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SOUTHEAST PROPOSAL INDEX

Following is a list of proposals that will be considered at the above meeting sorted by general topic. A board committee roadmap will be developed and distributed prior to the meeting.

Shellfish (41 Proposals)

Dungeness Crab (8 Proposals)

Commercial Fishery (4 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 53

Clarify regulations related to the sale of buoy tags to commercial Dungeness crab fishery permit holders.

PROPOSAL 54

Reduce the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 240 pots.

PROPOSAL 55

Increase the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 400 pots.

PROPOSAL 56

Close waters of Twelvemile Arm to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab.

Sport Fishery (4 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 57

Close waters in the Klawock vicinity to sport fishing for Dungeness crab.

PROPOSAL 58

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PROPOSAL 59

Close the Yakutat Area Dungeness crab sport fishery.

PROPOSAL 60

Establish a guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery in Sitka Sound.

King and Tanner Crab (14 proposals)

General (2 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 61

Expand waters of king and Tanner crab Registration Area A to include all waters from zero to 200 miles offshore.

PROPOSAL 62

Expand waters of king and Tanner crab Registration Area D to include all waters from zero to 200 miles offshore.

Red King Crab (2 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 63

Open an exploratory commercial red king crab fishery in specific areas during years of low estimated abundance.

PROPOSAL 64

Manage the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial red king crab fishery under an equal quota share when harvestable surplus is less than 200,000 pounds.

Golden King Crab (6 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 65

Expand fishing area for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.

PROPOSAL 66

Implement weather-related fishery closure delays for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.

PROPOSAL 67

Establish a regulatory closure date for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.

PROPOSAL 68

Define methods used to set guideline harvest levels in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.

PROPOSAL 69

Reduce Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery guideline harvest ranges.

PROPOSAL 70

Reduce the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery pot limit from 100 pots per vessel to 80 pots per vessel.

Tanner Crab (4 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 71

Allow operation of commercial, subsistence, sport, or personal use pots in the 14 days after closure of the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery.

PROPOSAL 72

Re-define ‘non-core’ areas and define ‘exploratory’ areas in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery.

PROPOSAL 73

Manage the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery using an equal quota share.

PROPOSAL 74

Establish a tanner crab fishery in a section of the Yakutat District.

Shrimp, Miscellaneous Shellfish (19 Proposals)

Personal Use/Sport (3 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 75

Reopen the personal use shrimp fishery in Section 11-A.

PROPOSAL 76

Establish mesh size requirements for Southeast Alaska Area sport fishing shrimp pots.

PROPOSAL 77

Amend shellfish methods and means and rescind unnecessary abalone regulations.

Commercial Pot Shrimp (7 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 78

Add sections for Districts 6, 8, and 10 and provide shrimp fishery guideline harvest ranges for the new areas.

PROPOSAL 79

Repeal winter commercial shrimp fishery and modify fishing season for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial shrimp fishery to avoid egg bearing shrimp.

PROPOSAL 80

Reduce the maximum number of pots per vessel, limit the number of pots per string and pot spacing, and limit gear to one operation cycle per day in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial shrimp fishery.

PROPOSAL 81

Allow commercial shrimp pots in the Southeastern Alaska Area to be pulled only one time per day.

PROPOSAL 82

Close the Section 11-A commercial shrimp fishery.

PROPOSAL 83

Close waters of Section 11-A to commercial fishing for shrimp and red king crab.

PROPOSAL 84

Close additional waters in District 2 to commercial pot shrimp fishing.

Commercial Beam Trawl Shrimp (1 Proposal)

PROPOSAL 85

Expand current beam trawl shrimp fishery logbook requirement to cover all fishing areas.

Sea Cucumbers (3 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 86

Open fishing areas deemed to have stable sea cucumber populations to commercial harvest of sea cucumbers without a pre-fishery stock assessment survey.

PROPOSAL 87

Open waters of a number of fishing areas previously closed to commercial sea cucumber harvest.

PROPOSAL 88

Modify the method for establishing the guideline harvest level in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial sea cucumber fishery.

Geoducks (3 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 89

Modify the method for establishing the guideline harvest level in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial geoduck fishery.

PROPOSAL 90

Open previously non-surveyed fishing areas to a limited commercial harvest of geoducks without a pre-fishery stock assessment survey.

PROPOSAL 91

Establish a weekly geoduck harvest limit of 1,000 pounds per diver in the Southeastern Alaska Area.

Scallops (1 Proposal)

PROPOSAL 92

Remove guideline harvest range for District 16 scallops and set one guideline harvest range for all of Scallop Registration Area D.

