

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
JANUARY 15–20, 2013
ARCTIC-YUKON-KUSKOKWIM FINFISH MEETING**

(Following is a list of proposals that were considered at the above meeting sorted by numerical order. 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
(Vote Count)**

(Six board members were in attendance.)

PROPOSAL NUMBER (67) SUBJECT

AYK Resident Species (15 proposals)		
<i>Sport (10)</i>		
C/A <i>(6-0)</i>	88	Close Rainbow Lake to fishing for rainbow trout from October 1–May 14. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #87.)</i>
C <i>(6-0)</i>	89	Close Little Harding Lake to fishing for northern pike and remove Little Harding Lake from the Tanana River Area stocked waters management plan.
C/A <i>(6-0)</i>	90	Remove Little Harding Lake, Harding Lake, Summit Lake, Monte Lake, and Donnelly Lake from special management and leave Rainbow Lake in special management. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #88.)</i>
C/A <i>(6-0)</i>	91	Update the Tanana River Management Area stocked waters regulations and management plan. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #89.)</i>
C <i>(4-2)</i>	92	Allow large hooks in all waters for taking fish other than salmon.
C <i>(6-0)</i>	93	Clarify that a single-hook artificial lure is an artificial lure with one single-hook or one fly.
C <i>(6-0)</i>	94	Modify method and means regulation for the Chena River to be consistent with the area regulations.
F <i>(0-6)</i>	95	Prohibit putting fish parts in water where use of bait is prohibited.
C/A <i>(6-0)</i>	96	Increase the season for northern pike to year-round. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #86.)</i>
F <i>(0-6)</i>	97	Reduce northern pike bag and possession limits in the Yukon River from Holy Cross to Paimiut Slough.
<i>Subsistence (5 proposals)</i>		
F <i>(0-6)</i>	98	Reduce northern pike bag and possession limits for subsistence fishers in the Yukon River from Holy Cross to Paimiut Slough.
C <i>(6-0)</i>	99	Repeal the regulation prohibiting subsistence retention of northern pike in portions of the Tanana River Drainage.
N/A	100	Allow retention of northern pike in Yukon and Tanana subsistence salmon fisheries. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #99.)</i>
N/A	101	Ban the use of gillnets in the subsistence fishery for northern pike in both Ten Mile Lake and Mark Lake. <i>(No action based on author withdrawing support contained in RC #62.)</i>
F <i>(0-6)</i>	102	Allow for the subsistence take of grayling in the Nome River by use of jigging with hook-and-line gear.

Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Salmon (52 proposals)		
Genetics (1 proposal)		
N/A	103	Placeholder for possible regulatory changes based on results from Western Alaska Salmon Stock Identification Project (WASSIP). <i>(No action taken. This proposal was a placeholder and no recommendations were made by the department or stakeholders.)</i>
Kuskokwim Area Salmon (11 proposals)		
Management Plan and Amounts Necessary for Subsistence (3 proposals)		
C/A (6-0)	104	Review amounts reasonably necessary (ANS) for subsistence salmon in Kuskokwim River Drainage Area. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #56 and further amended for ranges on the bounds of ANS for chum salmon (41,200-116,400), and lower bound for sockeye salmon (32,200), and coho salmon (27,400).)</i>
C/A (6-0)	105	Update and clarify <i>Kuskokwim River Salmon Rebuilding Management Plan</i> and strategies. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #78 with a friendly amendment to include a definition of second degree of kindred that includes the same individuals as listed in the Board of Game's definition of the similar term in 5 AAC 92.990(a)(45).)</i>
N/A	106	Adopt a drainagewide optimum escapement goal (OEG) for king salmon in the Kuskokwim River, adjust tributary goals accordingly, and add preseason and inseason management tools. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal # 105.)</i>
Subsistence (3 proposals)		
F (0-6)	107	Allow subsistence taking of 10 or more king salmon only for drying and cold-smoke use in the Kuskokwim River Area.
F (0-6)	108	Require a permit and reporting requirements for all subsistence-caught salmon transported out of the Kuskokwim Management Area.
F (0-6)	109	Allow for sale of subsistence-taken finfish in the Kuskokwim River Area.
Commercial (1 proposal)		
C (6-0)	110	Remove the option for gillnet mesh to be up to 8 inches in District 1 of the Kuskokwim River Area.
Sport (4 proposals)		
F (0-6)	111	Close all sport fishing on the Eek River.
F (0-6)	112	Close all sport and commercial guide fisheries in the Kwethluk River from June 1 through July 25 and limit the size of net gear used in both subsistence and commercial fisheries for the same time frame.
F (1-5)	113	Prohibit catch and release fishing for salmon on the Kanektok River and the Arolik River.
F (0-6)	114	Prohibit sport fishing on all salmon spawning beds on the Kanektok and Arolik River drainages.
Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area Customary Trade (1 proposal)		
C/A (6-0)	115	Increase the amount of money a household may receive from the sale of subsistence-caught fish from \$200 to \$500. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #65.)</i>

Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area Salmon (14 proposals)		
Management Plans (5 proposals)		
C/A (6-0)	116	Create a new commercial fishery for pink or chum salmon to be opened and closed by emergency order (EO) in Subdistrict 1 of Norton Sound. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #71.)</i>
C/A (6-0)	117	Allow commercial fishing in Subdistrict 1 west of the longitude of Cape Nome for all species of salmon. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #72.)</i>
F (0-6)	118	Allow for a commercial set gillnet fishery in Golovin Bay once 4,800 coho salmon have escaped into the Niukluk River.
C (6-0)	119	Allow for a commercial coho salmon fishery when there would be no impacts to the chum salmon escapement goals.
C/A (6-0)	120	Allow for commercial chum and pink salmon fisheries before July 1 in the Unalakleet and Shaktoolik subdistricts. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #81 and as amended with additional language contained in RC #99.)</i>
Subsistence (5 proposals)		
C/A (6-0)	121	Allow beach seines to harvest pink salmon for subsistence in Norton Sound subdistricts 5 and 6 except as specified by emergency order (EO). <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #82.)</i>
C/A (6-0)	122	Allow subsistence fishing in Norton Sound Subdistrict 1 unless restricted by emergency order (EO). <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #68.)</i>
C/A (4-2)	123	Allow subsistence fishing with beach seine nets in Subdistrict 1 without having to issue an emergency order (EO). <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #69.)</i>
C/A (6-0)	124	Remove Sinuk River from closed waters and open a subsistence fishery for retention of sockeye salmon by beach seine in the Sinuk River up to Boulder Creek. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #70.)</i>
C/A (6-0)	125	Allow use of a dip net as legal subsistence gear for chum salmon in the Pilgrim River subsistence fishery. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #83.)</i>
Commercial (3 proposals)		
C (6-0)	126	Allow for an extension to the commercial fishery for coho salmon in the Norton Sound Subdistricts by emergency order (EO).
C/A (6-0)	127	Allow for an increase in amount of commercial gillnet gear in the Norton Sound pink salmon fishery by emergency order (EO). <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #84.)</i>
F (0-6)	128	Allow commercial salmon fishermen the Norton Sound - Port Clarence Area to fish for pink salmon with set gillnet gear and use it for bait in other commercial fisheries.
Sport (1 proposal)		
C (4-2)	129	Re-open a sport fishery for chum salmon in the Nome Subdistrict with a daily bag limit of three chum salmon.
Yukon Area Salmon (25 proposals)		
Management Plans and Amounts Necessary for Subsistence (9 proposals)		
C/A (6-0)	130	Review amounts reasonably necessary (ANS) for subsistence salmon in Yukon-Northern Area. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #59.)</i>
C/A (6-0)	131	Require pulse protection in the king salmon management plan. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #66.)</i>
C/A (6-0)	132	Prohibit sale of king salmon from the Yukon River drainage unless there is a directed king salmon commercial fishery. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #74)</i>

