



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Work Session

Anchorage, October 23-24, 2019

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

This summary is informational only. The actions indicated below will have legal effects in regulations that provide the sole legal action of the board. All references to meeting materials, including this summary, may be located on the Board of Fisheries meeting website at: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=10-23-2019&meeting=anchorage>

Board Members Present

Reed Morisky, Chair

Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Vice-chair

Gerad Godfrey

Israel Payton

Fritz Johnson

John Jensen

John Wood

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

Action	#	Agenda Change Request	Audio Tracking Info*
<i>Southeast Alaska Area (4)</i>			
C <i>(6-1)</i>	ACR 1	Add the Crawfish Inlet Terminal Harvest Area and West Crawfish Inlet to waters that may be opened to a hatchery chum salmon troll fishery (5 AAC 29.112)	<i>Meeting 10-23-19: 3:55:26 PM</i>
F <i>(0-7)</i>	ACR 2	Modify hatchery operations in Crawfish Inlet and establish regulations to clarify and differentiate wild fish as distinct from hatchery fish (5 AAC XX.XXX)	<i>Meeting 10-23-19: 4:08:04 PM</i>
F <i>(0-7)</i>	ACR 3	Designate Taku River king salmon a Stock of Management Concern and adopt an Action Plan.	<i>Meeting 10-23-19: 4:23:12 PM</i>
F <i>(0-7)</i>	ACR 4	Reduce the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery guideline harvest level and increase the commercial fishery threshold biomass (5 AAC 27.160)	<i>Meeting 10-23-19: 4:33:47 PM</i>



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Alaska Peninsula-Chignik-Aleutian Islands Area (3)			
F (2-4)	ACR 5	Close the Dolgoi Islands area commercial salmon fishery when harvest reaches 191,000 sockeye salmon (5 AAC 09.365, 5 AAC 09.366). (<i>Carlson-Van Dort recused.</i>)	Meeting 10-23-19: 3:36:06 PM
F (1-6)	ACR 6	Close Aleutian Islands waters west of 174° W long to commercial fishing by certain vessels using nonpelagic trawl gear (5 AAC 28.650).	Meeting 10-23-19: 4:41:12 PM
C (7-0)	ACR 7	Designate the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict an exclusive registration area for Pacific cod (5 AAC 28.606, 5 AAC 28.647)	Meeting 10-23-19: 4:50:20 PM
Bristol Bay Area (1)			
C (6-0)	ACR 8	Allow two Bristol Bay drift gillnet CFEC permit holders to fish concurrently from the same vessel and jointly operate up to 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear when the Naknek River Special Harvest Area is open (5 AAC 06.333). (<i>Godfrey recused.</i>)	Meeting 10-24-19: 8:34:42 AM
Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Area (2)			
C (7-0)	ACR 9	Allow use of set gillnets with 6" mesh to harvest salmon other than king salmon and other non-salmon fish species on the Kuskokwim River for subsistence purposes during times of king salmon conservation (5 AAC 01.270)	Meeting 10-24-19: 8:49:25 AM
F (0-7)	ACR 10	Close the Goodnews River drainage to sport fishing September 1-30 (5 AAC 71.010)	Meeting 10-24-19: 9:01:21 AM
Statewide (2)			
C (4-3)	ACR 11	Prohibit fishing in fresh water with live earthworms in the genus <i>Lumbricus</i> (5 AAC 75.022)	Meeting 10-24-19: 9:05:16 AM
C (6-1)	ACR 12	Extend emergency order authority to include restriction of stocked waters to no retention (catch-and-release) in times of low hatchery production or if stocked waters become contaminated (5 AAC 75.003)	Meeting 10-24-19: 9:19:22 AM

* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry "Day 2, October 19, 2016" indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the proposal began according to the meeting audio.