Squid (1 Proposal)

PROPOSAL 93

Establish a commercial fishery for squid, using purse seine gear, in the Southeastern Alaska Area.

Finfish (112 Proposals)

Herring (19 Proposals)

Subsistence (1 Proposal)

PROPOSAL 94

Reduce the amount of herring spawn reasonably necessary for subsistence in Sitka Sound.

Fishing Seasons (3 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 95

Repeal the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Sections 15-B and 15-C.

PROPOSAL 96

Repeal the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Section 11-A.

PROPOSAL 97

Open the Southeastern Alaska Area winter commercial food and bait herring fishery on December 1.

Harvest Rates and Guideline Harvest Levels (6 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 98

Reduce harvest rate for commercial herring fisheries in the Southeastern Alaska Area.

PROPOSAL 99

Reduce maximum harvest rate used to establish the commercial sac roe herring fishery guideline harvest level in Sections 13-A and 13-B from 20% of the spawning biomass to 10% of the spawning biomass.

PROPOSAL 100

Amend formula used to calculate guideline harvest levels for the commercial herring sac roe fishery in Sections 11-A, 15-B, and 15-C.

PROPOSAL 101

Reduce bait fishery harvest limit in the Section 3-B commercial herring spawn on kelp fishery.

PROPOSAL 102

Reduce herring bait fishery harvest limit and increase spawn on kelp herring fishery harvest limit in Section 3-B.

PROPOSAL 103

Reduce the Section 3-B winter bait herring fishery harvest limit and increase the Section 3-B spawn on kelp herring fishery harvest limit.

Sitka Sound (3 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 104

Repeal closed waters in the District 13 commercial herring fishery.

PROPOSAL 105

Expand closed waters in the District 13 commercial herring fishery.

PROPOSAL 106

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Spawn on kelp (6 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 107

Establish a herring spawn on kelp commercial fishery in Sections 13-A and 13-B.

PROPOSAL 108

Expand the open area for the spawn on kelp herring pound fishery in Section 3-B.

PROPOSAL 109

Allow no more than four Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holders to operate in a single pound structure in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery.

PROPOSAL 110

Allow the department to close fishing to some herring pound types to manage the fishery within the allowable guideline harvest level.

PROPOSAL 111

Define and allow closed half pound structures in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery.

PROPOSAL 112

Use a conversion factor applied to final product weight to determine harvest in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery.

Groundfish (17 Proposals)

General (2 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 113

Expand description of allowable groundfish parts that may be used as bait.

PROPOSAL 114

Allow the transport of live groundfish for the purposes of export or sale for human consumption.

Spiny Dogfish Sharks (1 Proposal)

PROPOSAL 115

Create a new commercial fishery for spiny dogfish sharks using pot gear in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area.

Sablefish (7 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 116

Establish a regional sablefish nonresident annual limit.

PROPOSAL 117

Allow pots as a legal gear type in the Southeastern Alaska Area personal use sablefish fishery.

PROPOSAL 118

Change the season opening date for the Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict commercial sablefish fishery to coincide with the federal sablefish fishery.

PROPOSAL 119

Amend gear and season dates for Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict commercial sablefish fishery.

PROPOSAL 120

Modify fishing seasons in the Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict commercial sablefish fishery to allow concurrent fishing with pot and longline gear.

PROPOSAL 121

Allow Southern Southeast Inside permit holders the option of using longline or pot gear for sablefish.

PROPOSAL 122

Base guideline harvest limits for the commercial sablefish fishery on federal survey data.

Lingcod (2 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 123

Increase the minimum retention size for lingcod in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area commercial fishery.

PROPOSAL 124

Allow the sale of up to two lingcod taken as bycatch in the commercial salmon troll fishery in Sitka Sound.

Sport Rockfish (4 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 125

Repeal mandatory retention requirements for nonpelagic rockfish.

PROPOSAL 126

Require all anglers to release nonpelagic rockfish at depth with a deepwater release mechanism.

PROPOSAL 127

Establish provisions for reducing the resident pelagic rockfish bag limit in Central Southeast Outside waters.

PROPOSAL 128

Reduce the pelagic rockfish limits in the Sitka Area.

Commercial Rockfish (1 Proposal)

PROPOSAL 129

Reduce the trip limit in the East Yakutat Section and clarify trip limits in the Southeast District and East Yakutat Section commercial demersal shelf rockfish fishery.

Salmon: King, Enhancement, Management Plans, Miscellaneous (33 Proposals)

Chilkat River King Salmon (2 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 130

Close subsistence fishing for salmon in Chilkat Inlet through July 15, and Chilkat River from June 15 to August 1.

PROPOSAL 131

Implement maximum gillnet mesh-size restrictions in the Chilkat Inlet and River subsistence salmon fishery.