C/A (6-0)	133	Allow for a directed chum salmon commercial fishery in districts 1, 2, and 3 in the Yukon Area during times of king salmon conservation efforts using 5 ½-inch or smaller mesh size. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #67 as amended to change 50 meshes to 30 meshes in depth.)</i>
F (0-6)	134	Require 6-inch or smaller mesh gillnets, with a maximum depth of 30 meshes, during June to July in District-1 if king salmon are a stock of concern and revert back if king salmon are no longer a stock of concern.
F (0-6)	135	Allow for a commercial summer chum salmon fishery with 6-inch or smaller mesh size in District 1 in the Yukon River, beginning July 1, and allow for additional fisheries upriver chronologically during times of conservation of king salmon.
F (0-6)	136	Cap bycatch of king salmon in the summer chum fishery in districts 1 and 2 at 2,000 fish.
F (0-6)	137	Develop an optimum escapement or inriver goal for the Yukon River summer chum salmon stock that originates above Pilot Station.
F (0-6)	138	Modify the fall chum salmon management plan trigger point from 500,000 to 400,000.
Subsistence (13 proposals)		
C (6-0)	139	Align Yukon subsistence regulations in districts 1–3 with current management practices, adjusting closures around commercial fishing periods, and allowing concurrent subsistence and commercial fishing by emergency order (EO).
N/A	140	Revert back to a windows-only fishing schedule in the Yukon River. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #139.)</i>
N/A	141	Allow for concurrent subsistence and commercial fishing periods in districts 1–3 of the Yukon River Area. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #139.)</i>
N/A	142	Open Yukon River District 5-D from July 4–18 for subsistence fishing. <i>(No actions taken based on action taken on Proposal #131.)</i>
F (0-6)	143	Remove restrictions during the subsistence fall chum season in districts 1, 2, and 3 of the Yukon Area.
F (1-5)	144	Restrict gillnets to 35 meshes in depth in the Yukon River drainage.
N/A	145	Restrict depth of subsistence and commercial nets in districts Y1–5 to 35 meshes. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #144.)</i>
F (0-6)	146	Allow only 6-inch stretched mesh gillnet gear in the Yukon River drainage.
F (0-6)	147	Allow drift gillnets as legal gear in the subsistence fishery in District 4-A of the Yukon River, upriver to the community of Ruby.
N/A	148	Extend subdistricts 4-B and 4-C drift gillnet area downstream from the mouth of the Yuki River for king salmon. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #147.)</i>
F (0-6)	149	Create a harvest reporting system for subsistence-taken salmon in the Yukon River.
N/A	150	Create a harvest reporting system for subsistence-taken salmon in the Yukon River. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #149.)</i>
F (0-6)	151	Require primary use of subsistence-caught salmon within the Yukon Area be for direct personal or family consumption as food.
Commercial (1 proposal)		
C/A (6-0)	152	Open Acharon Channel in the Yukon River drainage to salmon fishing. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #85.)</i>

<i>Sport (2 proposals)</i>		
C (6-0)	153	Repeal the regulation that closes Fielding Lake to salmon fishing.
F (0-6)	154	Close the Black River and its tributaries to sport fishing for king salmon.
<i>Supplemental Proposals</i>		
F (0-6)	237	Allow lakes of a specific size to be managed as trophy stocked waters.
C/A (6-0)	240	Establish times when a commercial gillnet permit holder in the Lower Yukon Area districts 1–3 may use dip net and beach seine gear to commercially harvest chum salmon during the summer season, including specifications and operations provisions for dip net and beach seine gear. <i>(Carried as amended with substitute language reflected in RC #92 and as amended with additional language contained in RC #104.)</i>
C/A (6-0)	241	Provide department emergency order authority to restrict gear to fish wheels only, require fish wheels to be closely attended, and live-release of king salmon in District 6 during times necessary to conserve king salmon. <i>(Carried as amended with additional language contained in RC #75.)</i>

Miscellaneous Business (RC #100):

1. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) recommended continuation of all Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim stocks of concern at their current designations **reflected in RC #28**. The board passed unanimously (6-0) to accept the department’s recommendations.
2. The board confirmed its intent to accept the department’s recommendation from the December 2012 Bristol Bay Finfish meeting to remove the Kvichak River sockeye salmon as a stock of concern.
3. The board clarified its action taken on proposal 239 during its December 2012 Bristol Bay meeting. The board passed, with a vote of 5-0-1, to accept the finding reflected in the board’s *FINDINGS AND CLARIFICATION OF INTENT REGARDING ADOPTION OF BOARD-GENERATED PROPOSAL 239* (2013-269-FB: **RC #102**) as clarification on proposal #239. Board Member Jensen abstained from the voting due to not being present at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting.
4. The board approved the policy to develop board-generated proposals **reflected in RC #101**. The policy passed with a unanimous vote of 6-0.
5. Board Member Kluberton provided a summary of the recent Upper Cook Inlet Task Force (Task Force) meeting held January 14, 2013. Mr. Kluberton included a succinct summary of the three options provided by users that described possible regulatory actions for management of the sport and commercial fisheries that harvest late- run Kenai River king salmon. Also described was the intent of the board members leading the Task Force to provide a list of proposed management options to the public in timely manner after the upcoming Task Force meeting scheduled for February 14, 2013 in Kenai.

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of Chairman Johnstone
January 15, 2013

Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim (AYK) Region Stocks of Concern

The department recommends continuing the stock of yield concern classifications for the following AYK salmon stocks:

- Norton Sound subdistricts 5 and 6 king salmon.
 - ✓ Escapement goals were not achieved in 2008 and 2012 despite conservation measures, including the subsistence fishing schedule stipulated in the management plan, inriver gillnet mesh size restrictions, and early closures to subsistence and sport fisheries; escapement estimates are considered incomplete for 2011. Given the continued inability to maintain near-average yields, despite the use of specific management measures, subdistricts 5 and 6 king salmon continues to meet the definition for a stock of yield concern as defined in the *Policy for management of sustainable salmon fisheries*.
- Norton Sound Subdistrict 1, and subdistricts 2 and 3 chum salmon.
 - ✓ Escapements within individual rivers of Subdistrict 1 have been variable. Subdistricts 2 and 3 chum salmon runs have been more volatile and have only reached sustainable escapement goals in two of the last five years. Given the continued inability to maintain near-average yields, despite the use of specific management measures, Subdistrict 1 and subdistricts 2 and 3 chum salmon continues to meet the definition for stocks of yield concern as defined in the *Policy for management of sustainable salmon fisheries*.
- Yukon River king salmon.
 - ✓ While king salmon run sizes showed a modest increase in 2003–2006, lower returns have occurred since that time despite continued conservative management strategies. Given the continued inability to maintain near-average yields, despite the use of specific management measures, Yukon River king salmon continues to meet the definition for a stock of yield concern as defined in the *Policy for management of sustainable salmon fisheries*.

