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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
2025 Work Session

October 28–29, 2026 | 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=10-28-2026&meeting=anchorage

Board Members Present (7 of 7)

Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair Olivia Irwin, Vice-chair
Tom Carpenter Curt Chamberlain
Paul Cyr Blair Hickson
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 discussed any committee activity since the 2025 Work Session and made the following committee assignments for the 2025/2026 meeting cycle.

	Carpenter	Cyr	Chamberlain	Carlson-Van Dort	M. Wood	Hickson	Irwin
Committees							
Bd. of Fisheries/Bd. of Game	X			X			Chair
Federal/State Subsistence		X	Chair			X	
Habitat		X			Chair	X	
Hatchery	X	X	X	Chair	X	X	X
Joint BOF/NPFMC Protocol	Chair			X	X		
Board Process, Management &			X	Chair			X

Review of Escapement Goals and Stocks of Concern: The board received reports from the department on escapement goals and stocks of concern (SOC) recommendations and accepted the department's recommendations for the **Lower Cook Inlet Area**:

- CONTINUE McNeil River chum salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.
- CONTINUE Mikfik Lake sockeye salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.
- DESIGNATE Ninilchik River king salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.

Additionally, the board voted 5-2 to:

- DESIGNATE Anchor River king salmon as a Stock of Yield concern.

For the **Kodiak Area**, the board accepted the department's recommendations to:

- CONTINUE Ayakulik River king salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.
- CONTINUE Karluk River king salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.

For the **Upper Cook Inlet Area**, the board accepted the department's recommendations to:

- CONTINUE Alexander Creek king salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.
- CONTINUE Chuitna River king salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.
- CONTINUE Eastside Susitna River king salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.
- CONTINUE Kenai River late-run king salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.
- CONTINUE Theodore River king salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.
- DESIGNATE king salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.
- DESIGNATE Campbell Creek king salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.
- DESIGNATE Chulitna River king salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.
- DESIGNATE Crooked Creek king salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.
- DESIGNATE Deshka River king salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.
- DESIGNATE Kenai River early-run king salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.
- DESIGNATE Little Susitna River king salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.
- DESIGNATE Talkeetna River king salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.
- DESIGNATE Yentna River king salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.
- DESIGNATE Little Susitna River coho salmon as a Stock of Management Concern.

The department will prepare draft Action Plans to the board for the newly designated SOC's at each of the area's upcoming meetings.

2028/2029 Tentative Board Meeting Dates and Locations: The board chose the following preferred and backup meeting dates and locations for the 2028/2029 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. There was board discussion about possibly swapping the months for the Bristol Bay and AK Peninsula/AI/Chignik area meetings and the board may consider making this change at a future meeting. The public is encouraged to provide feedback on this consideration to the board's Executive Director or via public comments at upcoming board meetings.

Topic	Location	2028/2029		
		Proposed	Backup	# Days
Work Session	Anchorage	**Oct 3-4, 2028**	Oct 16-17, 2028	2
Westward Region P. cod	Anchorage	**Oct 5-6, 2028**	Oct 18-19, 2028	2
AYK Finfish	Bethel	**Nov 14-18, 2028**	Nov 7-11, 2028	5
Bristol Bay Finfish	Dillingham	**Dec 6-10, 2028**	Dec 13-17, 2028	5
AK Pen/AI/Chig. Finfish	Anchorage	**Jan 10-17, 2029**	Jan 17-24, 2029	8
Statewide Finfish	Anchorage	**Feb 21-24, 2029**	Feb 28-Mar 3, 2029	4
			Total meeting days	26

2027/2028 Meeting Schedule: The board may also consider moving the Statewide Shellfish (not including PWS and SE) currently scheduled for March 22-27, 2028 to some time in February 2028. The public is encouraged to provide feedback on this consideration to the board's Executive Director or via public comments at upcoming board meetings.

Review of the 2026/2027 Meeting Cycle Workload: The board reviewed their current-year meeting dates in light of the number of proposals received and made no changes to the currently-scheduled meetings.

