

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
DECEMBER 4–11, 2012
BRISTOL BAY FINFISH**

(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)**

(Board Member Jensen was not in attendance)

PROPOSAL NUMBER (91) SUBJECT

Bristol Bay Subsistence (1 proposal)		
C (6-0)	1	Allow for a weekend subsistence schedule in the Nushagak District.
Bristol Bay Sportfish (8 proposals)		
C (6-0)	2	Increase nonretention, no bait waters of the Nushagak River.
F (3-3)	3	Require barbless hooks in unbaited, single-hook, artificial fly waters.
C (6-0)	4	Prohibit putting fish parts in water where use of bait is prohibited. <i>(RC #97 was approved as substitute language (6-0) to model the definition of "bait" similar to the federal definition of "bait." After a stand-down, the board rescinded the amended language in RC #97 (6-0). Proposal then passed in original form (6-0).)</i>
F (0-6)	5	Decrease coho salmon bag limit to one in the Ugashik, Dog Salmon, and King Salmon rivers. <i>(This proposal will be addressed in both the Bristol Bay and AK Pen/Aleutian Island meetings.)</i>
F (0-6)	6	Clarify king salmon bag limit between Constantine and Newenham.
N/A	7	Reduce king salmon bag limit between Constantine and Newenham. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #6.)</i>
N/A	8	Reduce king salmon bag limit in the Togiak and Kulukak rivers. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #6.)</i>
N/A	9	Limit guided access to rivers. <i>(No action as author withdrew support for this proposal.)</i>
Bristol Bay Herring (5 proposals)		
F (0-6)	10	Allow unharvested herring stocks in the Togiak District to be reallocated to the Dutch Harbor food and bait fishery.
F (0-6)	11	Remove the necessity for maintaining catch percentages between gear groups inseason by emergency order (EO).
F (0-6)	12	Split the Togiak District herring sac roe quota allocated to seine and gillnet gear 50/50.
F (0-6)	13	Close the Togiak herring sac roe fishery through 2016.
F (0-6)	14	Extend the closed waters area in Togiak Bay.

Bristol Bay Salmon (73 proposals)		
<i>Fishing Gear Specifications and Operations (11 proposals)</i>		
F <i>(0-5-1)</i>	16	Allow set gillnet gear to remain in place between fishing periods on consecutive tides. <i>(Board member Webster abstained.)</i>
N/A	17	In the Nushagak District, prohibit a permit holder from operating a set gillnet seaward of another set gillnet. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #44.)</i>
C/A <i>(6-0)</i>	18	Shorten the distance that a set gillnet can be set from the high-tide mark from 1,000 feet to 600 feet. <i>(Amended with substitute language reflected in RC #127.)</i>
F <i>(0-6)</i>	19	Restrict drift gillnet gear from fishing within 1,000 feet from the mean high-tide line.
N/A	20	Allow only historical set gillnet sites on the outside beaches of Ugashik District. <i>(No action based on no board authority confirmed by Department of Law.)</i>
F <i>(0-6)</i>	21	Require name of permit holder on stationary gear.
C/A <i>(6-0)</i>	22	Change marking requirement from six inches to twelve inches in height. <i>(Amended with substitute language reflected in RC #122.)</i>
F <i>(0-6)</i>	23	Remove the drift gillnet marking requirement that a cork must be marked every 10 fathoms and mark only at each end of the drift gillnet with vessel ADF&G number.
F <i>(0-6)</i>	24	Allow seine nets in Bristol Bay for permit holders who hold two Bristol Bay drift gillnet permits.
N/A	25	Create a new troll fishery for coho salmon outside commercial fishing districts of Bristol Bay. <i>(No action based on too many provisions necessary to determine feasibility and lack of board authority.)</i>
<i>Closed Waters (4 proposals)</i>		
N/A	26	Amend closed waters in Togiak District from June 1 to June 30 for king salmon conservation. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #29.)</i>
C <i>(6-0)</i>	27	Change regulatory boundary descriptions for closed waters at the mouth of Igushik River.
C <i>(6-0)</i>	28	Change regulatory boundary descriptions for closed waters at the mouth of the Togiak River.
C/A <i>(6-0)</i>	29	Create a buffer zone closed to commercial drift gillnet fishing at the mouth of the Togiak River. <i>(Amended with substitute language reflected in RC #121.)</i>
<i>Landing Requirements (1 proposal)</i>		
C/A <i>(6-0)</i>	30	Allow set gillnet vessels to transport salmon through the Snake River Section provided they have no gear on board the vessel. <i>(Amended with substitute language reflected in RC #129.)</i>
<i>Vessels (5 proposals)</i>		
C/A <i>(5-1)</i>	31	Allow vessels with permanent markings to be exempt from dual marking requirements when vessel is used in more than one salmon fishery. <i>(Amended with substitute language reflected in RC #128.)</i>
N/A	32	Increase vessel length up to 42 feet in length based on vessel processing capabilities. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #35.)</i>
N/A	33	Increase vessel length to 36 feet if vessel chills catch and 39 feet if the vessel processes and freezes catch. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #35.)</i>
N/A	34	Increase vessel length up to 36 feet. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #35.)</i>
F <i>(1-4-1)</i>	35	Increase vessel length over 32 feet. <i>(Board member Webster abstained.)</i>