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of Board Member Webster

January 17, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 104

5 AAC 01.286. Customary and traditional subsistence uses of fish stocks and amounts necessary for subsistence uses. (a) The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) finds that the following fish stocks are customarily and traditionally taken or used for subsistence:

(1) halibut, Pacific cod, and all other finfish, except as specified in (2) - (4) of this **subsection** [SECTION], in the Kuskokwim Area;

(2) salmon in the Kuskokwim Area, except the Kuskokwim River drainage;

(3) king, chum, sockeye, coho, and pink salmon in the Kuskokwim River drainage;

(4) herring and herring roe, along the coast between the westernmost tip of the Naskonat Peninsula and the terminus of the Ishowik River, and along the coast of Nunivak Island.

(b) The board finds that the following amounts of fish are reasonably necessary for subsistence uses:

(1) **67,200 – 109,800** [64,500 – 83,000] king salmon in the Kuskokwim River drainage;

(2) **37,400 – 153,800** [39,500 – 75,500] chum salmon in the Kuskokwim River drainage;

(3) **30,900 – 58,700** [27,500 – 39,500] sockeye salmon in the Kuskokwim River drainage;

(4) **24,600 – 57,600** [24,500 – 35,000] coho salmon in the Kuskokwim River drainage; [AND]

(5) **500 – 2,000 pink salmon in the Kuskokwim River drainage;**

(6) **6,900 – 17,000 salmon in Districts 4 and 5 combined;**

(7) **12,500 – 14,400** [7,500 – 13,500] salmon in the remainder of the Kuskokwim Area.

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of Board Member Webster
January 17, 2013

Substitute language for Proposal 130

5 AAC 01.236. Customary and traditional subsistence uses of fish stocks and amounts necessary for subsistence uses. (a) The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) finds that the following fish stocks are customarily and traditionally taken or used for subsistence:

- (1) king, summer chum, fall chum, coho, and pink salmon in the Yukon Area;
- (2) freshwater fish species, including sheefish, whitefish, lamprey, burbot, sucker, grayling, pike, and char;
- (3) herring and herring roe, within 20 miles of the coast between the terminus of the Black River and the westernmost point of the Naskonat Peninsula; and
- (4) all finfish, other than salmon and herring, in the salt waters of the Yukon Area.

(b) The board finds that in the Yukon Area the following amounts of fish are reasonably necessary for subsistence uses:

- (1) king salmon: 45,500 - 66,704;
- (2) summer chum salmon: 83,500 - 142,192;
- (3) fall chum salmon: 89,500 - 167,900;
- (4) coho salmon: 20,500 - 51,980;
- (5) pink salmon: 2,100 – 9,700.** (Eff. 5/15/93, Register 126; am 6/10/98, Register 146; am 6/17/2001, Register 158; am 5/19/2004, Register 170; am 7/13/2012, Register 203)

Authority: AS 16.05.251 AS 16.05.258

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of Board Member Webster
January 17, 2013

Substitute language for Proposal 130

5 AAC 01.236. Customary and traditional subsistence uses of fish stocks and amounts necessary for subsistence uses. (a) The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) finds that the following fish stocks are customarily and traditionally taken or used for subsistence:

- (1) king, summer chum, fall chum, coho, and pink salmon in the Yukon Area;
- (2) freshwater fish species, including sheefish, whitefish, lamprey, burbot, sucker, grayling, pike, and char;
- (3) herring and herring roe, within 20 miles of the coast between the terminus of the Black River and the westernmost point of the Naskonat Peninsula; and
- (4) all finfish, other than salmon and herring, in the salt waters of the Yukon Area.

(b) The board finds that in the Yukon Area the following amounts of fish are reasonably necessary for subsistence uses:

- (1) king salmon: 45,500 - 66,704;
- (2) summer chum salmon: 83,500 - 142,192;
- (3) fall chum salmon: 89,500 - 167,900;
- (4) coho salmon: 20,500 - 51,980;

(5) pink salmon: 2,100 – 9,700. (Eff. 5/15/93, Register 126; am 6/10/98, Register 146; am 6/17/2001, Register 158; am 5/19/2004, Register 170; am 7/13/2012, Register 203)

Authority: AS 16.05.251 AS 16.05.258

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of Board Member Webster
January 17, 2013

Substitute language for Proposal 130

5 AAC 01.236. Customary and traditional subsistence uses of fish stocks and amounts necessary for subsistence uses. (a) The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) finds that the following fish stocks are customarily and traditionally taken or used for subsistence:

- (1) king, summer chum, fall chum, coho, and pink salmon in the Yukon Area;
- (2) freshwater fish species, including sheefish, whitefish, lamprey, burbot, sucker, grayling, pike, and char;
- (3) herring and herring roe, within 20 miles of the coast between the terminus of the Black River and the westernmost point of the Naskonat Peninsula; and
- (4) all finfish, other than salmon and herring, in the salt waters of the Yukon Area.

(b) The board finds that in the Yukon Area the following amounts of fish are reasonably necessary for subsistence uses:

- (1) king salmon: 45,500 - 66,704;
- (2) summer chum salmon: 83,500 - 142,192;
- (3) fall chum salmon: 89,500 - 167,900;
- (4) coho salmon: 20,500 - 51,980;

(5) pink salmon: 2,100 – 9,700. (Eff. 5/15/93, Register 126; am 6/10/98, Register 146; am 6/17/2001, Register 158; am 5/19/2004, Register 170; am 7/13/2012, Register 203)

Authority: AS 16.05.251 AS 16.05.258

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of Board Member Webster
January 17, 2013

Substitute language for Proposal 130

5 AAC 01.236. Customary and traditional subsistence uses of fish stocks and amounts necessary for subsistence uses. (a) The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) finds that the following fish stocks are customarily and traditionally taken or used for subsistence:

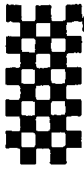
- (1) king, summer chum, fall chum, coho, and pink salmon in the Yukon Area;
- (2) freshwater fish species, including sheefish, whitefish, lamprey, burbot, sucker, grayling, pike, and char;
- (3) herring and herring roe, within 20 miles of the coast between the terminus of the Black River and the westernmost point of the Naskonat Peninsula; and
- (4) all finfish, other than salmon and herring, in the salt waters of the Yukon Area.