Other Board Action/Issues/Discussion:



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- 1) **Election of Officers.** Morisky was voted as chair over Jensen by a vote of 5-2. Carlson-Van Dort was named vice-chair by unanimous consent. *Meeting 10-23-19:
9:05:52 AM*

- 2) **2018/2019 Committees and Task Forces:** There were three committee meetings in 2018/2019 including the October 17, 2018 Joint Protocol Committee, the February 26, 2019 Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan committee, and the March 8, 2019 Hatchery Committee. Meeting summaries were provided in the RC1 miscellaneous section. *Meeting 10-23-19:
10:04:43 AM*

- 3) **2019/2020 Standing Committee Assignments.** Chair Morisky made committee assignments including:
 - a) Committee on Committees: Chair Morisky, Carlson Van-Dort, Payton
 - b) Board of Fisheries (BOF)/Board of Game (BOG): Chair Wood, Carlson Van-Dort, Payton
 - c) State/Federal Subsistence: Chair Payton, Johnson, Godfrey
 - d) Habitat Committee: Chair Johnson, Jensen, Godfrey
 - e) Joint Protocol Committee: Chair Jensen, Johnson, Wood
 - f) Legislation: Chair Carlson Van-Dort, Wood, Morisky
 - g) Hatchery: Chair Morisky, all other board members
 - h) Special Committee on Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Fishery Management Plan: Chair Morisky, Payton
 - i) Special Committee Rod and Reel: disbanded (see miscellaneous business)
 - j) Special Committee Naknek River Sport Commercial Services and Guide Fisheries: Chair Morisky, Johnson*Meeting 10-23-19:
10:05:04 AM*

- 4) **Escapement Goals/Stocks of Concern** *Meeting 10-23-19:
10:10:41 AM*
 - a) ADF&G Memos on Escapement Goals and Stocks of Concern: The department provided a report and update on its escapement goals and stocks of concern for salmon runs in this year's meeting cycle.
 - i) Lower Cook Inlet: found in RCs 3 and 4
 - ii) Kodiak: found in RCs 5 and 6
 - iii) Upper Cook Inlet: found in RCs 7, 8 and 9

- 5) **North Pacific Fishery Management Council Update.** Extended Jurisdiction Program Manager Karla Bush provided an update on recent Council events. *Meeting 10-23-19:
1:35:54 PM*

- 6) **Federal Subsistence Board Update.** Office of Subsistence Management liaison George Pappas provided an update on recent and next-year Federal Subsistence Board efforts. *Meeting 10-23-19:
1:50:48 PM*



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- 7) **Report on Ocean Acidification.** Bob Foy of the NOAA Alaska Fisheries Science Center, and Toby Schwoerer, UAA Institute of Social and Economic Research, provide a report on Ocean Acidification study efforts ongoing in Alaska. *Meeting 10-23-19: 1:58:23 PM*
- 8) **Department Report on Proposal 127 from 2019 Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim (AYK) Meeting.** John Linderman, AYK Regional Supervisor and Chuck Brazil, AYK Regional Management Coordinator, provided the board an update on Proposal 127. Proposal 127 was submitted by the Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee and sought to repeal the guideline harvest range for sockeye salmon in the Port Clarence District and replace it with the Port Clarence District and Pilgrim River Salmon Management Plan. Simultaneously the department was seeking to change escapement goals for the same stock of salmon and was concerned about elements of Proposal 127. The proposal did not pass and the board asked the department if it would work with the proposer to see if a revised proposal could be developed for a future meeting. The board asked the department if it would report back at this work session. *Meeting 10-23-19: 2:26:55 PM*
- 9) **2020/2021 Call for Proposals.** The board approved the draft call for proposal that is in the RC1 board workbook under the miscellaneous section. *Meeting 10-23-19: 2:31:54 PM*
- 10) Approve Meeting Dates and Locations for 2021/2022 Cycle.** *Meeting 10-23-19: 2:42:07 PM*
- a) Work Session: October 20-21, 2021, Anchorage
 - b) Alaska Peninsula, Chignik, and Aleutian Islands/Bering Sea Pacific cod: October 22-23, 2021, Anchorage
 - c) Bristol Bay Finfish: November 28-December 2, 2021, Anchorage
 - d) Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Finfish: January 8-12, 2022, Anchorage
 - e) Alaska Peninsula, Chignik, and Aleutian Islands Finfish: February 18-23, 2022, Anchorage
 - f) Statewide Finfish: March 11-14, 2022, Anchorage
- 11) **Review of 2019/2020 Cycle Workload.** In reviewing the upcoming meeting cycle, the board agreed to reduce by 1-day the Upper Cook Inlet Finfish and Statewide King and Tanner crab meetings. The revised dates for those meetings are February 7-19, and March 8-11, respectively. *Meeting 10-23-19: 3:29:00 PM*
- 12) **Review of On-time Subsistence Related Proposals.** The ADF&G had submitted an on-time, out of cycle proposal for the board to determine an amount necessary for subsistence for Prince William Sound Tanner Crab. *Meeting 10-23-19: 9:25:11 AM*



