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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

2024 Work Session

October 29–30, 2024 | Egan Civic & Convention Center, Anchorage

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

All documents for this meeting, including this summary, can be found on the board's website at:
<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=10-29-2024&meeting=anchorage>

Board Members Present (6 of 7)

Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair Tom Carpenter, Vice-chair
Curt Chamberlain Stan Zuray
Greg Svendsen Mike Wood

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

Introductions, Election of Officers, and Ethics Disclosures: 6 of 7 board members were present for this meeting (Member Godfrey absent). Märit Carlson-Van Dort was elected as the board chair. The board failed to elect a new vice-chair by a tied vote of 3-3. Tom Carpenter will continue to serve as vice-chair until the next board meeting when another election for vice-chair will be held.

Stocks of Concern: The board concurred with the ADF&G stock of concern recommendations found in:

- [Prince William Sound and Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Management Area Salmon Stock of Concern Recommendations](#)
- [Southeast Region Salmon Stock of Concern Recommendations](#)

2025/2026 Call for Proposals: The board reviewed and approved a draft call for proposals that included language making it clear what kind of proposals will not be accepted:

- Proposals must pertain to the region, species, and uses in the call (must be in-cycle areas & fisheries).
- Proposals that are non-regulatory/do not request a regulation change. This includes proposals that only request changes to stock of concern designations.
- Proposals outside the authority of the board will not be accepted.
- If duplicative proposals are received by the same individual or group only one will be included in the proposal book.

2026/2027 Tentative Board Meeting Dates and Locations:

	Proposed	<i>Backup</i>	Location
Work Session	Oct 28-29, 2026	<i>Oct 21-22, 2026</i>	Anchorage
Lower Cook Inlet Finfish	Dec 1-4, 2026	<i>Dec 8-11, 2026</i>	Seward
Kodiak Finfish	Jan 5-8, 2027	<i>Jan 12-15, 2027</i>	Kodiak
Upper Cook Inlet Finfish	Feb 25-Mar 8, 2027	<i>Mar 4-15, 2027</i>	Anchorage



Review of the 2024/2025 Meeting Cycle Workload: No changes were made to the board's [2024-2025 meeting schedule](#).

Agenda Change Requests:

Action	ACR #	Subject	Audio Tracking Info ¹
<i>Agenda Change Requests</i>			
F 0-6	1	Remove restrictions on gillnet mesh-size and length in the subsistence fishery for non-salmon fish in non-flowing waters of the Yukon Area	10/30/2024 09:04:56 AM
F 0-5	2	Designate Susitna River king salmon a Stock of Yield Concern and adopt a regulatory action plan (member Wood recused)	10/30/2024 09:17:28 AM
F 0-5	3	Designate Little Susitna River coho salmon a Stock of Yield Concern and adopt a regulatory action plan (member Wood recused)	10/30/2024 09:21:13 AM
C 5-1	4	Increase the season dates and weekly fishing periods for dip net gear under the <i>Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan</i>	10/30/2024 09:24:59 AM
N/A	5	Increase the season dates in which dip nets may be used under the <i>Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan</i>	10/30/2024 09:32:03 AM
N/A	6	Increase the number of days per week that dip nets could be utilized under the <i>Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan</i>	10/30/2024 09:35:29 AM
F 0-6	7	Allow the use of leads during dip net fishing periods described in the <i>Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan</i>	10/30/2024 09:35:53 AM
C 6-0	8	Add set beach seine nets as legal gear under the <i>Kenai River late-run king salmon stock of concern management plan</i>	10/30/2024 09:38:22 AM
F 0-6	9	Increase the bag, possession, and size limits for rainbow trout in the Kenai River	10/30/2024 09:42:41 AM
F 0-6	10	Expand time and area in waters of the lower section of the Kenai River that bait is allowed	10/30/2024 09:44:41 AM
C 4-2	11	Create a Kvichak River Special Harvest Area to allow harvest of Kvichak River sockeye salmon while conserving Naknek River sockeye salmon	10/30/2024 09:46:40 AM
F 0-6	12	Create a new herring food and bait fishery in the Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Islands Area	10/30/2024 10:00:25 AM
F 1-5	13	Reduce maximum depth of hand and purse seines, maximum length of leads, eliminate minimum length of leads, and allow leads to be attached to either end of a seine in the Alaska Peninsula Area commercial salmon fish	10/30/2024 10:02:37 AM

¹ Links to the audio recordings can be found at the bottom of the [meeting page](#). Follow the link to the audio for each meeting day and then scroll down and select the time indicated for when the discussion on that proposal or agenda item began.



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Summary of Actions - Worksession

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C 6-0	14	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	10/30/2024 10:07:49 AM
F 0-6	15	Define the term 'unit of gear'	10/30/2024 10:11:01 AM

The board scheduled the accepted Agenda Change Requests (#4, 8, 11, and 14) for consideration at the March 11–16, 2025 shellfish meeting in Anchorage.

Miscellaneous Business:

Miscellaneous Business discussions begin on [10/30/2024](#) at 11:00:22 AM)

The board had a short discussion about whether to continue to have both public testimony and committee of the whole at regulatory meetings. No motion was offered, but it was suggested to include discussions of this topic at a future meeting of the board's Committee on Process

The board had a discussion about the appropriateness of non-regulatory stock of concern requests as Agenda Change Requests. The Executive Director was requested to draft a policy that would not allow Stock of Concern requests as ACRs and bring a draft policy or finding back to the board for consideration at a future meeting in this winter's meeting cycle.