(b) The board finds that in the Yukon Area the following amounts of fish are reasonably necessary for subsistence uses:

- (1) king salmon: 45,500 - 66,704;
- (2) summer chum salmon: 83,500 - 142,192;
- (3) fall chum salmon: 89,500 - 167,900;
- (4) coho salmon: 20,500 - 51,980;

(5) pink salmon: 2,100 – 9,700. (Eff. 5/15/93, Register 126; am 6/10/98, Register 146; am 6/17/2001, Register 158; am 5/19/2004, Register 170; am 7/13/2012, Register 203)

Authority: AS 16.05.251 AS 16.05.258



BC62

Leif Wilson
Chairman
PO Box 707
Tok, AK 99780

**Upper Tanana/Fortymile
Fish and Game
Advisory Committee**

January 17, 2013

Board of Fisheries Members
c/o Boards Division
Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game
PO Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811

Mr. Johnstone and other members:

The fisheries proposal 101 submitted to the AYK Board of Fish for the January 2013 meeting was erroneously noted as being submitted by the Upper Tanana Fortymile AC. We do not know who authored this proposal, we do not support this proposal and we would like to formally request that it be removed from deliberations at this time.

Thank you for your time,

Leif Wilson
Chair
Upper Tanana Fortymile Advisory Committee

Submitted by the Department of Fish and Game at the request of Board Member Webster

January 18, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 115

5 AAC 01.188(b) is amended to read:

Customary trade of subsistence-taken finfish.

(b) A person may not sell subsistence-taken finfish under this section for more than **\$500** [\$200] total per household in a calendar year.

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of the Board of Fisheries

January 18, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 131

5 AAC 05.360 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 AAC 05.360. Yukon River King Salmon Management Plan.

(j) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the department will manage the king salmon subsistence fishery in Districts 1–6 during the first pulse of the historical three distinctive pulses of king salmon that enter the Yukon River drainage, as follows:

(1) in Districts 1 and 2, to account for the uncertainty in the preseason king salmon run projection, the department shall manage the king salmon subsistence fishery conservatively and not open any subsistence fishing periods during the first pulse of king salmon entering the districts;

(2) in Districts 3–6,

(A) if inseason run assessment information indicates insufficient abundance of king salmon to meet escapement objectives on specific components of the run and subsistence harvest needs, the department will not open any subsistence fishing periods during the first pulse implemented chronologically in the applicable district, consistent with migratory timing as the king salmon run progresses upstream;

(B) if inseason run assessment information indicates sufficient abundance of king salmon to meet escapement objectives on specific components of the run and subsistence harvests needs, subsistence fishing will revert to the fishing periods as specified in (d) of this section.

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member
Webster
January 18, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 133

5 AAC 05.331 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 AAC 05.331. Gillnet specifications and operations.

(j) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, in Districts 1–3, during times when the commissioner determines it to be necessary for the conservation of king salmon, the commissioner, by emergency order, may close the fishing season and immediately reopen the season during which a person may only take salmon with a gillnet that has a mesh size of five and one-half-inches or less and that is not more than 50 meshes in depth.

Submitted by the Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Webster

January 18, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 122

5 AAC 01.160(b)(1)(B) is amended to read:

5 AAC 01.160. Fishing seasons and periods.

(b) In the Norton Sound District, fish may be taken at any time, except as follows:

(1) in Subdistrict 1,

...

(B) in marine waters west of Cape Nome, unless modified by emergency order to ensure reasonable opportunity on available surpluses of salmon.

(i) from June 15 through July 25, set gillnets may be used to take salmon [ONLY] up to 72 hours per week during periods established by emergency order; and

(ii) from July 26 through August 15, set gillnets may be used to take salmon only from 6:00 p.m. Monday until 6:00 p.m. Saturday.

Submitted by the Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Webster

January 18, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 123

5 AAC 01.170(e) is amended to read:

5 AAC 01.170. Lawful gear and gear specifications.

(e) In Subdistrict 1, only set gillnets may be used, except that beach seines may also be used only during subsistence set gillnet openings from June 15 through July 25. [DURING TIMES WHEN THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE OF FISH AND IT IS NECESSARY TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY OF HARVEST THE COMMISSIONER, BY EMERGENCY ORDER, MAY CLOSE THE FISHING SEASON IN SUBDISTRICT 1 AND IMMEDIATELY REOPEN THE SEASON, IN SUBDISTRICT 1 TO SUBSISTENCE FISHING WITH GILLNETS AND BEACH SEINES.]

Submitted by the Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Webster

January 18, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 124

5 AAC 01.175(c)(2) is amended to read:

5 AAC 01.175. Waters closed to subsistence fishing.

(c) The following waters are closed to subsistence fishing for salmon, when fishing with a hook and line attached to a pole:

...

(2) the Sinuk River upstream from an ADF&G regulatory marker located at the confluence of Boulder Creek [PLACED TWO MILES ABOVE THE MOUTH OF THE RIVER].

Submitted by the Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Webster

January 18, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 116

5 AAC 01.190(1) is amended to read:

5 AAC 01.190. Subdistrict 1 of the Norton Sound District Chum Salmon Management Plan.

(1) commercial fishing for chum and pink salmon may be opened in the waters east or west of Cape Nome, or both, by emergency order only after escapement goals are projected to be met [IS CLOSED AND WILL BE REOPENED ONLY AFTER,

(A) THE HARVESTABLE SURPLUS OF CHUM SALMON HAS MET TIER I SUBSISTENCE NEEDS FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE YEARS; AND

(B) THE DEPARTMENT HAS PROPOSED TO THE BOARD OF FISHERIES AND THE BOARD HAS ADOPTED AN ABUNDANCE BASED MANAGEMENT PLAN INSEASON ENUMERATOR COUNTS OF ABUNDANCE].

5 AAC 01.190 is amended by adding a new paragraphs to read:

(3) if chum salmon subsistence fishing is restricted, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close a fishery and immediately reopen a fishery during which chum salmon may be retained, but not sold;

(4) the commercial pink or chum fisheries may occur only if the department determines there is a harvestable surplus of pink or chum salmon and that a directed pink or chum salmon commercial fishery will not have a significant impact on escapement goals or subsistence uses of chum salmon;

Submitted by the Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Webster

January 18, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 117.

5 AAC 04.350(4) is repealed:

5 AAC 04.350. Closed waters.

(4) **repealed** / **/2013** [ALL WATERS OF SUBDISTRICT 1 WEST OF THE LONGITUDE OF CAPE NOME].

Submitted by the Department of Fish and Game at the request of Chairman Johnstone

January 18, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 132

5 AAC 05.360(i) is amended to read:

(i) If **the department projects that the Yukon River king salmon escapements are below the escapement goals or** king salmon subsistence fishing is restricted in more than one district or portion of a district, the commissioner **shall** [MAY], by emergency order, close a fishery and immediately reopen a fishery during which king salmon may be retained but not sold.