The department asked the board to take no action on this proposal under RC25. The board agreed to take no action.

- 13) **Setting Accepted ACR Meeting Dates.** The board accepted six ACRs and set them for the following in-cycle meetings:
- a) ACR #1 – Statewide King and Tanner
 - b) ACR #7 – Lower Cook Inlet
 - c) ACR #8 – Statewide King and Tanner *Meeting 10-24-19: 10:08:33 AM*
 - d) ACR #9 – Statewide King and Tanner
 - e) ACR #11 – Statewide King and Tanner
 - f) ACR #12 – Lower Cook Inlet
- 14) **Stock of Concern approval.** The board approved the department’s stock of concern with the exception of taking no action on Yentna sockeye salmon delisting and the conglomeration of the Eastside Susitna River king salmon escapement goals into one escapement goal until the Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting. *Meeting 10-24-19: 10:19:38 AM*
- 15) **Board discussion on the 2018-291-FB: Charge Statement for A Review on the Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan Committee.** The board discussed the recent meeting of the committee on October 21, 2019, and agreed to hold another meeting on January 9, 2020. The point of the next meeting is to develop proposed changes to the plan. *Meeting 10-24-19: 10:25:20 AM*
- 16) **Board discussion on the 2018-293-FB: Charge Statement for a Review on the Naknek River Sport Commercial Services/Guide Fisheries.** The board discussed future actions of the committee and agreed with the department to hear about in-season studies at the October 2020 work session. Member Johnson also asked to work with Boards Support on contacting interested parties to inform them of the planned efforts. *Meeting 10-24-19: 10:30:31 AM*
- 17) **Board discussion on the 2018-292-FB: Alaska Board of Fisheries Charge Statement for a Review of Rod and Reel Gear.** The board agreed by unanimous consent to disband this committee. *Meeting 10-24-19: 10:35:51 AM*
- 18) **Update on the ADF&G Interdivisional rockfish workgroup.** Dr. Katie Howard with the Division of Sport Fish provided the board with an overview of the department’s efforts at improving management for rockfish species around the state. *Meeting 10-24-19: 10:40:19 AM*
- 19) **Freshwater heat stress mortality in Alaska salmon.** The department’s Chief Fisheries Scientists for the divisions of Sport Fish and Commercial Fisheries, Jim Hasbrouck and Bill Templin, respectively, provided a brief *Meeting 10-24-19: 10:48:37 AM*



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overview of the causes of mortality in salmon when confronted with excessively high heat in freshwater.

- 20) **Subjects for March 2020 Hatchery Committee meeting.** The board determined it would establish meeting subjects for the March 2020 Hatchery Committee meeting at its Lower Cook Inlet Finfish meeting. Members did ask to hear an update on ongoing hatchery studies. *Meeting 10-24-19: 10:57:42 AM*
- 21) **2018-289-FB: Policy Regarding the Location of the Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting.** The board rescinded this policy by unanimous consent. *Meeting 10-24-19: 11:01:16 AM*
- 22) **Discussion and vote on the meeting location for the 2020 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting.** The board approved keeping the 2020 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting in Anchorage by a vote of 4-3. *Meeting 10-24-19: 11:10:14 AM*
- 23) **Kodiak Dungeness Crab Commercial Fishery.** Member Jensen mentioned concern by Kodiak commercial fishermen (RC 27) about recent Dungeness crab fishery rule changes and that he might recommend a board generated proposal at the Lower Cook Inlet Finfish meeting. *Meeting 10-24-19: 11:29:05 AM*

The meeting adjourned at 11:34am.