Agenda Change Requests:

Action	*ACR* #	Request	Audio Tracking Info[1]
F 0-7	1	Increase subsistence fishing opportunity for salmon in the Copper River District (5 AAC 01.610).	10-29-26 10:07:39 AM
F 0-7	2	Specify escapement objectives that must be met prior to opening the Copper River District to commercial fishing for salmon (5 AAC 24.310).	10-29-26 10:14:24 AM
F 1-6	3	Reduce statewide private nonprofit salmon hatchery egg-take capacity to less than 100 million eggs annually (5 AAC 40.XXX).	10-29-26 10:21:11 AM
F 0-7	4	Clarify allowable remote-controlled vehicle use and modify hook definitions in sport fishing regulation (5 AAC 75.020 and 5 AAC 75.995).	10-29-26 10:29:25 AM
F 0-7	5	Reclassify European green crab from a class A to a class B banned invasive species Reclassify European green crab from a class A to a class B banned invasive species (5 AAC 41.075).	10-29-26 10:32:37 AM
C **4-3**	6	Establish a 10 consecutive day closure between June 10 and June 23 for seine and drift gillnet gear in the *South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 09.365).	10-29-26 10:41:12 AM
C **4-3**	7	Establish a 10 consecutive day closure between June 10 and June 23 for seine and drift gillnet gear in the *South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan* (5 AAC 09.365).	10-29-26 10:33:12 AM
C **4-3**	8	Amend the *Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula* to enforce king salmon caps with reductions in commercial salmon fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula (5 AAC 09.366).	10-29-26 11:00:58 AM
C **4-3**	9	Reduce maximum gillnet depth in the Alaska Peninsula Area to 70 meshes (5 AAC 09.331).	10-29-26 11:11:26 AM

[1] The audio tracking information correlates with timestamps within 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.

C **4-3**	10	Amend Alaska Peninsula Area seine specifications to reduce net size (5 AAC 09.332).	10-29-26 11:15:16 AM
F 3-4	11	Prohibit discard of Chinook salmon caught in purse seine gear in the Alaska Peninsula and Chignik areas (5 AAC 09.373 and 5 AAC 15.364).	10-29-26 11:19:54 AM
F 0-7	12	Allow commercial fishing for salmon with set gillnet gear in the Southeastern District Mainland concurrent to commercial fishing periods for salmon in the Chignik Management Area (5 AAC 09.360).	10-29-26 11:26:37 AM
F 1-6	13	Establish a statewide Chinook salmon retention and disposition reporting standard for commercial salmon fisheries (5 AAC 39.130).	10-29-26 11:30:46 AM

The accepted ACR will be scheduled at a future meeting to be announced

Miscellaneous/Other:

The board will shift the timing of when Stock of Concern designations are made, moving the decisions of SOC determinations up by one year in order to have more time to develop and get public input on draft Action Plans, as discussed in RC19. Discussion on this began on 10-30-2026 at 12:54:58 PM.

The board received recommendations from the Department of Law that will include a new, final meeting at the end of each winter's meeting schedule for the board to review and adopt draft regulatory language for the proposals approved during the prior meetings. Discussion on this began on 10-30-2026 at 12:57:39 PM.

Continued from the discussion noted directly above, the board will schedule the draft regulations from the proposals adopted at the board's March 2026 Statewide Finfish & Supplemental Issues at a special online meeting to be announced, likely in January 2027. Discussion on this began on 10-30-2026 at 1:03:23 PM.

For this upcoming winter's meetings, the board will allow Advisory Committees to provide their committee reports remotely (at meetings where oral testimony is taken). Discussion on this began on 10-30-2026 at 1:10:12 PM.

The board may try a new idea that came out of previous meetings of the Process Committee, with a final Committee of the Whole for select proposals/issues. Discussion on this began on 10-30-2026 at 1:16:31 PM.

The Work Session adjourned at 1:27 pm on October 29, 2026.