Submitted by the Department of Fish and Game at the request of chairman Johnstone

January 19, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 241

5 AAC 05.362(j) is amended to read:

(j) In Subdistrict 4-A **and District 6**, during times when the commissioner determines that it is necessary for the conservation of king salmon, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the commercial set gillnet fishing season and immediately reopen the fishing season during which

(1) a fish wheel may be used; **a fish wheel operated under this subsection must be constructed in a manner that includes**

(A) basket sides and bottoms consisting of soft mesh material similar to or made of seine web; and

(B) an adjustable or fixed slide or chute that

(i) consists of a smooth bottom and closed cell foam lined sides; and

(ii) returns king salmon immediately to the water;

(2) the permit holder shall be present at and attend the fish wheel at all times while the fish wheel is in operation; and

(3) all king salmon caught in the fish wheel must be returned immediately to the water alive.

Submitted by ADF&G and Kuskokwim River Stakeholders
January 17, 2013

Conventions:

- **Black Font** = original regulation narrative and changes described in Proposal 105.
- **[TEXT IN ALL CAPS]** to be deleted
- **Text in bold and underscore** to be added

1 **5 AAC 07.365. Kuskokwim River Salmon [REBUILDING] Management Plan.** (a) The purpose of
2 this management plan is to provide guidelines for [THE REBUILDING AND] management of the
3 Kuskokwim River salmon **fisheries that** [FISHERY THAT WILL] result in the sustained yield of salmon
4 stocks large enough to meet [THE] escapement goals, amounts necessary for subsistence, and for
5 nonsubsistence fisheries. **The department shall use the best available data, including preseason and**
6 **inseason run projections, test fishing indices, age and sex composition, harvest reports, passage**
7 **escapement estimates, and recognized uncertainty, to assess run abundance for the purpose of**
8 **implementing this plan.**

9 (b) It is the intent of the Board of Fisheries that the Kuskokwim River salmon stocks shall be
10 managed [DURING JUNE AND JULY] in a conservative manner consistent with the Policy for the
11 Management of Sustainable Salmon Fisheries (5 AAC 39.222) **to meet escapement goals** and the
12 subsistence priority.

13 (c) **In the king salmon fishery,**

14 **(1) when the projected escapement of king salmon is below the drainagewide**
15 **escapement goal range, the commissioner shall, by emergency order, close the commercial, sport,**
16 **and subsistence king salmon fisheries;**

17 **(2) when the projected escapement of king salmon is within the drainagewide**
18 **escapement goal range, the commissioner shall, open and close, by emergency order, fishing periods**
19 **as follows:**

20 **(A) to the extent practicable, at least one fishing period per week will be**
21 **opened for a subsistence directed king salmon fishery to provide harvest opportunity on**
22 **surplus king salmon in excess of escapement needs, except that when surplus king salmon in**
23 **excess of the drainagewide escapement goal is limited, the commissioner may, by emergency**
24 **order, close the subsistence fishery and immediately reopen a subsistence fishery during**
25 **which,**

26 **(i) king salmon may be taken only by individuals 60 years of age or**
27 **older; and**

28 **(ii) a person authorized to take king salmon under (i) of this**
29 **paragraph may not authorize a proxy to take or attempt to take king salmon under**

30 AS 16.05.405 or 5 AAC 01.011, but the participant may be assisted by family
31 members within the second degree of kinship;

32 (B) fishing may be open for the commercial and sport fisheries to provide
33 harvest opportunity on surplus king salmon in excess of escapement and subsistence needs;

34 (3) when the projected escapement of king salmon exceeds the drainagewide
35 escapement goal range, the

36 (A) king salmon directed subsistence fishery will be open seven days per
37 week; and

38 (B) commercial and sport fisheries will be managed to provide harvest
39 opportunity on surplus king salmon in excess of escapement and subsistence needs.

40 (d) In the subsistence fishery, in the Kuskokwim River drainage, in the waters of the mainstem
41 of the river and other salmon spawning tributaries, unless otherwise specified by the department,

42 (1) the subsistence salmon net and fish wheel fisheries will be open seven [FOR FOUR
43 CONSECUTIVE] days per week [IN JUNE AND JULY AS ANNOUNCED BY EMERGENCY
44 ORDER]; however, in order to achieve escapement goals, the commissioner may alter fishing periods,
45 by emergency order, based on run abundance [STRENGTH AND TO ACHIEVE ESCAPEMENT
46 GOALS];

47 (2) in addition to the gear specifications and operations provisions of 5 AAC
48 01.270(n), when the commissioner determines it is necessary to conserve king salmon to achieve
49 escapement goals, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the subsistence fishery and
50 immediately reopen the fishery during which the gillnet mesh size may not exceed four inches until
51 sockeye and chum abundance exceeds the king salmon abundance;

52 (3) actions to conserve king salmon may be applied to the entire Kuskokwim River,
53 its sections, or tributaries, consistent with harvest trends and variability in abundance of king
54 salmon available for harvest as the run progresses upstream[DURING SUBSISTENCE CLOSURES
55 OF THREE CONSECUTIVE DAYS PER WEEK IN JUNE AND JULY, ALL SALMON NETS WITH
56 A MESH SIZE LARGER THAN FOUR INCHES MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE WATER, AND
57 FISH WHEELS MAY NOT BE OPERATED; HOWEVER, THE COMMISSIONER MAY ALTER
58 FISHING PERIODS BY EMERGENCY ORDER BASED ON RUN STRENGTH AND TO ACHIEVE
59 ESCAPEMENT GOALS];

60 (3) AS THE SALMON RUN PROGRESSES UPSTREAM FROM DISTRICTS 1 - 2,
61 AND FURTHER UPSTREAM, THE PROVISIONS OF (1) OF THIS SECTION WILL BE
62 IMPLEMENTED IN THE MAINSTEM OF THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER AND SALMON SPAWNING
63 TRIBUTARIES];

64 (4) the commissioner may alter the subsistence hook and line bag and possession limits
65 specified in 5 AAC 01.295 by emergency order if the commissioner determines that inseason
66 information [INDICATORS] indicates it is necessary for conservation purposes.

67 (e) [(d)] In the commercial fishery,

68 (1) the guideline harvest level for king salmon **and sockeye salmon is as follows:**

69 **(A) 0-50,000 king salmon; and**

70 **(B) 0-50,000 sockeye salmon** [IS 0 – 50,000 FISH];

71 (2) only those waters of District 1 [DOWNSTREAM OF THE ADF&G REGULATORY

72 MARKERS LOCATED AT BETHEL] may be opened during the first commercial salmon fishing period;

73 (3) the commissioner shall open and close the Kuskokwim River commercial salmon

74 fishery by emergency order if inseason **information indicates** [INDICATORS OF RUN STRENGTH

75 INDICATE] a run strength that is large enough to provide for a harvestable surplus and a reasonable

76 opportunity for subsistence uses and for non-subsistence fisheries [, THE SUBSISTENCE FISHING

77 SHALL REVERT TO THE FISHING PERIODS AS SPECIFIED IN 5 AAC 01.260];

78 (4) the department shall provide, to the extent practicable, at least 24 hours advance

79 notice of the opening of Districts 1 and 2 to commercial fishing periods;

80 (5) Districts 1 and 2 commercial fishing periods are from **12:00** [1:00] p.m. through **6:00**

81 [7:00] p.m.; when longer fishing periods are allowed, the extra time is to be divided before **12:00** [1:00]

82 p.m. and after **6:00** [7:00] p.m.;

