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TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP

(19 proposals)

(Updated March 6, 2023)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 1: NUSHAGAK RIVER KING SALMON ACTION PLAN. (Chair Wood)

- Proposal 11** Make numerous amendments to the Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan.
- Proposal 12** Make several changes to the management plan to reduce commercial king salmon harvest and increase sockeye salmon harvest.
- Proposal 13** Structure fishing periods in the Nushagak District so that pulses of king salmon, not subjected to commercial fishing pressure, may enter the Nushagak River.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 2: GEAR, METHODS AND MEANS (6 proposals – Chair Mitchell)

- Proposal 82** Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.
- Proposal 87** Define eel stick
- Proposal 153** Define escape mechanisms for collapsible ‘slinky’ groundfish pots.
- Proposal 154** Allow the use of purse seine drums.
- Proposal 155** Allow a person using a spear or speargun to take fish while swimming at the water’s surface.
- Proposal 156** Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in freshwater.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 3: COMMERCIAL FISHERY REGISTRATION, CLOSED WATERS, GROUND FISH POLICY. (5 proposals – Chair Heimbuch)

- Proposal 157** Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.
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- Proposal 159** Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth of a mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species.



- Proposal 160** Require surrender of proceeds gained from the sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas.
- Proposal 161** Create and establish Alaska Board of Fisheries policy regarding the management of groundfish fishery resources in waters of Alaska.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 4: SPORT FISHERIES, PERSONAL USE AND SUBSISTENCE FISHERY GUIDING, PERSONAL USE FISHERY LIMITS, INVASIVE SPECIES. (8 proposals – Chair Zuray)

- Proposal 162** Allow the Kenai River Special Management Area -DNR decal to serve as proof of ADF&G sport fishing guide vessel registration.
- Proposal 163** Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.
- Proposal 164** Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.
- Proposal 165** Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.
- Proposal 166** Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.
- Proposal 167** Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.
- Proposal 168** Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters.
- Proposal 169** Amend the list of banned invasive species.