Permit Stacking (20 proposals)		
F <i>(0-5-1)</i>	36	Allow one permit holder who owns two drift gillnet permits 200 fathoms of drift gillnet. <i>(Board member Webster abstained.)</i>
N/A	37	Allow one permit holder who owns two drift gillnet permits 200 fathoms of drift gillnet. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #36.)</i>
N/A	38	Allow an individual to have two drift gillnet permits registered in one name. <i>(No action based on regulation already provided in law under Alaska Statute 16.43.140.)</i>
C/A <i>(5-1)</i>	39	Allow dual drift gillnet permit holders 200 fathoms in other districts when Naknek River Special Harvest Area (NRSHA) is open. <i>(Amended with substitute language reflected in RC #93.)</i>
N/A	40	Allow dual drift gillnet permit holders 200 fathoms in other districts when Naknek River Special Harvest Area (NRSHA) is open. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #39.)</i>
F <i>(0-5-1)</i>	41	Disallow permit stacking in Bristol Bay. <i>(Board member Webster abstained.)</i>
N/A	42	Disallow additional gear for vessels with two drift gillnet permits. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #41.)</i>
C <i>(6-0)</i>	43	Disallow additional drift gillnet gear for dual permit vessels in the Togiak District.
F <i>(1-4-1)</i>	44	Repeal sunset clause for dual set gillnet permits for single permit holder. <i>(Board member Webster abstained.)</i>
N/A	45	Repeal sunset clause for dual set gillnet permits for single permit holder. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #44.)</i>
N/A	46	Repeal sunset clause for dual set gillnet permits for single permit holder. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #44.)</i>
N/A	47	Repeal sunset clause for dual set gillnet permits for single permit holder. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #44.)</i>
N/A	48	Repeal sunset clause for dual set gillnet permits for single permit holder. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #44.)</i>
N/A	49	Repeal sunset clause for dual set gillnet permits for single permit holder. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #44.)</i>
N/A	50	Repeal sunset clause for dual set gillnet permits for single permit holder. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #44.)</i>
N/A	51	Repeal sunset clause for dual set gillnet permits for single permit holder. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #44.)</i>
N/A	52	Repeal sunset clause for dual set gillnet permits for single permit holder. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #44.)</i>
N/A	53	Repeal sunset clause for dual set gillnet permits for single permit holder. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #44.)</i>
N/A	54	Repeal sunset clause for dual set gillnet permits for single permit holder. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #44.)</i>
F <i>(0-5-1)</i>	55	Allow two set gillnet permit holders to fish 100 fathoms on a single site. <i>(Board member Webster abstained.)</i>
Registration and Reregistration (1 proposal)		
C/A <i>(6-0)</i>	56	Prior to June 25, if a drift gillnet permit holder intends to fish in either the Ugashik or Egegik district they must be registered for that district. <i>(Amended with substitute language reflected in RC #111.)</i>