83 (6) **the department shall manage the commercial fishery to ensure there is no**

84 **significant impact on escapement or allocations of salmon species harvested incidentally in**

85 **commercial fisheries directed at other salmon species;**

86 (7) **in June and when king salmon are abundant, the department shall manage the**

87 **commercial fishery conservatively to ensure king salmon escapement goals are achieved and**

88 **reasonable opportunity for subsistence use is provided in consideration of harvest trends and**

89 **abundance of king salmon available for the subsistence fishery, as follows:**

90 **(A) when the projected escapement of king salmon is within the**

91 **drainagewide escapement goal range,**

92 **(i) the first opening may not occur until after June 23;**

93 **(ii) only the waters of Subdistrict 1-B may be opened during the first**

94 **commercial fishing period;**

95 **(iii) 72 hours must pass between the first Subdistrict 1-B opening**

96 **and the first Subdistrict 1-A opening;**

97 **(B) when the projected escapement of king salmon exceeds the**

98 **drainagewide escapement goal range, the commercial fishery will be managed to provide**

99 **harvest opportunity on surplus king salmon in excess of escapement and subsistence needs;**

100 **(8) when** [IN JUNE, AND UNTIL COHO SALMON RELATIVE ABUNDANCE
101 EXCEEDS] chum salmon [RELATIVE] abundance **exceeds king salmon relative abundance**, the
102 department shall manage, to the extent practicable, the commercial salmon fishery based on the chum
103 salmon run strength;

104 [(7) THE GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL FOR SOCKEYE SALMON IS 0-50,000
105 FISH;]

106 **(9)** [(8) WHEN CHUM SALMON ABUNDANCE IS SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE
107 FOR ESCAPEMENT AND SUBSISTENCE NEEDS, AND] when coho salmon [RELATIVE]
108 abundance exceeds chum salmon [RELATIVE] abundance, the department shall manage, to the extent
109 practicable, the commercial salmon fishery based on the strength of the coho salmon run;

110 [(9) WHEN THE CHUM SALMON RUN IS PROJECTED TO BE INADEQUATE TO
111 MEET ESCAPEMENT AND SUBSISTENCE NEEDS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MANAGE THE
112 COMMERCIAL COHO SALMON FISHERY TO MINIMIZE THE INCIDENTAL HARVEST OF
113 CHUM SALMON AND TO PROVIDE FOR COHO SALMON ESCAPEMENT AND SUBSISTENCE
114 NEEDS];

115 (10) a person may not sell salmon roe taken in Districts 1 and 2.

116 **(f)** [(e)] In the sport fishery,

117 (1) if the commissioner restricts the fishery by emergency order for conservation
118 purposes, the restrictions will be based on the level of abundance;

119 (2) in the Aniak River drainage, the king salmon fishery is open from May 1 through
120 July 25, with a bag and possession limit of two fish, 20 inches or greater in length, with an annual limit of
121 two fish, 20 inches or greater in length; the sockeye, pink, chum, and coho salmon fisheries are open year
122 round, with a combined daily bag and possession limit of three fish, of which no more than two may be
123 king salmon;

124 **(3) actions to conserve king salmon will be implemented when king salmon are**
125 **present, consistent with migratory timing as the run progresses upstream**

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Jeffrey.

January 19, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 120

5 AAC 04.395. Subdistricts 5 and 6 of the Norton Sound District and Unalakleet River King Salmon Management Plan.

5 AAC 04.395(c) is amended to read:

(c) If the projected **king salmon** escapement is below the lower end of the escapement goal range, all fishing **for king salmon** will be closed.

5 AAC 04.395(h) is amended to read:

(h) In Subdistricts 5 and 6, the commercial pink or chum fisheries may occur only if the department determines there is a harvestable surplus of pink or chum salmon and that a directed pink or chum salmon commercial fishery will not have a significant impact on escapement goals or subsistence uses of king salmon, **and only under the following conditions:** [A COMMERCIAL PINK OR CHUM SALMON FISHERY MAY NOT BEGIN BEFORE JULY 1 IF EITHER THE GILLNET MESH SIZE OR SUBSISTENCE FISHING PERIODS ARE RESTRICTED IN THE KING SALMON SUBSISTENCE FISHERY.]

(1) before July 1, a commercial pink or chum salmon fishery may not occur if, in subsistence fishery in the marine waters,

(A) the gillnet mesh size is restricted to six inches or less; or

(B) subsistence fishing time is reduced; or

(2) a commercial pink or chum salmon fishery may not occur before July 1 if the king salmon subsistence fishery is closed before July 1.

5 AAC 04.395 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(i) If subsistence fishing for king salmon is restricted, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the commercial salmon fishery and immediately reopen the commercial fishery during which king salmon may be retained, but not sold.

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Jefferey.

January 19, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 121

5 AAC 01.160(b)(6) is amended to read:

5 AAC 01.160. Fishing seasons and periods.

(6) **notwithstanding the provisions of (3) of this subsection**, in Subdistricts 5 and 6, salmon other than king salmon may be taken **from July 1 through August 10** by beach seine **with a mesh size no larger than four and one-half inches; all king salmon caught must be released back to the water alive; if the commissioner determines it is necessary for the conservation of king salmon, the commissioner may close, by emergency order, the season and immediately reopen the season during which the fishing time, area, and beach seine mesh size may be adjusted** [DURING PERIODS ESTABLISHED BY EMERGENCY ORDER];

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Jeffrey.

January 19, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 125

5 AAC 01.170. Lawful gear and gear specifications.

5 AAC 01.170(a) is amended to read:

(a) Salmon may be taken only by

(1) gillnet;

(2) [,] beach seine;

(3) fish wheel;

(4) [, OR, AS SPECIFIED IN (h) OF THIS SECTION, BY] a hook and line attached to a rod or pole, as specified in (h) of this section;

(5) dip net, as specified in (l) of this section.

5 AAC 01.170 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(l) In the Pilgrim River drainage, dip nets may be used to take salmon, except during times when the commissioner determines it to be necessary for the conservation of specific salmon species, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the season and immediately reopen the season during which specific salmon species must be released into the water alive.

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Jeffrey.

January 19, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 127

5 AAC 04.331(a) is amended to read:

5 AAC 04.331. Gillnet specifications and operations. (a) The aggregate length of a gillnet may not exceed 100 fathoms, except that if the commissioner determines that there is a harvestable surplus of pink salmon, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the fishing season and immediately reopen a season during which a set gillnet may not exceed

(1) a mesh size of four and one half inches; and

(2) an aggregate length of set gillnet established in the emergency order that is not more than 200 fathoms based on the department's ability to conduct an orderly fishery [NO PERSON MAY OPERATE A GILLNET THAT EXCEEDS 100 FATHOMS IN AGGREGATE LENGTH].

