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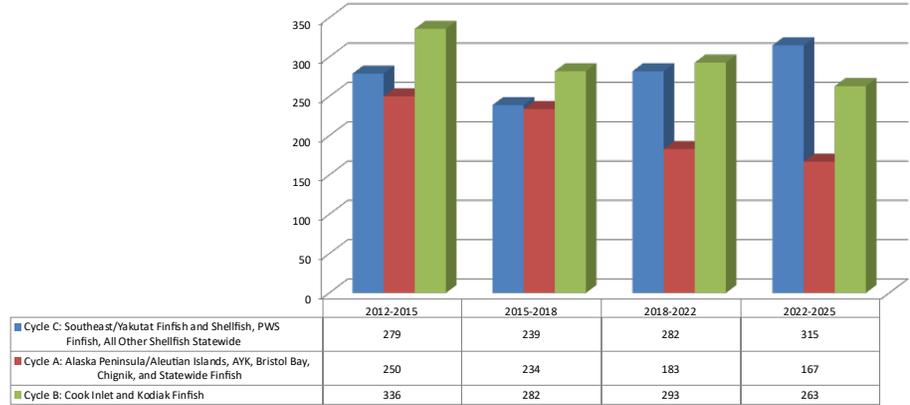
Agenda 10: Meeting Dates and Locations for 2027/2028 Cycle

1. Memorandum on 2026/2027 Meeting Dates and Locations
 - Appendix 1- Meeting Dates and Locations Worksheet
 - Appendix 2- Board of Fisheries Long Term Goals (91-126-FB)

It may be of interest for the board to know that 2024/2025 was the third cycle where Southeast Alaska finfish and shellfish were considered at a single meeting whereas at the 2014/2015 meeting cycle, and all prior cycles, the topics were considered at two separate regulatory meetings.

Additionally, beginning with the 2020/2021 cycle, the board combined all king and Tanner crab proposals into the SW Dungeness meeting, while moving PWS shellfish proposals into the PWS finfish meeting (except PWS shrimp).

Figure 1: Comparison of Three Year Cycles
 Number of Proposals by Cycle



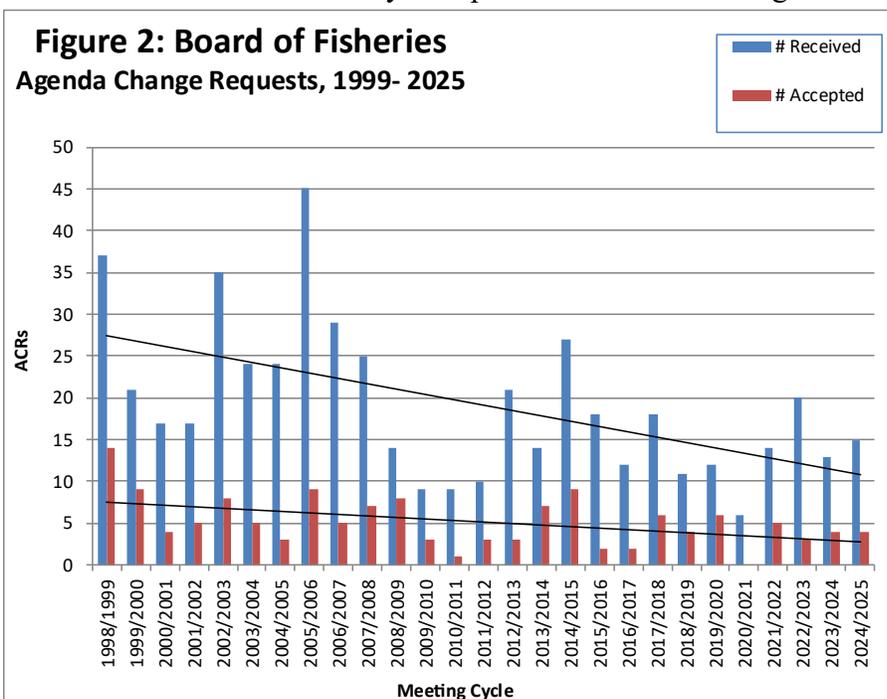
Cycle	Average proposals from last four meeting cycles (2012-2025)	Days
Cycle C: Southeast/Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish, PWS Finfish, All Other Shellfish Statewide	279	25
Prince William Sound Finfish and Shellfish (exc. shrimp)	75	6
Southeast/Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish	158	14
Statewide Dungeness, Shrimp, and Other Miscellaneous	64	5
Cycle A: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands, AYK, Bristol Bay, Chignik, and Statewide Finfish	209	24
Cycle B: Cook Inlet and Kodiak Finfish	294	25

Community Information

Community information for potential locations for the 2027/2028 meeting cycle is provided in Table 2.