Taku River King Salmon (3 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 132

Amend sport king salmon regulations in Districts 11, 12, 14, and 15 based on the Taku River king salmon preseason escapement estimate.

PROPOSAL 133

Base duration of commercial salmon troll and drift gillnet gear spring openings on preseason king salmon abundance projections.

PROPOSAL 134

Close the spring commercial salmon troll fishery in Districts 9, 12, and 14 when the Juneau area sport fishery is closed to protect king salmon.

Situk River King Salmon (2 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 135

Modify lawful gear for subsistence salmon fishing in Yakutat Bay.

PROPOSAL 136

Extend the area closed to sport fishing downstream and upstream of the Situk River weir during June and July.

Sport King Salmon Management Plan (2 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 137

Increase the regional resident king salmon possession limit when the Southeast Alaska Area preseason king salmon abundance index is greater than 2.0.

PROPOSAL 138

Allow the retention of other salmon while fishing for king salmon with two rods.

Enhanced Salmon Allocation (8 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 139

Eliminate provisions for a rotational fishery in Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area and allow the department to manage the fishery in consultation with the hatchery operator.

PROPOSAL 140

Prohibit use of drift gillnet gear for commercial salmon fishing in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area during the 2018–2020 fishing seasons.

PROPOSAL 141

Modify net rotation schedules for the commercial drift gillnet gear and purse seine gear salmon fisheries at Deep Inlet and Anita Bay terminal harvest areas.

PROPOSAL 142

Modify drift gillnet and purse seine fishing rotations in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.

PROPOSAL 143

Change the time ratio for drift gillnet gear to purse seine gear openings in Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.

PROPOSAL 144

Allow increased commercial salmon fishing opportunity with troll gear in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.

PROPOSAL 145

Allow commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear in the Nakat Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.

PROPOSAL 146

Do not include enhanced salmon produced by private nonprofit hatcheries in *Southeastern Alaska Area Enhanced Salmon Allocation Management Plan* gear-specific value allocations.

Special Harvest Areas/Terminal Harvest Areas (6 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 147

Amend Mist Cove salmon closure to allow for taking of salmon with fly fishing gear and prohibit snagging.

PROPOSAL 148

Expand the Herring Bay Sportfish Terminal Harvest Area to provide additional sport fishing opportunity for hatchery-produced king salmon.

PROPOSAL 149

Extend the closing date for salmon harvest by the hatchery permit holder in Deep Inlet Special Harvest Area.

PROPOSAL 150

Establish a special harvest area in Crawfish Inlet.

PROPOSAL 151

Establish a terminal harvest area and management plan for Carroll Inlet.

PROPOSAL 152

Update area description and coordinates of the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area boundaries.

Management Plans (6 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 153

Repeal the *District 1 Pink Salmon Management Plan*.

PROPOSAL 154

Establish a management plan for pink salmon in Lower Clarence Strait.

PROPOSAL 155

Eliminate the wild sockeye salmon harvest limit for the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery.

PROPOSAL 156

Change time period the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery wild sockeye salmon harvest cap is in effect to reflect current sockeye salmon run timing.

PROPOSAL 157

Include wild sockeye salmon harvested in the Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area in the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery wild sockeye harvest limit.

PROPOSAL 158

Include wild sockeye salmon harvested in the Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area in the wild sockeye salmon harvest limit for the commercial salmon purse seine fishery in District 12.

Miscellaneous (3 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 159

Prohibit the use of all aircraft used to locate salmon or direct commercial fishing operations during open commercial salmon fishing periods in the Southeastern Alaska Area.

PROPOSAL 160

Allow commercial fishing for salmon in waters near selected streams in Boat Harbor, Anita Bay, Deep Inlet, and Nakat Inlet Terminal Harvest Areas up to a straight line between the seaward extremities of the exposed tideland banks.

PROPOSAL 161

Update commercial salmon fishery closed waters coordinates in Whitewater Bay.

Salmon: Gear Groups (24 Proposals)

Set Gillnet (4 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 162

Open additional fishing area in the remainder of the Yakutat District as mitigation for king salmon conservation closures around the Situk and Lost Rivers.

PROPOSAL 163

Continue to allow set gillnet gear permit stacking in the Yakutat Area, by removing the sunset provision.

PROPOSAL 164

Update commercial salmon fishery closed waters description at the mouth of the Situk River to provide a more accurate description of current closed waters.

PROPOSAL 165

Change commercial salmon fishery closed waters description for Tsiu and Tsivat Rivers to more accurately reflect current stream mouth location.

Purse Seine (3 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 166

Allow a weekly commercial fishery targeting pink salmon with purse seine gear in District 12.