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Jeffrey

January 19, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 152

5 AAC 05.200. Fishing districts and subdistricts.

5 AAC 05.200(a) is amended to read:

(a) District 1 consists of that portion of the Yukon River drainage from **the Black River terminus, [ITS TERMINUS UPSTREAM TO THE NORTHERN EDGE OF THE MOUTH OF THE ANUK RIVER AND ALL WATERS OF THE BLACK RIVER]** including **all waters of the Black River** and within one nautical mile of its terminus, **extending to a line west of a two and one-half mile long line bearing 285° from an ADF&G regulatory marker located below Chris Point, upstream to the northern edge of the mouth of the Anuk River.**

5 AAC 05.330(a)(1) is amended to read:

5 AAC 05.330. Gear. (a) In Districts 1 - 3, set gillnets and drift gillnets only may be operated, except that in District 1 after July 15 set gillnets only may be operated in the following locations:

(1) waters of the Black River, including waters within one nautical mile of its terminus, **extending to a line west of a two and one-half nautical-mile long line bearing 285° from an ADF&G regulatory marker located below Chris Point;**

5 AAC 05.350(1) is repealed:

5 AAC 05.350. Closed waters. Salmon may not be taken in the following waters:

...

(1) **repealed** / **2013** [ACHARON CHANNEL OF THE SOUTH MOUTH AREA OF THE YUKON RIVER WEST OF A TWO AND ONE-HALF NAUTICAL-MILE LONG LINE BEARING 285° FROM AN ADF&G REGULATORY MARKER LOCATED BELOW CHRIS POINT TO THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE CHANNEL; THE LINE MAY BE MARKED BY A SERIES OF YELLOW AND GREEN BARRELS PLACED BY THE DEPARTMENT BETWEEN SHORE MARKERS];

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Jensen

January 19, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 96

5 AAC 74.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Tanana River Area.

5 AAC 74.010(c)(1)(A) is repealed:

(c)(1)(A) **repealed / /2013** [NORTHERN PIKE: MAY BE TAKEN ONLY FROM JUNE 1 THROUGH APRIL 20];

5 AAC 74.010(c)(4)(A) is amended to read:

(c)(4)(A) in all lakes, **the bag and possession limit for northern pike is** [MAY BE TAKEN ONLY FROM JUNE 1 THROUGH APRIL 20, WITH A BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT OF] two fish, of which only one fish may be 30 inches or greater in length;

5 AAC 74.010(c)(28) is amended to read:

(28) in Volkmar Lake, **northern pike may be taken only from June 1 through April 20, with a** [THE] bag and possession limit **of** [FOR NORTHERN PIKE IS] two fish, of which only one fish may be 30 inches or greater in length;

5 AAC 74.010(c) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(32 in George Lake, northern pike may be taken only from June 1 through April 20.

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Jensen

January 19, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 88

5 AAC 74.010(c)(18) is amended to read:

5 AAC 74.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Tanana River Area.

(18) in Rainbow Lake, the bag and possession limit for rainbow trout, landlocked salmon, Arctic char/Dolly Varden, and Arctic grayling, combined is **five** [ONE] fish, **of** which **only one fish may** [MUST] be 18 inches or greater in length; [ALL FISH CAUGHT THAT ARE LESS THAN 18 INCHES IN LENGTH MUST BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY;]

5 AAC 74.065. Tanana River Area Stocked Waters Management Plan.

5 AAC 74.065(g)(6) is repealed:

(g) Water bodies managed under the special management approach include

...

(6) **repealed / /2013** [RAINBOW LAKE].

5 AAC 74.065(h) is amended to read:

(h) Water bodies managed under the **conservative** [SPECIAL] management approach include

(1) Dune Lake; [AND]

(2) Koole Lake; **and**

(3) Rainbow Lake.

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Jensen

January 19, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 90

5 AAC 74.010(c)(7), (15), (16), (31), and (d)(12) are repealed:

5 AAC 74.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Tanana River Area.

(c)(7) repealed / /2013 [IN DONNELLY LAKE, THE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT FOR RAINBOW TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, ARCTIC CHAR/DOLLY VARDEN, AND ARCTIC GRAYLING, COMBINED, IS ONE FISH, WHICH MUST BE 18 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH; ALL FISH CAUGHT THAT ARE LESS THAN 18 INCHES IN LENGTH MUST BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY];

(c)(15) repealed / /2013 [IN LITTLE HARDING LAKE, RAINBOW TROUT MAY BE TAKEN ONLY FROM MAY 15 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, WITH A BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT OF ONE FISH, WHICH MUST BE 18 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH];

(c)(16) repealed / /2013 [IN MONTE LAKE, THE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT FOR RAINBOW TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, ARCTIC CHAR/DOLLY VARDEN, AND ARCTIC GRAYLING, COMBINED IS ONE FISH, WHICH MUST BE 18 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH; ALL FISH LESS THAN 18 INCHES IN LENGTH MUST BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY];

(c)(31) repealed / /2013 [IN SUMMIT LAKE (CANTWELL), THE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT FOR RAINBOW TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, ARCTIC CHAR/DOLLY VARDEN, ARCTIC GRAYLING, AND LAKE TROUT COMBINED IS ONE FISH, WHICH MUST BE 18 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH; ALL FISH CAUGHT THAT ARE LESS THAN 18 INCHES IN LENGTH MUST BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY];

(d)(12) repealed / /2013 [IN LITTLE HARDING LAKE, ONLY UNBAITED, SINGLE-HOOK, ARTIFICIAL LURES MAY BE USED];

5 AAC 74.065(g)(1), (3), (4), (5) are repealed:

5 AAC 74.065. Tanana River Area Stocked Waters Management Plan.

(g) Water bodies managed under the special management approach include

(1) repealed / /2013 [LITTLE HARDING LAKE];

...

(3) repealed / /2013 [SUMMIT LAKE];

(4) repealed / /2013 [MONTE LAKE];

(5) repealed / /2013 [DONNELLY LAKE];

