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LOWER COOK INLET FINFISH

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AVTEC, Seward

TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP
(50 proposals)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 1: Stock of Concern Action Plans (Chair - Carpenter)

- Ninilchik River natural-origin king salmon stock of concern action plan
- Anchor River king salmon stock of concern action plan

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 2: Sport Fisheries (24 proposals: Chair - Irwin)

Saltwater King Salmon Fisheries (3 proposals)

1 Establish a priority for Alaska residents and other management provisions for the Lower Cook Inlet saltwater king salmon sport fishery
2 Amend the date for the June youth-only fishery in the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon
3 Remove the annual limit requirement for king salmon in the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon

Freshwater King Salmon Fisheries (8 Proposals)

4 Establish a large fish goal for Ninilchik River king salmon
5 Amend management provisions for the Ninilchik River king salmon sport fishery
6 Amend management provisions for the Ninilchik River king salmon fishery by expanding opportunity for hatchery king salmon and adding gear restrictions
7 Modify the king salmon annual limit in the Ninilchik River
8 Modify the king salmon bag and possession limits in the Ninilchik River
9 Extend the area open to hatchery king salmon and modify the bag and possession limits in the Ninilchik River
10 Extend the restrictions on bait and multiple hooks in Lower Kenai Peninsula roadside streams until the end of July
11 Prohibit catch and release fishing for king salmon and the removal of king salmon from the water in Cook Inlet freshwater *(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at the LCI, Kodiak, and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*

Other Sport Fisheries (13 proposals)

12 Require recording of all harvested king salmon in the sport fishery, regardless of size *(This*

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13 Establish the delegation of authority to restrict guided sport fishing during times of low king salmon abundance through emergency order *(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at the LCI, Kodiak, and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*
14 Create a management plan for the Anchor River, Stariski Creek, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River coho salmon sport fisheries
15 Establish paired management actions and harvest "benchmarks" for coho salmon between Upper Cook Inlet sport and commercial fisheries *(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at the LCI, Kodiak, and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*
16 Prohibit the use of helicopters to transport anglers in select streams within the Kenai Peninsula Area.
17 Modify gear and dates in the Seward lagoon youth-only fishery
18 Modify the definition of bag limit for Southcentral saltwater sport fisheries *(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at the LCI, Kodiak, and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*
19 Prohibit sport fishing derbies in fresh waters of Cook Inlet *(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at the LCI, Kodiak, and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*
20 Prohibit charter vessels from participating in sport fishing derbies
21 Require observers or electronic monitoring on charter vessels in Cook Inlet
22 Require logbooks for fishing guides in freshwaters of Upper Cook Inlet
23 Require freshwater sport fishing guide logbooks within Cook Inlet rivers *(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*
24 Establish a maximum size limit for king salmon and halibut in subsistence, sport, personal use, and commercial fisheries in lower Cook Inlet

<u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 3:</u> Commercial Salmon and Personal Use Herring Fisheries (15 proposals: Chair -Hickson)

Commercial Fisheries Management Plans (8 Proposals)

31 Amend the preamble of the *Lower Cook Inlet Seine Fishery Management Plan*
32 Establish enhanced salmon value allocation criteria for Cook Inlet commercial fisheries. *(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*
33 Request for creation of a Cook Inlet management and salmon enhancement allocation plan. *(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*
34 Amend multiple aspects of the *Tutka Bay Lagoon Hatchery Management Plan*
35 Repeal the *Port Graham Hatchery Salmon Hatchery Management Plan*
36 Repeal the Bear Lake Special Harvest Area from the *Trail Lakes Hatchery Salmon Hatchery Management Plan*
37 Amend hatchery salmon management plans in Resurrection Bay
38 Amend multiple aspects of the *Resurrection Bay Salmon Management Plan*

Personal Use Fisheries (1 Proposal)

39 Modify methods and means for personal use herring

Closed waters and Gear (6 proposals)

25 Close waters to commercial fishing within ½ miles of the Homer Spit
26 Close waters to commercial fishing within 1 mile of the Homer Spit
27 Modify multiple subdistricts of the Southern District to create a 1-mile corridor around the Homer Spit
28 Reduce size of the closed waters area at the terminus of McCarty Fjord at Delusion Lake
29 Create a minimum distance between commercial purse seines in Cook Inlet
30 Repeal commercial beach seine as a legal gear type in the Cook Inlet Management Area *(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 4: Groundfish Fisheries (11 proposals: Chair -Cyr)

Rockfish Fisheries (6 Proposals)

40 Establish pelagic rockfish harvest limits for Cook Inlet area commercial and sport fisheries
41 Modify the waters open to harvesting rockfish from a charter vessel
42 Establish a pelagic rockfish guideline harvest level in Lower Cook Inlet
43 Modify language describing bag and possession limits for nonpelagic rockfish to align with new definitions of demersal shelf and slope rockfish species assemblages
44 Modify the season for the Cook Inlet Area directed pelagic rockfish jig fishery
45 Allow the use of deepwater release mechanisms for rockfish in mechanical jig and hand troll fisheries

Commercial Pacific Cod Fishery (3 Proposals)

46 Remove the 24-hour closure period between the Cook Inlet parallel and state-waters Pacific cod. seasons
47 Establish a small vessel (under 26 feet) gear exemption during the Cook Inlet state-waters Pacific cod season
48 Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery

Other Commercial Groundfish Fisheries (2 Proposals)

49 Repeal the Cook Inlet sablefish trip limit
50 Add dinglebar troll as a legal gear type in Cook Inlet Area groundfish fisheries