

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
DECEMBER 8–11, 2013
LOWER COOK INLET FINFISH**

PROPOSAL SUMMARY ACTION SHELL

PRELIMINARY ACTIONS

(This board summary is for informational purposes only and the actions below will have legal affects in regulations that provide the sole legal action of the board.)

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

LOWER COOK INLET FINFISH PROPOSALS (44)

Action	Proposal Number	Description
Cook Inlet Sport Fishing and Personal Use Salmon (30 Proposals)		
<i>Sport Fishing and Personal Use (12) Proposals</i>		
F (0-7)	46	Allow party fishing in Cook Inlet saltwater sport fisheries.
NA	47	Prohibit use of barbed hooks while sport fishing for salmon in Cook Inlet fresh waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>
NA	48	Designate all waters where catch-and-release fishing occurs on salmon as single, unbaited, barbless-hook waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>
NA	49	Establish criteria to designate waters in Cook Inlet as single, unbaited, barbless hooks waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>
NA	50	Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for coho salmon in all Cook Inlet fresh waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>
F (0-7)	51	Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for coho salmon in the Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.
NA	52	Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for salmon in all Cook Inlet fresh waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>
NA	53	Prohibit anglers who are releasing a fish from removing the head of a fish out of the water. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>
NA	54	Prohibit sport fishing in major spawning areas where spawning fish are present in Cook Inlet salmon waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>
NA	55	Decrease Cook Inlet king salmon annual limit to two king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, of which only one can be from the Kenai River. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish</i>

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		<i>meetings.)</i>
NA	56	Decrease the Cook Inlet saltwater king salmon bag and possession limit to one king salmon and reduce the annual limit to two king salmon. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>
NA	57	Limit amount of sport-caught fish that may be exported to 100 pounds of fillets. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>
<i>Freshwater – Salmon (5 Proposals)</i>		
F (1-6)	58	Close Anchor River to sport fishing on Wednesdays.
CA (7-0)	59	Delay reopening Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Stariski Creek to sport fishing by two weeks. <i>Adopted substitute language in RC 35 by unanimous consent. The substitute language allows only one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure from July 1-July 15 in the Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Stariski Creek.</i>
F (0-7)	60	Modify sport fishing season to allow fishing during November and December on Lower Cook Inlet streams.
CA (7-0)	61	Reduce king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish on the Ninilchik River. <i>Adopted substitute language in RC 23 by unanimous consent. Substitute language specifies that a person who takes and retains a king salmon in from the Ninilchik, Deep Creek, or Anchor River may not fish in those drainages for the rest of the day.</i>
C (7-0)	62	Change the Clearwater Creek drainage closed-waters boundary description for sport fishing.
<i>Saltwater – Salmon and Lingcod (13 Proposals)</i>		
NA	63	Allow use of sport-caught pink and chum salmon for bait in the salt waters of Cook Inlet. <i>Based on action taken on Proposal 64.</i>
CA (6-1)	64	Allow use of sport-caught pink salmon for bait in the salt waters of Cook Inlet. RC 24 simply puts the proposal in the correct regulatory language.
F (3-4)	65	Allow use of sport-caught spiny dogfish shark for bait in the salt waters of Cook Inlet.
F (3-4)	66	Allow use of archery gear for sport fishing in Cook Inlet salt waters.
CA (4-3)	67	The South marker of the Anchor River in the Early-Run King Salmon Management Plan is designated as the Anchor Point Light. <i>Adopted substitute language in RC 25 by unanimous consent.</i>
F (0-7)	68	Relocate the Bluff Point marker north to the southern Anchor River marker for management of Cook Inlet king salmon sport fishery.
F (0-7)	69	Open the saltwater king salmon conservation zone in the Deep Creek and Anchor River closed area on June 25.
F (0-7)	70	Modify the date king salmon apply to the annual limit in the Lower Cook Inlet winter saltwater king salmon fishery from April 1 to May 1.
F (0-7)	71	Decrease the Lower Cook Inlet winter saltwater king salmon bag and