Work Session Considerations and Agenda Change Requests

October work sessions manage well within the allotted two-day time period. The number of agenda change requests (ACRs) drives meeting workload, but even in years with a relatively high number of requests, the two-day meeting sufficed. Figure 2 offers a look at ACR numbers since 1998. The general trend for ACRs is down, although it has had a slight increase in recent years. The average percentage accepted during this entire period is about 27% annually, but the last 5-year average is only 22%.



Proposed Days for Meetings

The following list offers proposed and backup days for the 2027/2028 meeting schedule. Table 1 provides timing and work volume statistics from these meetings. Appendix 1 is the dates/locations worksheet with holiday dates and other known fishery-related meeting date information for the 2027/2028 cycle.

Meeting (Recommended Days)	Proposed Dates	Backup Dates
Work Session (2)	October 27–28 2027	October 20–21, 2027
Prince William Sound Finfish (7)	December 1–7, 2027	December 8–14, 2027 December 16-22, 2027
Southeast Finfish and Shellfish (13)	January 19–31, 2028	Jan 26–Feb 7, 2028
Statewide Dungeness, Crab, Shrimp and other Miscellaneous Shellfish (6)	March 22–27, 2028	March 1–7, 2028

The dates proposed are based on the scheduled dates for the meetings in 2024/2025. While the PWS and March shellfish meetings each finished one day early, I feel it would be premature to reduce the meeting days based on a single year. Perhaps if those meetings finish early again, then we may consider reduced durations. These dates should avoid conflicts with Pacific Salmon Commission meetings, but the December dates could pose a conflict with North Pacific Council meeting dates however the Council hasn’t chosen dates for their December 2027 meeting yet.

Table 1. Past Meeting Statistics for the PWS, SE & SW Shellfish Topics

Prince William Sound Finfish Meeting Statistics				
Year	Location	Days	Proposals	Proposals / Day
2024*	Cordova	6	103	14.7
2021*	Cordova	7	82	11.7
2017	Valdez	5	53	10.6
2014	Cordova	5	57	11.4
2011	Valdez	6	96	16.0
2008	Cordova	7	139	19.9
2005	Valdez	7	80	11.4
Average		6.2	84.5	13.5

*Includes shellfish (except shrimp)

Southeast Shellfish Meeting Statistics				
Year	Location	Days	Proposals	Proposals / Day
2025*	Ketchikan	13	158	12.2
2021*	Anchorage (KTN)	13	155	11.9
2018*	Sitka	4	44	11.0
2015	Wrangell	4	56	14.0
2012	Petersburg	7	60	8.6
2009	Petersburg	7	68	9.7
2006	Ketchikan	7	79	11.3
2003	Sitka	9	161	17.9
Average		7.3	89.0	12.1

* Done at the same time as finfish but handled as two sessions.

Southeast Finfish Meeting Statistics				
Year	Location	Days	Proposals	Proposals / Day
2025*	Ketchikan	13	158	12.2
2021**	Anchorage (KTN)	13	155	11.9
2018*	Sitka	9	111	12.3
2015	Sitka	9	121	13.4
2012	Ketchikan	10	145	14.5
2009	Sitka	10	168	16.8
2006	Ketchikan	11	145	13.2
2003	Ketchikan	9	118	13.1
Average		10.1	137.6	13.6

* Done at the same time as shellfish but handled as two separate meetings.

** Done at the same meeting with shellfish

All Other Shellfish Statewide				
Year	Location	Days	Proposals	Proposals / Day
2025	Anchorage	5	54	10.8
2021	Anchorage	6	45	7.5
2018	Anchorage	4	31	7.8
2015	Anchorage	4	47	11.8
2012	Anchorage	5	42	8.4
2009	Anchorage	5	18	3.6
2006	Anchorage	7	41	5.9
2003	Anchorage	11	42	3.8
Average		6.0	38.0	7.0

Other considerations the Board has discussed when choosing meeting locations are the following which were identified by the board in 2009). More considerations about board meeting planning can be found in Appendix 2 Board Policy 91-126-FB–*Board of Fisheries Long Term Goals*.

1. Whether the community has commercial jet or turbine service;
2. Cellular phone service;
3. High speed internet available;
4. Adequate dining facilities/capacity for the Board of Fisheries, Fish and Game staff, and expected members of the public travelling from other communities;
5. Adequate meeting room facility and associated staff requirements;
6. Relative comfort (temperature inside, tables/chairs, etc.);
7. Adequate ground transportation;
8. Adequate hotel rooms and capacity of rooms for expected influx;
9. Hospital;
10. Relationship of community to Board of Fisheries topic of discussion;
11. Cost to Department of Fish and Game;
12. Travel time required;
13. Economic and cultural importance to the location; and
14. Economic impact on stakeholder travel.