PROPOSAL 167

Close waters beyond one half mile from shore in Districts 12 and 14 to commercial fishing for salmon with purse seine gear.

PROPOSAL 168

Close certain waters of Districts 12 and 14 to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear.

Drift Gillnet (3 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 169

Open Section 6-D the second Sunday of June to commercial fishing for salmon with drift gillnet gear.

PROPOSAL 170

Open a portion of District 10 the third Sunday of June to commercial fishing for salmon with drift gillnet gear only.

PROPOSAL 171

Add District 6 to the mesh-size restriction area and allow implementation of the mesh-size restriction for an additional month.

Troll (13 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 172

Remove restrictions on harvesting non-Alaska hatchery-produced salmon in the spring commercial salmon troll fishery on the Gravina Island shore.

PROPOSAL 173

Allow commercial fisheries using troll gear to target enhanced chum salmon in Districts 12 and 14 to continue by removing the sunset provision.

PROPOSAL 174

Establish commercial fisheries targeting enhanced chum salmon using troll gear in portions of Districts 9 and 10.

PROPOSAL 175

Implement a king salmon possession restriction for vessels participating in the enhanced chum salmon troll fishery.

PROPOSAL 176

Establish a commercial fishery using troll gear to target hatchery-produced chum salmon in Crawfish Inlet.

PROPOSAL 177

Allow commercial fishing with troll gear for hatchery-produced coho salmon, in certain areas, during commercial troll fishery coho salmon conservation closures.

PROPOSAL 178

Restrict fishing area in Sitka Sound when harvest of non-Alaska hatchery-produced king salmon reaches 30,000 fish by March 1.

PROPOSAL 179

Adopt measures to reduce harvest rate in the winter commercial salmon troll fishery during times of high king salmon abundance.

PROPOSAL 180

Reduce triggers in the Southeastern Alaska Area spring commercial salmon troll fishery by five percent in years of high king salmon abundance.

PROPOSAL 181

Reduce the percentage of remaining commercial king salmon troll fishery harvest taken during the initial summer king salmon retention period from 70% to 60% during years of high king salmon abundance.

PROPOSAL 182

Establish a starting date for the reopening the summer commercial king salmon troll fishery.

PROPOSAL 183

Modify commercial salmon fishing closed waters adjacent to the Situk River.

PROPOSAL 184

Modify gear specifications for the commercial salmon hand troll fishery.

Personal Use and Sport Fisheries (21 Proposals)

Personal Use (10 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 185

Increase opportunity to harvest salmon and allow additional gear types in the Southeastern Alaska Area personal use salmon fishery.

PROPOSAL 186

Define what constitutes a guest of a lodge, charter vessel, or other enterprise.

PROPOSAL 187

Open personal use sockeye salmon fishing in the Klawock River.

PROPOSAL 188

Provide for personal use harvest of hatchery-produced salmon in Ketchikan Creek.

PROPOSAL 189

Provide regulatory provisions necessary to harvest aquatic plants for personal use within the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game nonsubsistence areas in the Southeast Alaska Area.

PROPOSAL 190

Increase the personal use household limit for sockeye salmon in the Taku River drainage.

PROPOSAL 191

Amend the personal use salmon season in the Taku River drainage to open the fishery on the fourth Saturday in June.

PROPOSAL 192

Allow personal use fishing for salmon in District 11.

PROPOSAL 193

Establish a personal use salmon set gillnet fishery in Section 15-A.

PROPOSAL 194

Allow personal use fishing for salmon in District 15.

Sport Regionwide (2 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 195

Establish nonresident annual limits for sockeye salmon in Southeast Alaska Area salt waters.

PROPOSAL 196

Establish nonresident annual limits for sockeye salmon in Southeast Alaska Area fresh waters.

Sport Special Provisions (9 Proposals)

PROPOSAL 197

Simplify current freshwater sport fishing regulations for king salmon in freshwater drainages of the Sitka Sound Special Use Area.

PROPOSAL 198

Amend the open season for Dolly Varden in Auke Bay.

PROPOSAL 199

Increase the bag limit for Dolly Varden on the Juneau road system.

PROPOSAL 200

Prohibit snagging in all salt and freshwaters along the Juneau road system, with minor exceptions.

PROPOSAL 201

Allow catch-and-release only in the Juneau vicinity Dredge Lakes area.

PROPOSAL 202

Allow only single, barbless hooks on artificial lures in the Dredge Lakes area.

PROPOSAL 203

Rescind the salmon sport fishing closure in Sheep Creek.

PROPOSAL 204

Amend bag limit and season provisions and establish an annual limit for sockeye salmon in Windfall Creek.

PROPOSAL 205

Prohibit multiple and barbed hooks in the Tsiu River drainage.