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		possession limit to one fish, and establish an annual limit of two king salmon.
C (7-0)	72	Eliminate the third Saturday in August (late-run coho) from the youth-only fishery in the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon.
C (7-0)	73	Require personal use-caught salmon in the China Poot dip net fishery to be marked.
F (2-5)	74	Decrease lingcod bag and possession limit in Cook Inlet from two to one.
F (0-7)	75	Change the lingcod sport fishing season to begin on June 1 instead of July 1.
Cook Inlet Subsistence Fisheries (1 Proposal)		
C (7-0)	76	Clarify open periods for subsistence salmon fishing in August in Seldovia Bay.
Cook Inlet Commercial Fisheries (14)		
<i>Salmon Fishing Districts, Subdistricts, and Sections (3 Proposals)</i>		
CA (7-0)	77	Change line and descriptions separating the Port Dick North and South sections in the Outer District. <i>Adopted substitute language in RC 19 by unanimous consent; defining coordinates of Port Dick Subdistrict section boundaries.</i>
CA (7-0)	78	Remove the "300 yards offshore" reference, and remove references to regulatory markers and replace with latitude and longitude coordinates for certain waters. <i>Adopted substitute language in RC 20 by unanimous consent; limited scope of proposal based on action on proposal 77.</i>
NA	79	Close waters to commercial fishing within one statute mile of the terminus of any anadromous fish stream in Cook Inlet as measured from mean lower low tide, not mean high tide. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>
Salmon Closed Waters (2 Proposal)		
CA (7-0)	80	Amend waters closed to commercial fishing in Lower Cook Inlet. <i>Unanimous consent on an administrative correction of a typographical error in a boundary location described in the original proposal.</i>
NA	81	Establish various management measures to address decline in returning king salmon to Cook Inlet, including requiring net gear be certified as avoiding king salmon interception and closing commercial herring fisheries. <i>(The finfish aspects of this proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet meetings. The king and Tanner crab aspects of this proposal will be considered at the Statewide king and Tanner Crab meeting.)</i>
Salmon Hatchery Management Plans and Special Harvest Areas (4 Proposals)		
CA (7-0)	82	Create a management plan for Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery to

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		determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA) and describe the location of the Tutka Bay Lagoon, Paint River, and Halibut Cove Lagoon SHAs. <i>Adopted amended language in RC 26 by unanimous consent; specifies how the sport fishery would be managed based on achievement of broodstock goals.</i>
CA (7-0)	83	Modify management plan for Port Graham Salmon Hatchery to determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA) and describe the location of the SHA. <i>Adopted amended language in RC 26 by unanimous consent; specifies how the sport fishery would be managed based on achievement of broodstock goals.</i>
CA (7-0)	84	Create a management plan for Trail Lakes Salmon Hatchery to determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA); describe the location of the Bear Lake, China Poot and Hazel Lake, Tutka Bay Lagoon, and Kirchner Lake SHAs; and define fishing seasons within the SHAs. <i>Adopted amended language in RC 26 by vote 7-0; specifies how the sport fishery would be managed based on achievement of broodstock goals.</i>
F (0-7)	85	Prohibit sport fishing in Resurrection River until the Bear Lake sockeye salmon broodstock goal is met.
Cook Inlet Groundfish Pot Storage and Landing Requirements (2 Proposals)		
C (7-0)	86	Modify Cook Inlet groundfish pot storage requirements.
C (7-0)	87	Modify offloading requirements for groundfish.
Groundfish Trawl & Pollock Management Plans & Observer Coverage (3 Proposals)		
NA	43	Create management plans for state-managed fisheries for all Gulf of Alaska groundfish for vessels less than 58 feet using trawl gear. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)</i>
NA	44	Adopt a state-waters pollock fishery management plan, including provisions for seasons, gear, quotas, landing requirements, and observer coverage. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)</i>
NA	45	Require 100 percent observer coverage on vessels fishing for groundfish with trawl gear in state-waters management areas. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)</i>

Miscellaneous Business

1. **Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association emergency petition.** The board voted 4-3 in finding an emergency for YDFDA's petition to develop a seine fishery on the Yukon River. The board will generate a proposal for discussion at the Statewide King and Tanner Crab meeting.

2. United Cook Inlet Drift Association emergency petition. There was no finding of emergency.

3. Motion to rescind discussion. The board adopted a policy that they will not use motions to rescind. The action carried 7-0.

4. Draft board policy for advisory committee recommendations. The board established a policy on advisory committee recommendation provided in RC37. The action carried 7-0.