Table 2: Community Information on Meeting Locations for the 2024/2025 Meeting Cycle

(Limited search to communities with populations greater than 1,000 people)

Community (BOF Meeting Year)	Previous Meetings (since 2003)	Current Population ¹	Transportation	Meeting Venues (largest capacity sq. ft.)	Hotel Capacity (est. # of Rooms)	Restaurants	Internet Connectivity	Cell Service
Anchorage Area								
Anchorage	Annually	289,697	Major and regional air carriers Road system Alaska Railroad	Anchorage Marriott (8,000 sq. ft.) Hilton Anchorage (7,680 sq. ft.) Hotel Captain Cook (9,000 sq. ft.) Millennium Alaskan (3,496 sq. ft.) Sheraton Anchorage (9,400 sq. ft.) Westmark Anchorage (1,746 sq. ft.) Egan Convention Center (19,306 sq. ft.) Dena'ina Center (24,840 sq. ft.)	Multiple hotels (8,000 rooms in downtown) Multiple B&B and rentals	Multiple	Broadband (3 – 6 Mbps upload; 100 Mbps to 1 Gbps download)	Yes
Girdwood	2013 2005	2,438	Road system	Hotel Alyeska (3,150 sq. ft.)	1 hotel (300 plus rooms) Multiple B&B and rentals	5+	Broadband (3 – 6 Mbps upload; 100 Mbps to 1 Gbps download)	Yes
Prince William Sound Region								
Cordova	2024 2021 2014 2008	2,545	Major and regional air carriers State ferry	The Cordova Center Mt. Eccles School (gymnasium)	4+ hotels (70+ rooms) Multiple B&B and rentals	6+	Broadband (3 – 6 Mbps upload; 10 Mbps to 25 Mbps download)	Yes
Valdez	2017 2011 2005	3,971	Regional air carriers Road system State ferry	Valdez Civic Center (6,464 sq. ft.)	6 hotels (350+ rooms) Multiple B&B and rentals	11+	Broadband (3 – 6 Mbps upload; 10 Mbps to 25 Mbps download)	Yes
Southeast Region								
Haines	None	2,614	Alaska State Ferry System Regional rural air carriers On the mainland road system.	Harriett Hall (5,000 sq. feet) Chilkat Center for the Arts (260 seating in auditorium) American Legion Hall	5 hotels (138+ rooms) Multiple B&B and rentals	10+	Broadband (768 kbps to 1.5 Mbps upload; 6 – 10 Mbps download)	Yes
Juneau	2014 2005	32,155	Major and regional air carriers State ferry	Centennial Hall (12,389 sq. ft.) Juneau Arts & Culture Ctr. (4,360 sq. ft.) Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall (6,156 sq. ft.) Westmark Baranof Hotel (2,068 sq. ft.)	12+ hotels (860+ rooms) Multiple B&B and rentals	Multiple	Broadband (3 – 6 Mbps upload; 100 Mbps to 1 Gbps download)	Yes
Ketchikan	2025 2012 2006	13,895	Major and rural air carriers State ferry Inter-Island Ferry Authority	Ted Ferry Civic Center (4,263 sq. ft.) Best Western Landing (2,700 sq. ft.)	6+ hotels (320+ rooms) Multiple B&B and rentals	Multiple	Broadband (3 – 6 Mbps upload; 100 Mbps to 1 Gbps download)	Yes
Petersburg	2012 2009	3,368	Major and regional air carriers State ferry	Sons of Norway (2,142 sq. ft.)	3+ hotels/inn – 89 rooms Other B&B and rentals	4+	Broadband (3 – 6 Mbps upload; 10 – 25 Mbps download)	Yes

¹ Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Community & Regional Affairs, Community Database (based on 2021 Census data), <http://commerce.state.ak.us/cra/DCRAExternal/Community>.

