot shrimp management plan.	3-14-2025 04:07:24 PM
N/A	300	Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the authors withdrawal of support in RC35.</i>	3-14-2025 04:15:17 PM
C/A 6-0	301	Modify the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery management plan. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC58.</i>	3-14-2025 04:15:52 PM
N/A	302	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery guideline harvest level. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the author's withdrawal of support in RC50.</i>	3-14-2025 04:27:39 PM
C/A 6-0	303	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery guideline harvest level. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC27.</i>	3-14-2025 04:28:18 PM
C 6-0	304	Delay the season opening by two weeks in the noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries.	3-14-2025 04:35:33 PM
N/A	305	Prohibit noncommercial shrimp participants from carrying additional shrimp gear. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 301.</i>	3-14-2025 04:40:29 PM
F 0-6	306	Modify the Prince William Sound shrimp pot reporting requirements.	3-14-2025 04:40:53 PM
F 0-6	307	Align the season start time of the Prince William Sound noncommercial and commercial shrimp fisheries.	3-14-2025 04:44:22 PM
F 0-6	308	Reduce the total number of shrimp pots allowed in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery.	3-14-2025 04:47:49 PM
F 0-6	309	Change season dates for Registration Area J commercial shrimp fishery.	3-14-2025 04:51:24 PM
F 0-6	310	Remove the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishing area rotation.	3-14-2025 05:00:34 PM



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F 0-6	311	Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound shrimp pot fishery to also operate as tenders.	3-14-2025 05:06:23 PM
<i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan, Kvichak River Special Harvest Area, and Kodiak Salmon and Herring</i>			
C/A 6-0 <i>1 recused</i>	312	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. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC71.</i>	3-15-2025 02:38:47 PM
F/A 3-3 <i>1 recused</i>	313	Add set beach seine nets as legal gear under the Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC72.</i>	3-15-2025 02:51:55 PM
C/A 7-0	314	Create a Kvichak River Special Harvest Area to allow harvest of Kvichak River sockeye salmon while conserving Naknek River sockeye salmon. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC69.</i>	3-15-2025 03:24:18 PM
C 7-0	315	Allow CFEC salmon set gillnet permit holders who form a joint venture in the Central Section of the Northwest Kodiak District to operate 25 fathoms additional set gillnet gear.	3-15-2025 03:48:20 PM
C 7-0	316	Modify herring purse seine gear, fishing seasons and periods, and herring sac roe harvest strategy to increase commercial herring harvest. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC70.</i>	3-15-2025 03:51:15 PM

Miscellaneous Business:

By a vote of 7-0, the board adopted a finding found in [RC73](#) to extend the Crab Observer Oversight Task Force through the board's 2027/2028 meeting cycle.

By a vote of 7-0, the board approved a letter to the Alaska Legislature found in [RC77](#) regarding observer coverage, electronic monitoring, and funding. The letter also supported a funding increment for Chinook salmon research.

By a vote of 5-2, the board adopted a finding 2025-307-FB, [delegating authority to the commissioner](#).

The board discussed, but did not adopt a [Policy for Remote Participation by Board Members](#).

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m. on Saturday, March 15, 2025.