Bristol Bay Management Plans (31 proposals)		
<i>Genetics (1 proposal)</i>		
N/A	57	Placeholder for possible regulatory changes based on results from Western Alaska Salmon Stock Identification Project (WASSIP). <i>(No action on this proposal as the board acknowledged the issue would be discussed at the Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting.)</i>
<i>General District (4 proposals)</i>		
F (0-5-1)	58	Open General District and allow a harvest of up to 25% of projected sockeye salmon run. <i>(Board member Webster abstained.)</i>
N/A	59	Create two new general districts when all eastside river systems have met their escapement goals or on July 17, whichever comes first. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #58.)</i>
N/A	60	Create a general district when all eastside river systems have met their escapement goals or on July 17, whichever comes first. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #58.)</i>
N/A	61	After all eastside Bristol Bay rivers have reached escapement goals, remove existing boundaries and allow open access on or after August 1. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #58.)</i>
<i>Bristol Bay Restructuring Plan and Process (1 proposal)</i>		
F (1-5)	62	Develop a process for addressing future proposals deemed as Bristol Bay salmon industry restructuring proposals.
<i>Bristol Bay Allocation Plan (3 proposals)</i>		
F (0-5-1)	63	Increase set gillnet allocation to 20% in Nushagak, Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik and Ugashik districts. <i>(Board member Webster abstained.)</i>
N/A	64	Increase set gillnet allocation to 20% in Nushagak, Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik and Ugashik districts. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #63.)</i>
N/A	65	Increase set gillnet allocation to 20% in Nushagak, Egegik, and Ugashik districts, and to 22% in the Naknek-Kvichak District. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #63.)</i>
<i>Naknek-Kvichak Management and Allocation Plan (3 proposals)</i>		
N/A	66	Remove set and drift gillnet allocations. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #63.)</i>
C/A (5-0-1)	67	Stagger fishing periods throughout run. <i>(Amended with substitute language reflected in RC #133.) (Board member Webster abstained.)</i>
F (0-5-1)	68	Open a new set gillnet fishery at Levelock when Kvichak River reaches minimum escapement. <i>(Board member Webster abstained.)</i>
<i>Alagnak River Special Harvest Area Management Plan (2 proposals)</i>		
F (0-5-1)	69	Open Alagnak River Special Harvest Area (ARSHA) to set gillnets when the Kvichak Section is open. <i>(Board member Webster abstained.)</i>
F (0-5-1)	70	Change the allocation plan in the Alagnak River Special Harvest Area (ARSHA) to 84% drift and 16% set. <i>(Board member Webster abstained.)</i>
<i>Naknek River Special Harvest Area Management Plan (3 proposals)</i>		
F (0-5-1)	71	Open the Naknek River Special Harvest Area (NRSHA) to set gillnet gear when the Naknek River escapement goal is met. <i>(Board member Webster abstained.)</i>
N/A	72	Open the Naknek River Special Harvest Area (NRSHA) to set gillnet gear when the Naknek Section is open. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #71.)</i>

F (0-5-1)	73	Limit the amount of gillnet on board a drift vessel to 75 fathoms in the Naknek River Special Harvest Area (NRSHA). <i>(Board member Webster abstained.)</i>
<i>Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan (4 proposals)</i>		
C/A (6-0)	74	Revise king salmon reference points. <i>(Amended with substitute language reflected in RC #22.)</i>
F (0-6)	75	Increase king salmon escapement in the Nushagak River by restricting the drift gillnet fleet.
F (0-5-1)	76	Restrict commercial fishing to no more than 3 tides in a 48-hour period and fishing time may not exceed 24 hours in length. <i>(Board member Webster abstained.)</i>
F (0-6)	77	Restrict commercial fishing to no more than 12 hours of commercial fishing in any 24-hour period and no commercial fishing on consecutive high tides if there has been any sport fishing restrictions placed on the Nushagak.
<i>Wood River Special Harvest Area Management Plan (7 proposals)</i>		
C (6-0)	78	Revise sockeye salmon escapement reference points. <i>(Proposal passed based on new trigger numbers confirmed by the department only on mechanical conversion information and does not include biological productivity factors.)</i>
C/A (6-0)	79	Allow separate drift and set gillnet fishing periods in the Wood River Special Harvest Area (WRSHA) and require all running lines, anchors and buoys shall be removed from the water during drift periods. <i>(Amended with substitute language reflected in RC #92. A motion of reconsideration was considered based on RC 139 presented after the vote. Reconsideration of proposal failed (0-6).)</i>
N/A	80	Allow separate drift and set gillnet fishing periods in the Wood River Special Harvest Area (WRSHA). <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #79.)</i>
N/A	81	Allow up to 150 fathoms on board a drift gillnet vessel when fishing in the Wood River Special Harvest Area (WRSHA). <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #79.)</i>
C (6-0)	82	Allow dual drift gillnet vessels to have up to 200 fathoms on board in the Wood River Special Harvest Area (WRSHA).
C/A (5-1)	83	When the Nushagak District is closed and the Wood River Special Harvest Area (WRSHA) is open, allow set gillnet permit holders to remain in the Nushagak District with 25 fathoms of gear. <i>(Amended with substitute language reflected in RC #82 and to include 4 ¾ mesh “or smaller.”)</i>
C/A (6-0)	84	Allow dual set gillnet permit holders to have up to 50 fathoms of gear on board and fish two sites with up to 25 fathoms at each site. <i>(Amended with substitute language reflected in RC #81.)</i>
<i>Togiak River Salmon Management Plan (3 proposals)</i>		
F (0-6)	85	Create a Togiak River king salmon management plan similar to Nushagak River plan.
F (0-6)	86	Create a Togiak River coho salmon management plan similar to Nushagak River plan.
C/A (6-0)	87	Change the waiving period to July 24 if escapement goal is projected to exceed 175,000 before July 27. <i>(Amended to eliminate the department’s direction to waive the superexclusive designation criteria for the Togiak District after July 21 when the Togiak River escapement is projected to exceed 175,000 fish before July 27.)</i>
<i>North Peninsula Fisheries</i>		
	200	Establish a sockeye salmon fishery from June 20 through September 30 in the Cinder River Section. <i>(Brought forward for comments in Committee and will be deliberated at the Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting in February/March 2013.)</i>