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Community (BOF Meeting Year)	Previous Meetings (since 2003)	Current Population ¹	Transportation	Meeting Venues (largest capacity sq ft.)	Hotel Capacity (est. # of Rooms)	Restaurants	Internet Connectivity	Cell Service
Sitka	2018 2015 2009	8,387	Major and regional air carriers State ferry	Harrigan Centennial Hall (4,340 sq. ft.) Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall (unk) Sheet'ka Kwaan Naa Kahidi Tribal Community House (unk) Westmark (1,664 sq. ft.)	3+ hotels (over 200 rooms) Multiple B&B and rentals	10+	Broadband (3 – 6 Mbps upload; 10 – 25 Mbps download)	Yes
Skagway	None	1,203	State ferry Regional rural air carriers On the mainland road system.	AB Hall (unk) School gymnasium (unk)	3+ hotels (60 rooms) Other B&B and rentals	7	Broadband (768 kbps to 1.5 Mbps upload; 6 – 10 Mbps download)	Yes
Wrangell	2015	2,096	Major and regional air carriers State ferry	Nolan Center (3,991 sq. ft.)	3 hotels (60 rooms) Other B&B and rentals	3	Broadband (3 – 6 Mbps upload; 10 – 25 Mbps download)	Yes

APPENDICES

1. Meeting dates and locations worksheet for 2027/2028, with history
2. Board Policy 91-126-FB–Board of Fisheries Long Term Goals

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Proposed Meeting Dates and Locations Worksheet

Prince William Sound and Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Finfish and Shellfish (Except Shrimp),
Southeast and Yakutat Shellfish and Finfish, and
All Remaining Shellfish Statewide (Including PWS Shrimp) and Supplemental Issues

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Monday, April 12, 2027

Dates [and Duration]	Topics	Location
October 2027 [2 days]	Work Session, ACRs, cycle organization, Stocks of Concern	
<i>Proposed Backup</i>	<i>October 27-28, 2027 [2 days, Wed-Thurs] October 20-21, 2027 [2 days, Wed-Thurs]</i>	
<i>Upcoming</i>	<i>October 28-29, 2025 [2 days, 9 ACRs] October 28-29, 2026 [2 days]</i>	Anchorage Anchorage
<i>Prior Years</i>	<i>October 29-30, 2024 [2 days, 15 ACRs] October 12-13, 2023 [2 days, 14 ACRs] October 25-26, 2022 [2 days, 6 ACRs] October 20-21, 2021 [2 days, 12 ACRs] October 15-16, 2020 [2 days, 11 ACRs]</i>	Anchorage Anchorage Anchorage Anchorage Anchorage Webconference
December 2027 [7 days]	Prince William Sound and Upper Copper/Susitna Rivers Finfish and Shellfish (except shrimp)	
<i>Proposed Backup</i>	<i>December 1-7, 2027 [7 days, Wed-Tues] (possible overlap w/ NPFMC) December 8-14, 2027 [7 days, Wed-Tues] (possible overlap w/ NPFMC) November 16-22, 2027 [7 days, Tues-Wed]</i>	
<i>Previous dates</i>	<i>December 10-16, 2024 [planned for 7, done in 6 days; 103 proposals] November 30-December 6, 2021 [7 days, 82 proposals] December 1-5, 2017 [5 days, 53 proposals] – finfish only December 3-7, 2014 [5 days, 57 proposals] – finfish only</i>	Cordova Cordova Valdez Cordova
January 2028 [13 days]	Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish	
<i>Proposed Backup</i>	<i>January 19-31, 2028 [13 days, Wed-Mon(+)] January 26-Feb 7, 2028 [13 days, Wed-Mon(+)]</i>	
<i>Previous dates</i>	<i>January 28-Feb 9, 2025 [13 days, 159 proposals] March 10-22, 2022 [12 days, 153 prop.] January 11-23, 2018 [13 days, 155 prop.] January 21-24, 2015 [4 days, 56 prop shellfish] and February 23-March 3, 2015 [9 days, 121 prop. finfish]</i>	Ketchikan (KTN) Anchorage Sitka Wrangell & Sitka
March 2025 [6 days]	All remaining Statewide Shellfish (and PWS shrimp) and Supplemental Issues	
<i>Proposed Backup</i>	<i>March 22-27, 2028 [6 days, Wed-Mon] March 1-7, 2028 [6 days, Wed-Mon]</i>	
<i>Previous dates</i>	<i>March 11-16, 2025 [6 days, 54 proposals] March 26-30, 2022 [5 days, 45 proposals] March 6-9, 2018 [4 days, 31 proposals] – Dungeness crab, et al meeting March 17-21, 2015 [4 days, 47 proposals] – Dungeness crab, et al meeting</i>	Anchorage Anchorage Anchorage Anchorage

Total Meeting Days: 28

ACR Deadline: Friday, August 20, 2027 [If Work Session on Oct 20-21; 60 days prior to fall Work Session]

BOF Proposed Schedule for 2027-2028

Updated: October 2025

RELATED EVENTS / MEETINGS

Upcoming Alaska Board of Game meeting dates:

Dates for the 2027/2028 cycle are not determined.