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Jensen

January 19, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 91

5 AAC 74.010. Seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Tanana River Area.

5 AAC 74.010 (c)(29) is amended to read:

(29) in stocked waters, the bag, possession, and size limit for rainbow trout, Arctic char/Dolly Varden, landlocked salmon, and Arctic grayling is 10 of all stocked species combined, of which no more than one fish may be 18 inches or greater in length; for the purposes of this paragraph, "stocked waters" include Artillery Lake, Backdown Lake, Ballaine Lake, Bathing Beauty Pond, Bear Lake (Eielsen Air Force Base), Big "D" Pond, [BIG LAKE,] Birch Lake, Bluff Cabin Lake, Bolio Lake, Brodie Lake, Bullwinkle Lake, Cavalry Lake, Chena Lake, Chet Lake, CHSR 25.0 Mile Pit, CHSR 30.0 Mile Pit, CHSR 42.8 Mile Pit (Red Squirrel Pit), CHSR 45.5 Mile Pit, CHSR 47.9 Mile Pit, Coal Mine Road #5, Craig Lake, [CRYSTAL LAKE,] Dick's Pond, Doc Lake, Donna Lake, Donnelly Lake, Forrest [FOREST] Lake, Four Mile Lake, Fourteen Mile Lake, Geskakmina Lake, Ghost Lake, Grayling Lake (Eielsen Air Force Base), Hidden Lake (Eielsen Air Force Base), Hidden Lake (Tetlin NWR.), Horseshoe Lake, "J" Lake, Jan Lake, Johnson [R. #1] Pit #2, Kenna Lake, Ken's Pond, Kids Fishing Pond, Kimberly Lake, Last Lake, Lisa Lake, Little Donna Lake, Little Lost Lake, [LONG POND,] Lost Lake, Luke Lake, Lundgren Pond, Manchu Lake, Mark Lake, Monte Lake [MEADOWS RD. #1, MEADOWS RD. #2, MEADOWS RD. #3, MEADOWS RD. #4, MEADOWS RD. #5, [MEADOWS RD. #6], Monterey Lake, Moose Lake (Eielsen Air Force Base), Mosquito Creek Lake, Mullins Pit, Nenana City Pond, Nickel Lake, No Mercy Lake, Nordale #2, North Chena Pond, North Pole Pond, North Twin Lake, Olnes Pond, Otto Lake, Parks 261 Pond, [PARKS 285 (WHITE ALICE PIT), PARKS 286.3,] Paul's Pond, [PILED RIVER SLOUGH], Polaris Lake, Quartz Lake, Rangeview Lake, Rapids Lake, Richardson Hwy. 28 Mile Pit, Richardson Hwy. 31 Mile Pit, Richardson Hwy. 81 Mile Pit, [ROBERTSON #2], Rockhound Lake, [ROUND POND,] Shaw Pond, Sheefish Lake, [SILVER LAKE (MOSQUITO CREEK LAKE),] Sirlin Drive Pond, South Johnson Lake, South Twin Lake, Steese Hwy. 28.8 Mile Pit, Steese Hwy. 29.5 Mile Pit, Steese Hwy. 31.6 Mile Pit, Steese Hwy. 33.5 Mile Pit, Steese Hwy. 34.6 Mile Pit, Steese Hwy. 35.8 Mile Pit, Steese Hwy. 36.6 Mile Pit, Stringer Rd. Pond, Stryker Lake, Triangle Lake, [TSCHUTE LAKE], Wainwright #6, Weasel Lake, West Iksgiza Lake, [WEST POND], Z Pit (Chena Floodway);

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Jeffrey

January 19, 2013

Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 240

5 AAC 05.362. Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan..

5 AAC 05.362 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(k) In Districts 1-3, during times when the commissioner determines that it is necessary for the conservation of king salmon, the commissioner may, by emergency order, close the commercial gillnet fishing season and immediately reopen a fishing season during which

(1) a person may fish with

(A) up to four dip nets as defined in 5AAC 39.105(24);

(B) beach seine gear with mesh size that does not exceed four inches stretched measure may be used; and

(3) all king salmon caught in dip net and beach seine gear must be returned immediately to the water alive.

Statewide definition of "dip net" (For Informational Purposes)

5 AAC 39.105 (24) a dip net is a bag-shaped net supported on all sides by a rigid frame; the maximum straight-line distance between any two points on the net frame, as measured through the net opening, may not exceed five feet; the depth of the bag must be at least one-half of the greatest straight-line distance, as measured through the net opening; no portion of the bag may be constructed of webbing that exceeds a stretched measurement of 4.5 inches; the frame must be attached to a single rigid handle and be operated by hand;

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Webster

January 20, 2013

Webster amendment to Proposal 120

5 AAC 04.395(f) is amended to read:

(f) In Subdistricts 5 and 6, if the marine waters subsistence fishery is restricted to

(1) a gillnet mesh size of six inches or less under (h)(1) of this section, the sport fish bag and possession limit and annual limit for king salmon will be reduced by emergency order to one king salmon;

(2) less than two 48-hour fishing periods, the sport fishery will be reduced, by emergency order, to catch-and-release fishing only.

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Finfish Meeting
January 15-20, 2013 - Anchorage

Miscellaneous Business Agenda

1. Board discussion on Alaska Department of Fish and Game's recommendations on stocks of concern in Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim. *[Board]*
2. Clarify the Board's decision to remove the Kvichak Stock of Concern discussed during the December 2012 Bristol Bay Finfish Meeting. *[Board]*
3. Findings regarding board intent when it adopted Proposal 239 at the 2012 Bristol Bay Finfish Meeting. *[Chairman Johnstone, Hepler, Mitchell]*
4. Discussion of the Policy of Board-Generated Proposals. *[Chairman Johnstone, Hepler, Mitchell]*
5. Upper Cook Inlet Task Force Committee update. *[Kluberton and Webster]*



Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game

It has been suggested that criteria need to be considered to guide board members when deliberating on whether or not to bring forward a BOF generated proposal:

1. Is it in the public's best interest (access to resource, allocation concerns, consistent intent, public process)?
2. Is there urgency in considering the issue (eg. potential for escapement objectives not being met or sustainability in question)?
3. Are the current processes not sufficient to bring the subject to the board's attention (reconsideration policy, normal cycle proposal submittal, ACR's, petition's)?
4. Will there be reasonable and adequate opportunity for public comment (eg. How far do affected users have to travel to participate, amount of time for affected users to respond)?

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIESFINDINGS AND CLARIFICATION OF INTENT
REGARDING ADOPTION OF BOARD-GENERATED PROPOSAL 239

1. On December 11, 2012, at the Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) meeting on proposals for regulatory changes to Bristol Bay finfish regulations, the board considered and adopted substitute language for board-generated proposal No. 239, which proposed to amend 5 AAC 67.022(g)(6) (*Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Bristol Bay Area*) to restrict sport fishing in the Nushagak River drainage, excluding the Wood River drainage, to one unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure at certain times. The board adopts these findings to clarify an ambiguity in the record regarding its intent in its action resulting from passage of two motions to amend the proposal containing two versions of substitute language (found in RC 102 and RC 103).
2. The board intended that the regulatory change embodied in RC 103 would be additive to, and a modification of, the regulatory change embodied in RC 102. Thus, the board intended the following changes to 5 AAC 67.022(g):

5 AAC 67.022(g)(6). Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means in the Bristol Bay Area.

(g) In the Nushagak River drainage, excluding the Wood River drainage, and unless otherwise specified in 5 AAC 06.361 or 5 AAC 06.368, the following special provisions apply:

(1) the bag and possession limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is two fish, of which only one fish may be 28 inches or greater in length; the annual limit for king salmon 20 inches or greater in length is four fish; the bag and possession limit for king salmon less than 20 inches in length (jack salmon) is five fish; **after taking and retaining a bag limit of king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, a person may not sport fish with bait for the remainder of the day in the Nushagak River drainage, excluding the Wood River drainage;**

...

(6) only one single hook artificial lure or one single hook may be used, except as provided in (4) of this section.

Approved: January 20, 2013
Vote: __-__-1 abstention (Jensen)
Anchorage, Alaska

Karl Johnstone, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of Board of Fisheries

January 20, 2013

Amendment to Proposal 240

5 AAC 05.362(k)(3) is amended to read:

(3) all king salmon caught in a dip net and beach seine gear must be returned immediately to the water alive, **except that a dead king salmon may not be retained and must be recorded on a fish ticket and forfeited to the state.**