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Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish

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Pikes Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks

TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP (32 proposals)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 1: KUSKOKWIM AND YUKON SUBSISTENCE and SPORT FISHERIES (6 proposals: Chair - WOOD)

Kuskokwim Subsistence Fisheries (1 proposal)

PROPOSAL 12

(HQ-F26-121) Add eel sticks as an allowable subsistence gear type for fish other than salmon.

Kuskokwim Sport Fisheries (2 proposals)

PROPOSAL 13

(HQ-F26-015) Close king salmon sport fishing in the Kuskokwim River drainage upstream of and including the Holitna River from July 26 through April 30.

PROPOSAL 14

(HQ-F26-014) Eliminate bag and possession limits for sheefish in the Kanektok, Goodnews, and Arolik Rivers

Yukon Subsistence Fisheries (3 proposals)

PROPOSAL 15

(EF-F26-132) Close harvest of fall chum salmon for 2 years in the mainstem Yukon River.

PROPOSAL 16

(EF-F26-131) Prohibit the use of 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets in the mainstem Yukon River after fall chum salmon are detected in the Lower Yukon Test Fishery project.

PROPOSAL 17

(EF-F26-047) Allow the use of 6-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets in Hamilton Slough, the Anen'eq River (Unuk River), and the Ingricuar River from September 1 to September 30, during times of salmon conservation.



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 2: TANANA SPORT FISHERIES (10 proposals: Chair - CHAMBERLAIN)

Chatanika Pike Sport Fisheries (3 proposals)

PROPOSAL 18

(EF-F26-019) Eliminate the provision of the Minto Flats Northern Pike Management Plan to reduce the sport daily bag and possession limit when subsistence harvest is 750 or more northern pike in the Chatanika Harvest Area (CHA) during the period from January 1 until these waters are free of ice. Open season for sport fishing would be changed from June 1 through October 14 to April 15 through October 14.

PROPOSAL 19

(EF-F26-139) Eliminate the provision of the Minto Flats Northern Pike Management Plan to reduce the sport daily bag and possession limit when subsistence harvest is 750 or more northern pike in the Chatanika Harvest Area (CHA) during the period from January 1 until these waters are free of ice. Open season for sport fishing would be changed from June 1 through October 14 to May 1 through October 14.

PROPOSAL 20

(EF-F26-053) Modify the provision of the Minto Flats Northern Pike Management Plan to reduce the sport daily bag and possession limit when subsistence harvest is 750 or more northern pike in the Chatanika Harvest Area (CHA) during the period from January 1 until these waters are free of ice to only include waters of the Chatanika River drainage upstream of and including Goldstream Creek.

Tanana Drainage Sport Fisheries (7 proposals)

PROPOSAL 21

(EF-F26-140) Allow a catch-and-release fishery for northern pike and prohibit the use of bait and barbed hooks in Harding Lake.

PROPOSAL 22

(EF-F26-020) Allow a catch-and-release fishery for northern pike in Harding Lake.

PROPOSAL 23

(HQ-F26-018) Increase the bag and possession limit for northern pike in Volkmar Lake to match the general regulations of 5 fish of which only 1 fish may be 30 inches or longer.

PROPOSAL 24

(EF-F26-141) Eliminate the youth-only fishery for Arctic grayling that occurs during 4 weekends (8 days) in June and July.



PROPOSAL 25
(EF-F26-018) Repeal the registration requirement for ice houses that are not removed from the ice daily in the Tanana River Area.

PROPOSAL 26
(HQ-F26-017) Modify regulations for Arctic grayling in the Shaw Creek drainage and the Tanana River within a 2-mile radius of the Shaw Creek.

PROPOSAL 27
(HQ-F26-016) Modify management of Rainbow Lake, which is a stocked water, and increase the daily bag and possession in Rainbow Lake for all stocked finfish species combined from 5 to 10, of which only 1 may be 18 inches or greater in length.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 3: NORTON SOUND and KOTZEBUE
SUBSISTENCE, COMMERCIAL and SPORT FISHERIES (16 proposals: Chair - IRWIN)

Norton Sound Subsistence and Commercial Fisheries (9 proposals)

PROPOSAL 28
(HQ-F26-022) Establish beach seine specifications for subsistence fisheries in the Norton Sound-Port Clarence District.

PROPOSAL 29
(EF-F26-011) Establish an annual household limit of 25 sockeye salmon for the Sinuk River subsistence fishery in Subdistrict 1 of the Norton Sound District.

PROPOSAL 30
(EF-F26-012) Move the subsistence net fishing closed waters boundary in the Sinuk River from the confluence of Boulder Creek, approximately 7 miles downstream, to Camp Creek.

PROPOSAL 31
(EF-F26-123) Move the subsistence net fishing closed waters boundary in the Sinuk River from the confluence of Boulder Creek, approximately 7 miles downstream to Camp Creek.

PROPOSAL 32
(EF-F26-130) Rescind the subsistence gillnet fishing schedule for Subdistrict 1 of the Norton Sound District in marine waters West of Cape Nome.

PROPOSAL 33
(EF-F26-052) Prohibit the retention of king salmon by subsistence users when using beach seine gear in the Pilgrim River

PROPOSAL 34



(EF-F26-050) Reduce the Pilgrim River subsistence permit annual household limit to one king salmon.

PROPOSAL 35

(EF-F26-027) Remove the requirement for subsistence users fishing with hook and line attached to a rod or pole to follow sport fish daily bag and possession limits while fishing for salmon in northern Norton Sound.

PROPOSAL 36

(EF-F26-091) Allow for catch and release sport fishing for king salmon when the subsistence fishery is closed to the retention of king salmon in the marine waters of Subdistrict 5 and 6 or in the Unalakleet River Drainage.

Norton Sound Sport Fisheries (2 proposals)

PROPOSAL 37

(EF-F26-051) Close the Pilgrim River drainage to sport fishing for king salmon.

PROPOSAL 38

(EF-F26-049) Increase the maximum allowable hook size for multiple hooks when fishing for salmon to a gap between point and shank of up to 19/32 inch in the Northwestern Management Area.

Kotzebue Sound Sport Fisheries (1 proposals)

PROPOSAL 39

(EF-F26-084) Reduce the daily background bag and possession limit for sheefish from 10 fish with no size limit to 5 fish with no size limit in the Northwestern Management Area.

Kotzebue Sound Subsistence and Commercial Fisheries (4 proposals)

PROPOSAL 40

(EF-F26-085) Require a sheefish subsistence permit for fishing through the ice in the Arctic-Kotzebue Area.

PROPOSAL 41

(EF-F26-161) Add bow and arrow as a legal subsistence gear type in the Arctic-Kotzebue area for nonsalmon species and eliminate the closed season in the Noatak River sport fishery for northern pike.

PROPOSAL 42

(HQ-F26-020) Close marine waters of Subdistrict 1 in the Kotzebue District to subsistence and commercial fishing adjacent to the runway in Kotzebue.

PROPOSAL 43

(EF-F26-013) Eliminate commercial fishing for sheefish in the Kotzebue District.