



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Work Session

Webconference, October 20, 2021¹

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

(revised January 5, 2022)

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:

[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=10-20-2021&meeting=anchorage.](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=10-20-2021&meeting=anchorage)

Board Members

Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair
John Jensen, Vice-chair
John Wood
McKenzie Mitchell

Israel Payton
Indy Walton
Gerad Godfrey

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

Action	#	Agenda Change Request	Audio Tracking Info*
Statewide (2)			
C (7-0)	ACR 1	Include pots as lawful gear for commercial halibut fishing (5 AAC 28.051, 5 AAC 39.145)	<i>Meeting 10-20-21 Afternoon: 1:37:39 PM</i>
C (7-0)	ACR 2	Allow importation of live oysters from the Pacific Coast of North America for research purposes (5 AAC 41.070).	<i>Meeting 10-20-21 Afternoon: 1:38:50 PM</i>
Kuskokwim (1)			
C (7-0)	ACR 3	Extend Kuskokwim River subsistence salmon fishing permit sunset date one year.	<i>Meeting 10-20-21 Afternoon: 1:49:54 PM</i>
Bristol Bay (2)			
C (6-0)	ACR 4	Extend <i>Bristol Bay Herring Management Plan</i> sunset dates one year. <i>(Walton recused based on an ethics ruling.)</i>	<i>Meeting 10-20-21 Afternoon: 1:53:14 PM</i>

¹ The meeting was originally scheduled for October 20-21, 2021, but was completed in a day.



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F (0-5)	ACR 5	Remove the allocations between the drift and set gillnet gear in the <i>Naknek-Kvichak District Commercial Set and Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management and Allocation Plan</i> (5 AAC 06.364) (<i>Walton and Jensen recused based on an ethics ruling.</i>)	<i>Meeting 10-20-21 Afternoon: 1:55:11 PM</i>
Alaska Peninsula (2)			
F (3-3)	ACR 6	Modify the <i>South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan</i> , and the <i>Post-June Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula</i> (5 AAC 09.365, 5 AAC 09.366). (<i>Walton recused based on an ethics ruling.</i>)	<i>Meeting 10-20-21 Afternoon: 2:02:53 PM</i>
C (4-2)	ACR 7	Modify commercial salmon fisheries opening dates and times in the <i>South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan</i> , and the <i>Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula</i> (5 AAC 09.365, 5 AAC 09.366). (<i>Walton recused based on an ethics ruling.</i>)	<i>Meeting 10-20-21 Afternoon: 2:35:42 PM</i>
Upper Cook Inlet (6)			
F (0-7)	ACR 8	Modify commercial salmon set gillnet gear in the Upper Cook Inlet fishery (5 AAC 21.359 and 5 AAC 39.105).	<i>Meeting 10-20-21 Afternoon: 2:39:03 PM</i>
F (3-4)	ACR 9	Modify commercial salmon set gillnet fishery in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> (5 AAC 21.359).	<i>Meeting 10-20-21 Afternoon: 2:48:29 PM</i>
F (3-4)	ACR 10	Modify commercial salmon set gillnet fishery in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> (5 AAC 21.359).	<i>Meeting 10-20-21 Afternoon: 3:03:28 PM</i>
F (0-7)	ACR 11	Remove provisions on 29 mesh gear in the <i>Kenai River Late-run King Salmon Management Plan</i> (5 AAC 21.359).	<i>Meeting 10-20-21 Afternoon: 3:10:58 PM</i>
F (0-7)	ACR 12	Modify commercial salmon set gillnet fishery in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> (5 AAC 21.359).	<i>Meeting 10-20-21 Afternoon: 3:13:15 PM</i>
F (0-7)	ACR 13	Modify commercial salmon set gillnet fishery in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> (5 AAC 21.359).	<i>Meeting 10-20-21 Afternoon: 3:15:17 PM</i>



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<i>F</i> (0-7)	ACR 14	Clarify of intent of the <i>Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan</i> according to 5 AAC 39.200 (5 AAC 21.365).	<i>Meeting 10-20-21 Afternoon: 3:18:49 PM</i>

* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry “10-20-21” indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the ACR began according to the meeting audio.

Other Board Action/Issues/Discussion:

1) Election of Officers.

Märit Carlson-Van Dort was re-elected to serve as chair by unanimous consent. John Jensen was also re-elected to serve as vice-chair by unanimous consent.

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2) 2020/2021 Committees and Task Forces:

The board reviewed committee meetings from the previous year. The Joint Protocol Committee met November 5, 2020, and the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game committee met January 19, 2021.

