Alaska Board of Fisheries ALASKA PENINSULA-ALEUTIAN ISLANDS

February 26–March 4, 2013 Anchorage

TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP

(48 proposals)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (31 proposals)

Miscellaneous (1)

Bristol Bay (1)

250 Gillnet specifications and operations.

DELIBERATIONS – Group 1

Groundfish (3)

Bering Sea – Aleutian Islands Groundfish (2)

- 162 Close all waters of Unalaska Bay to groundfish fishing with pelagic trawl gear.
- Modify state-waters sablefish season to coincide with federal sablefish season.

South Alaska Peninsula and Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Groundfish (1)

Specify regulatory fishing seasons for black rockfish.

DELIBERATIONS – Group 2

Commercial Salmon (27 proposals)

South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Southeastern District Mainland Salmon (3 proposals)

- Allow for concurrent fishing times between Chignik and Southeastern District Mainland (SEDM) and increase SEDM allocation to 20%.
- Modify the Southeastern District Mainland (SEDM) management plan to establish weekly fishing periods from June 10 thru July 10 to gillnet gear, and from July 11 through July 25, establish 48-hour periods followed by 48-hour closures to both setnet and seine gear.
- Modify the Southeastern District Mainland (SEDM) management plan to establish fishing periods for set gillnet gear from June 6 through July 25.

South Alaska Peninsula Salmon June Management Plan (5 proposals)

- Reinstate the chum salmon cap and limit fishing time in the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands salmon fisheries.
- Incorporate a chum salmon catch cap of 350,000 salmon in the South Alaska Peninsula Area (Area M) salmon fisheries.
- Modify the *South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan* to base management on the Bristol Bay forecast, reduce time and area, and implement a harvest cap of 400,000 chum salmon.
- Modify the *South Unimak and Shumagin Islands Management Plan* and the *Northern District Salmon Management Plan* to include a cap of allowable sockeye salmon harvest based on the Bristol Bay forecast and create terminal harvest areas around the mouth of each river system in the Northern District.
- 183 Change the season opening date from June 1 to June 15 in the Northwestern, Unimak, Southwestern, Southcentral, and Southeastern districts.

South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Post-June Management Plan (4 proposals)

- Amend fishing periods in the *Post-June South Peninsula Management Plan*, consolidating fishing periods.
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- Amend fishing periods in the *Post-June South Peninsula Management Plan* to increase fishing time.
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North Alaska Peninsula Salmon Northern District/Area T overlap (11 proposals)

- 198 Close the north side of Cape Seniavin and Nelson Lagoon on August 15 instead of September 30.
- 199 Close the north side of Cape Seniavin until July 15.
- Establish a sockeye salmon fishery from June 20 through September 30 in the Cinder River Section.
- 201 Close the Outer Port Heiden Section to commercial salmon fishing for Area M drift gillnet permit holders.
- 202 Close the Outer Port Heiden Section to commercial fishing from June 1 to July 31.
- 203 Close the Outer Port Heiden Section, amend the Inner Port Heiden Section boundary, and create a new superexclusive fishery in Area T.
- Allow Area T CFEC permit holders to fish both the Inner and Outer Port Heiden sections.
- 205 Create terminal harvest areas in the Sandy, Ilnik, and Bear rivers for the drift gillnet fishery in Area M.

- Modify Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan time and area management.
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- 208 Modify boundary description of the Northern District and create terminal fisheries.

Gear (1)

Allow for the use of monofilament gillnet gear in the Alaska Peninsula Area.

Genetics (3 proposals)

- Using genetic data, create terminal harvest areas in Area M.
- Placeholder for possible regulatory changes based on results from Western Alaska Salmon Stock Identification Project (WASSIP).
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DELIBERATIONS – Group 3

COMMITTEE A (12 proposals)

South Alaska Peninsula Salmon (12)

Board committee members: Webster (Chair), Jeffrey, Huntington.

Southeastern District Mainland (3)

- Open and close the Northwest Stepovak Section, including Orzinski Bay, by emergency order (EO), between July 1 and July 25.
- 177 Create a Southeastern District Post-July Salmon Management Plan in regulation.
- Modify the Southeastern District Mainland (SEDM) management plan to open weekly fishing periods in the Southeastern District to set gillnet gear in September and October.

Post-June Management Plan (4)

- Amend the *Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Peninsula* and clarify regulation language conflicting with the regulatory language within the *Southeastern District Mainland (SEDM) Salmon Management Plan*.
- Provide the department more flexibility when conducting the Shumagin Islands Section test fisheries.
- Allow a pink salmon fishery within waters of Ramsey Bay in the Stepovak Flats Section.
- Limit fishing periods in Bechevin Bay Section to four days in seven.

Gear (4)

- Allow set gillnet anchors and running lines at registered sites to remain in the water during closed periods
- 194 Change the distance between set gillnets from 900 to 1,800 feet in the Southeastern District Mainland (SEDM) of area M set gillnet fishery.
- Allow drift gillnet gear to operate in the Southwestern District of Area M from June 1–August 31.
- Seine specifications and operations.

Commercial Closed Waters (1)

193 Reduce the closed water area in Grub Gulch.

COMMITTEE B (5 proposals)

North Alaska Peninsula Salmon (5 proposals)

Board Committee members: (Kluberton (Chair), Jensen, Morisky.

Commercial Gear (1)

Modify the allowable set gillnet and drift gillnet gear depth from 70 meshes to 45 meshes in the Northern District of the Alaska Peninsula Area salmon fishery.

Commercial Closed Waters (1)

Amend the closed water definition at Christianson Lagoon to better define closed waters as determined by the current lagoon exit channel.

Sport Fish (2)

- 212 Restrict the Sapsuk River king salmon fishery to flyfishing only, single-hook, artificial fly, no retention.
- Decrease coho salmon bag limit to one in the Ugashik, Dog Salmon, and King Salmon rivers. (*This proposal was addressed in both the Bristol Bay and will be deliberated at the Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands meeting.*)

Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands Salmon (1 proposal)

Subsistence, Sport, and Personal Use (1)

Close the Iliuliuk River upstream of the Church Hole to subsistence, sport, and personal use fishing for coho salmon.