	203	Close the Outer Port Heiden Section, amend the inner Port Heiden Section boundary, and create a new superexclusive fishery in Area T. <i>(Brought forward for comments in Committee and will be deliberated at the Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting in February/March 2013.)</i>
	204	Allow Area T CFEC permit holders to fish both the Inner and Outer Port Heiden sections. <i>(Brought forward for comments in Committee and will be deliberated at the Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting in February/March 2013.)</i>
Supplemental Proposals		
N/A	238	Allow one permit holder who owns two drift gillnet permits to use 200 fathoms drift gillnet gear, and operate the gear from a single vessel. <i>(No action based on action taken on Proposal #36.)</i>
C/A <i>(5-1)</i>	239	Limit sport and guided sport fishing for king salmon in the Nushagak River drainage, excluding the Wood River drainage, to unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures from May 1 through July 31. <i>(Amended with substitute language reflected in RC #102 and RC #103.)</i>

Board Generated Proposals:

1. The board voted to create and passed (6-0) a board-generated proposal to close sport fishing for king salmon in the Big Creek drainage, including the outlet of Big Creek on the Naknek River as referenced in RC 135.
2. The board voted (6-0) to create a board-generated proposal to consider allowing permit stacking for set netting in the Egegik and Ugashik districts. This proposal will be deliberated at the Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting in February/March 2013.
3. The board took no action on a motion to create a board generated proposal to develop a Bristol Bay OEG based on the approved mission statement outlined in *RC #148* as follows:
Purpose: ADF&G has agreed to suspend the adoption of various recommended sockeye salmon escapement goals for two years, meaning that the goal will go into effect for the 2015 salmon season. The recommended escapement goals being deferred are Ugashik, Egegik, Naknek, Wood, Igushik, and Nushagak river sockeye salmon. The Nushagak River SEG and OEG will change in 2013, but only to account for the sonar conversion from Bendix to DIDSON. This delay in implementation is intended to give the industry time to meet, discuss, and analyze economic information that would assist the Board in developing OEGs.

It is the intention of the Board that a committee be formed with Board member Webster, an ADF&G designee, and a representative of BBSRI (Micheal Link). The commercial fishing industry has pledged a commitment to integrate a professional scientist and an economist in the discussion.

Miscellaneous Business:

1. Board members Kluberton provided an update on the Upper Cook Inlet Task Force (Task Force). The Task Force met on November, 16, 2012 to discuss the mission statement and better define the purpose of the committee. The December 14, 2012 Task Force meeting was cancelled to wait for more data from the department. Board member Kluberton submitted a refined purpose statement listed below and identified in *RC #146* which the board approved to move onward.

PURPOSE OF THE TASK FORCE:

- *To identify and discuss alternative management strategies that allow set gillnetting for sockeye salmon in the East Side Set gillnet fishery (ESSN) and*

inriver use of Kenai River king salmon during times when the department projects the abundance of late-run king salmon will be below the escapement goal

- *Input from the public is imperative.*
 - *To bring forward a set of recommendations to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) at the March 2013 Statewide Finfish meeting.*
 - *Should have a board generated proposal several weeks in advance of the March BOF meeting.*
 - *Town hall style meetings with the focus on task force members similar to BOF committee meetings. Consensus on alternatives is preferred but not necessary for the BOF to discuss changes.*
 - *Management alternatives would likely be reflected in the Late Run King Salmon Management Plan 5AAC 21.359.*
2. Chairman Johnstone led the discussion regarding notice to the public on substitute language. He asked fellow board members to inform him as quickly as possible when a record copy (RC) is generated to provide the public as much notice as possible to review and comment.
 3. Executive Director Wellard provided the board a brief update of the 2014/2015 Prince William Sound and Upper Copper/Upper Susitna River Finfish meeting scheduled to be held in Cordova. Bids have been received from three businesses in Cordova, but more time is needed to evaluate the accommodations being suggested.