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3) 2021/2022 Standing Committee Assignments.

- a) Committee on Committees: Carlson-Van Dort/chair, Jensen, Payton
- b) Board of Fisheries and Board of Game: Mitchell/chair, Wood, Payton
- c) Federal/State Subsistence: Godfrey/chair, Jensen, Carlson-Van Dort
- d) Habitat: Walton/chair, Godfrey, Mitchell
- e) Joint Protocol Committee: Jensen/chair, Walton, Carlson-Van Dort
- f) Legislation: Wood/chair, Walton, Godfrey
- g) Hatchery: Carlson-Van Dort/chair, all board members

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Special Committees

- h) Naknek River Sport Commercial Services and Guide Fisheries: Payton/chair, Walton, Mitchell
- i) Board Process: Carlson-Van Dort/chair, Jensen, Wood, Payton
- j) Fisheries Management Research Needs: Mitchell/chair, Wood, Godfrey

4) Review Hatchery Committee agenda items

The board discussed with the department potential agenda items for the March 10, 2022, Hatchery Committee meeting. Potential topics included a refresher overview of the hatchery system, a look at

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9:59:05 AM*



overabundance/competition issues, and an update on current research and data.

5) Escapement Goal Policy and Processes, and Stock of Concern Development and Implementation. James Hasbrouck

The department provided a brief overview on escapement goals, the roles and responsibilities of the department and board, and a review of relevant policies.

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10:06:32 AM*

6) Escapement Goals/Stocks of Concern

- a) ADF&G Memos on Escapement Goals and Stocks of Concern
Andrew Munro presented a review of the escapement goals and stocks of concern the board reviewed and approved at the 2020 Work Session. These goals and stocks will be taken up at the regulatory meetings this meeting cycle.
 - i) Prince William Sound
 - ii) Southeast/Yakutat

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10:24:27 AM*

7) North Pacific Fishery Management Council Update

Karla Bush, with the department's Extended Jurisdiction Program, provided an overview of current actions and efforts at the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. The report is found under RC5.

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10:33:36 AM*

8) Federal Subsistence Board Update

George Pappas, with the Office of Subsistence Management, US Fish and Wildlife Service, provided an overview of actions before the Federal Subsistence Board in the last year.

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11:02:17 AM*

9) Review of 2021/2022 Cycle Schedule and Workload

Executive Director Glenn Haight provided the board a department request on how to group proposals at the Southeast Finfish meeting. The board approved the recommended ordering found in the 2020/2021 Meeting Cycle Review memo found under miscellaneous business. Haight also spoke to Boards Support's COVID-19 mitigation plan and steps the department intended to take to manage meetings this year. The board had a thorough discussion.

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11:10:28 AM*

10) 2022/2023 Call for Proposals

Haight provided the board with a copy of the current Call for Proposals that was issued last year prior to postponement of the 2020/2021 meeting cycle due to COVID-19. The proposal remains operative with proposals due on April 11, 2022.

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11:47:56 AM*



11) Review Meeting Dates and Locations for 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 Cycle.

Haight provided an update and request to move meeting dates for three upcoming meetings. Due to conflicting schedules with the Pacific Salmon Commission, the board agreed to move its October 2022 work session and Pacific cod meeting from October 20-23, 2022, to October 25-28, 2022, and the Alaska Peninsula meeting from February 17-22, 2023, to February 13-17, 2023. There was a similar request to move the Kodiak Finfish 2024 meeting, although due to public comment in opposition, the board agreed to review revised dates at an upcoming meeting.

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11:49:21 AM*

Miscellaneous Business

Board Generated Proposal: Board member Mitchell motioned to adopt a board generated proposal to amend the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. (RC15). The adoption carried by a vote of 5-2. The proposal was scheduled for the March statewide meeting.

*Meeting 10-20-21
Afternoon:
3:52:18 PM*

Agenda Change Request Scheduling: After accepting 5 ACR's the board scheduled them as follows:

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Afternoon:
4:16:54PM*

1. ACR 1: Prince William Sound Finfish and Shellfish Meeting
2. ACR 2: Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Westward, Arctic Shellfish and Shellfish General Provisions, and Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues Meeting
3. ACR 3: Prince William Sound Finfish and Shellfish Meeting
4. ACR 4: Prince William Sound Finfish and Shellfish Meeting
5. ACR 7: Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Westward, Arctic Shellfish and Shellfish General Provisions, and Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.