Upcoming NPFMC meeting dates:

2027/2028 dates not yet established, but the Council typically holds meetings in April, June, October and December.

Upcoming Pacific Salmon Commission meeting dates:

Dates likely to be:

October 18-21, 2027

January 10-14, 2028

February 14-18, 2028

2027/2028 dates not set yet, but typically Mon-Thurs in the third full week of October; Mon-Fri the week before the MLK Holiday (Jan); and Mon-Fri the week before President's Day (Feb).

Note, this list does not include meetings of the various technical committees such as Transboundary, Northern Boundary, or Chinook.

Yukon River Panel dates:

Unknown

International Pacific Halibut Commission dates:

November 2027 – Interim Meeting – date not set, typically late Nov.

January 2028 – date not set, typically end of Jan, early Feb.

Alaska Federation of Natives Annual Meeting dates:

Annual Convention – Location and Date Unknown – usually the second full weekend in October

Federal Subsistence Board

Dates for the 2027/28 cycle have not yet been determined.

State and Federal Holidays:

Alaska Day, October 18, 2027

Veterans Day, November 11, 2027

Thanksgiving, November 25, 2027

Christmas, December 25, 2027 (*observed 12/24/2027*)

News Year, January 1, 2028 (*observed 12/31/2027*)

Russian Orthodox Christmas, January 7, 2028

Russian Orthodox New Year, January 14, 2028

Martin Luther King Day, January 17, 2028

Presidents Day, February 21, 2028

Seward's Day, March 27, 2028

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2028

Other

Alaska Marine Science Symposium – unk.

Anchorage Spring Break, March 13-17, 2028 (typically second full week of March)

Super Bowl, February 13, 2028

Anchorage Fur Rendezvous: Feb 25-March 5, 2028

Iditarod ceremonial start, March 4, 2028 (first Sat in March)

- 2) Schedule a reasonable length of time between sessions for board members and staff to take care of personal and business needs. A minimum of 7-10 days between sessions.
- 3) Leave as much of the month of October available for Joint Board of Fisheries and Game meetings as possible.
- 4) Leave as much of the month of March available for Joint Board of Fisheries and Game meetings as possible.
- 5) Do not schedule any board meetings past March 15, when possible.
- 6) Locate meetings in the region of the call for proposals.
- 7) Have each meeting session address one region. The current regional arrangements: Kodiak/Chignik; Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands, Bristol Bay; Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim; Cook Inlet; Prince William Sound; and Southeast.
- 8) If one session for one region is projected to last longer than 15 days, schedule more than one session for that region (i.e. Upper Cook Inlet and Lower Cook Inlet or Southeast Commercial fisheries and Other Southeast Finfish).
- 9) Schedule one session for all herring fish proposals. Have this session early in the meeting cycle.
- 10) Schedule one session for all shellfish proposals. Have this session late in the meeting cycle.
- 11) Review each region as noted above approximately every _____ years.
- 12) Administrative items will be considered at the end of the agenda.
- 13) When funding is available, a Joint meeting of the Board of Fisheries and Board of Game will be scheduled before the meeting cycles of the two boards.
- 14) When funding is available, a meeting of the Board of Fisheries to discuss the policies and goals of the board will be scheduled prior to the meeting session's beginning.
- 15) In creating the administrative record, insure that the allocation criteria is fully discussed.

GENERAL ORDER OF BOARD AGENDA

- Call Meeting to Order
- Introduction of Board Members and Staff
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair (where appropriate)
- Board Member Ethics Disclosures
- All Agency Reports
- All Public Testimony
- All Advisory Committee and Regional Council Reports
- Board Deliberations
- Administrative Items (i.e. Petitions, Resolutions, Findings, Letters, Policy Papers, etc.)
- Adjourn/Recess

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The objective is to provide adequate notice to the potentially affected public of the proposed regulation changes. These tasks are suggested:

- 1) Publish the legal notice in the region where the proposals will be considered (effect).
- 2) During Public Testimony, each individual will be allocated 7 minutes to testify before the board. Each individual will be allowed to testify only once during that session. If they testified at another session on these proposals at another meeting session, they will not be allowed to re-testify on the same proposals.
- 3) During Public Testimony, each organization will be allocated 10 minutes to testify before the board. Each organization will be allowed only one 10 minute block. Other people associated with the organization will need to testify as individuals.
- 4) Official Advisory Committee and Regional Council representatives will be allocated 15 minutes to report on the actions of their organization.
- 5) The blue cards for public testimony will be shuffled, then the list posted for the order of testimony. Special requests for changes in the posted order are to be arranged with the chair and director.