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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

2025 Work Session

October 28–29, 2025 | Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center, Anchorage

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

Revised 11/21/2025

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=10-28-2025&meeting=anchorage>

Board Members Present (7 of 7)

Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair Tom Carpenter, Vice-chair
Curt Chamberlain Gerad Godfrey
Olivia Irwin Greg Svendsen
Mike Wood

Election of Officers, and Ethics Disclosures: Märit Carlson-Van Dort was re-elected as the board chair. Tom Carpenter was re-elected as vice-chair. Board member Mike Wood recused himself from the consideration of Agenda Change Request #6.

Board Committees: The board reviewed any committee activity since the 2024 Work Session and, dissolved the Joint BOF/CFEC Herring Revitalization Committee, and made the following committee assignments for the 2025/2026 meeting cycle.

2025/2026 Committees	Carpenter	Godfrey	Chamberlain	Carlson-Van Dort	M. Wood	Svendsen	Irwin
Joint Comm. BOF/BOG			X			X	Chair
Federal/State Subsistence		X	Chair				X
Habitat		X			Chair	X	
Hatchery	X	X	X	Chair	X	C	X
Joint Protocol (BOF/NPFMC)	Chair			X	X		
Board Process, Management & Research Needs	X			Chair	X		

Review of Escapement Goals and Stocks of Concern: The board received reports on escapement goals and stocks of concern and made the following stock of concern determinations:

- CONTINUE Chignik River king salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.
- CONTINUE Chignik River early-run sockeye salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.
- CONTINUE Nushagak Chinook salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.
- REVISE Yukon River Chinook Salmon from a Stock of Yield Concern to a Stock of Management Concern. **Due to the close timing of the AYK Finfish meeting, the department will bring a**



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draft Action Plan for this stock designation to the board for consideration at the meeting for [Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues](#), March 17-21, 2026.

- DESIGNATE Yukon River fall chum salmon as a Stock of Management Concern. Due to the close timing of the AYK Finfish meeting, the department will bring a draft Action Plan for this stock designation to the board for consideration at the meeting for [Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues](#), March 17-21, 2026.
- CONTINUE Norton Sound Subdistricts 5 and 6 Chinook salmon as a Stock of Yield Concern.

2027/2028 Tentative Board Meeting Dates and Locations: The board chose the following preferred and backup meeting dates and locations for the 2027/2028 meeting cycle. Boards Support will work to secure meeting venues and other necessary arrangements and will report back with confirmed dates & locations at a future meeting.

Meeting (Recommended Days)	Location	Preferred Dates	Backup Dates
Work Session (2)	Anchorage	October 27–28 2027	October 20–21, 2027
Prince William Sound Finfish (7)	Anchorage	December 1–7, 2027	December 8–14, 2027 or December 16–22, 2027
Southeast Finfish and Shellfish (13)	Sitka	January 19–31, 2028	Jan 26–Feb 7, 2028
Statewide Dungeness, Crab, Shrimp and other Miscellaneous Shellfish (6)	Anchorage	March 22–27, 2028	March 1–7, 2028

Review of the 2025/2026 Meeting Cycle Workload: The board voted to add one additional day to both the Bristol Bay Finfish and the Statewide Finfish & Supplemental Issues Meetings. The revised meeting dates will be:

- Bristol Bay Finfish, Jan 13–18, 2026 (6 days). Egan Center, Anchorage
- Statewide Finfish, March 17–21, 2026 (5 days), Egan Center, Anchorage

Agenda Change Requests:

Action	ACR #	Proposal	Audio Tracking Info ¹
F 2-5	1	Delay opening of the Copper River District commercial salmon fishery to June 1.	10-28-25 10:25:57 AM
F 2-5	2	Delay opening of the Copper River District commercial salmon fishery to June 1.	10-28-25 10:40:00 AM
F 1-6	3	Close waters of the Copper River District to commercial fishing for salmon inside and outside the barrier islands from May 21 – June 30.	10-28-25 10:48:53 AM

¹ The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio that can be found at the bottom of the [meeting page](#). Click/follow the link for the meeting date on the table above and then scroll to the time when the board began discussion on each item.



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F 0-7	4	Adopt an Optimal Escapement Goal for Copper River sockeye salmon.	10-28-25 10:51:42 AM
C 4-3	5	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area. <i>Accepted ACR becomes Proposal 186 and will be considered at the meeting for Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues, March 17-21, 2026.</i>	10-28-25 10:57:47AM
F 0-6	6	Establish paired restrictions for the Little Susitna River coho salmon sport fishery and Northern District commercial set gillnet fishery to conserve Little Susitna River coho salmon.	10-28-25 11:26:08 AM
F 0-7	7	Prohibit the sport fishing technique of “flossing” in Ship Creek.	10-28-25 11:29:51 AM
C 4-3	8	Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon. <i>Accepted ACR becomes Proposal 187 and will be considered at the meeting for Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues, March 17-21, 2026.</i>	10-28-25 11:33:25 AM
F 0-7	9	Prohibit carrying other groundfish gear types on vessels registered for the Pacific cod jig fishery in the Kodiak Management Area.	10-28-25 11:58:25 AM

Miscellaneous/Other:

Boards Support notified the board of a proposal for this meeting cycle that was received on time but didn't make it into the initial proposal book. This will be [Proposal 185](#), to create a *Naknek River King Salmon Management Plan* and will be considered at the [Bristol Bay Finfish Meeting](#), January 13-18, 2026, Egan Center, Anchorage.

The Work Session adjourned at 12:39 pm on October 29, 2025.

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