



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Southeast & Yakutat Shellfish & Finfish

January 11-23, 2018 | Sitka

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

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Board Members Present

John Jensen, Chair
 Orville Huntington
 Al Cain
 Israel Payton

Reed Morisky, Vice Chair
 Fritz Johnson
 Robert Ruffner

C=Carried, C/A=Carried as amended, F=Failed, F/A = Failed as amended, N/A=No Action, T=Tabled

Action	#	Proposal	Audio tracking info*
Shellfish Proposals (44 Proposals)			
<u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 1: Crab (25 proposals: Chair - Cain)</u>			
<u>Dungeness Crab (10 Proposals)</u>			
<i>Commercial Fishery (5 Proposals)</i>			
C (7-0)	53	Clarify regulations related to the sale of buoy tags to commercial Dungeness crab fishery permit holders.	<i>Meeting 01-13-18: 8:41:58am</i>
N/A (7-0)	54	Reduce the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 240 pots. <i>(No action taken based on proposer's request to withdraw under PC 141.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-13-18: 8:46:14am</i>
F (0-7)	55	Increase the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 400 pots.	<i>Meeting 01-13-18: 8:47:51am</i>
C/A (5-2)	56	Close waters of Twelvemile Arm to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab. <i>(Substituted with image from RC 66.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-13-18: 8:52:45am Meeting 01-13-18: 3:35:31pm</i>



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F/A (1-6)	235	Repeal the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan and adopt fixed-length summer and fall fishing seasons. <i>(Failed after substituted with language in RC39.)</i>	Meeting 01-13-18: 9:28:30am
Sport Fishery and Personal Use (5 Proposals)			
F (1-6)	57	Close waters in the Klawock vicinity to sport fishing for Dungeness crab.	Meeting 01-13-18: 9:47:55am
N/A (7-0)	58	Close waters in the Klawock vicinity to sport fishing for Dungeness crab. <i>(No action taken based on action taken on Proposal 57)</i>	Meeting 01-13-18: 9:53:12am
C/A (6-1)	59	Close the Yakutat Area Dungeness crab sport fishery. <i>(The proposal was amended to include personal use fisheries under 5 AAC 77.612.)</i>	Meeting 01-13-18: 9:54:01am
C/A (5-1)	60	Establish a guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery in Sitka Sound. <i>(Morisky recused. Substituted with the image from RC 60. It is the board's intent that the final regulation provide global positioning satellite coordinates that correspond to the image.)</i>	Meeting 01-13-18: 10:04:16am
F (0-7)	186	Define what constitutes a guest of a lodge, charter vessel, or other enterprise.	Meeting 01-13-18: 10:16:05am
King and Tanner Crab (15 proposals)			
General (2 Proposals)			
C/A (7-0)	61	Expand waters of king and Tanner crab Registration Area A to include all waters from zero to 200 miles offshore. <i>(Substituted with language from RC 49.)</i>	Meeting 01-13-18: 11:00:54am
C/A (7-0)	62	Expand waters of king and Tanner crab Registration Area D to include all waters from zero to 200 miles offshore. <i>(Substituted with language from RC 50.)</i>	Meeting 01-13-18: 11:07:23am
Red King Crab (3 Proposals)			
C/A (7-0)	63	Open an exploratory commercial red king crab fishery in specific areas during years of low estimated abundance. <i>(Substituted with language from RC 51.)</i>	Meeting 01-13-18: 11:11:13am
F (0-6)	64	Manage the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial red king crab fishery under an equal quota share when harvestable surplus is less than 200,000 pounds. <i>(Jensen recused.)</i>	Meeting 01-13-18: 11:32:47am
C (7-0)	234	Require a personal use fishing permit for the taking of king crab in all areas of Southeast Alaska and reduce the daily bag and possession limit. <i>(The board failed an amendment by a vote of 3-4 to remove the change in daily bag and possession limit.)</i>	Meeting 01-13-18: 11:40:03am



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Golden King Crab (6 Proposals)			
F (1-6)	65	Expand fishing area for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.	<i>Meeting 01-13-18: 01:45:36pm</i>
F (2-5)	66	Implement weather-related fishery closure delays for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.	<i>Meeting 01-13-18: 02:07:35pm</i>
C/A (7-0)	67	Establish a regulatory closure date for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery. <i>(The board amended the proposal to change the end date from November 15 to December 1.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-13-18: 02:15:37pm</i>
F (0-6)	68	Define methods used to set guideline harvest levels in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery. <i>(Jensen recused.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-13-18: 02:30:55pm</i>
C (6-0)	69	Reduce Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery guideline harvest ranges. <i>(Jensen recused.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-13-18: 02:38:42pm</i>
F (2-5)	70	Reduce the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery pot limit from 100 pots per vessel to 80 pots per vessel. <i>(The board failed an amendment by a vote of 1-6 to add a three-year sunset.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-13-18: 02:47:13pm</i>
Tanner Crab (4 Proposals)			
C (7-0)	71	Allow operation of commercial, subsistence, sport, or personal use pots in the 14 days after closure of the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery.	<i>Meeting 01-13-18: 03:06:49pm</i>
C/A (6-0)	72	Re-define 'non-core' areas and define 'exploratory' areas in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery. <i>(Jensen recused. Substituted with language from RC 52.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-13-18: 03:10:46pm</i>
F (0-7)	73	Manage the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery using an equal quota share.	<i>Meeting 01-13-18: 03:20:00pm</i>
F (0-7)	74	Establish a Tanner crab fishery in a section of the Yakutat District.	<i>Meeting 01-13-18: 03:30:16pm</i>
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 2: Shrimp, Miscellaneous Shellfish (19 proposals: Chair - Johnson)			
Personal Use/Sport (3 Proposals)			
F (0-7)	75	Reopen the personal use shrimp fishery in Section 11-A.	<i>Meeting 01-13-18: 04:05:55pm</i>
F (0-7)	76	Establish mesh size requirements for Southeast Alaska Area sport fishing shrimp pots.	<i>Meeting 01-13-18: 04:10:33pm</i>



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C/A (7-0)	77	Amend shellfish methods and means and rescind unnecessary abalone regulations. (<i>Substituted with language from RC 48.</i>)	Meeting 01-13-18: 04:14:25pm
Commercial Pot Shrimp (7 Proposals)			
C (7-0)	78	Add sections for Districts 6, 8, and 10 and provide shrimp fishery guideline harvest ranges for the new areas.	Meeting 01-13-18: 04:17:45pm
F (0-7)	79	Repeal winter commercial shrimp fishery and modify fishing season for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial shrimp fishery to avoid egg bearing shrimp.	Meeting 01-13-18: 04:21:05pm
F (0-7)	80	Reduce the maximum number of pots per vessel, limit the number of pots per string and pot spacing, and limit gear to one operation cycle per day in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial shrimp fishery. (<i>The board failed to substitute the original proposal with the language found in RC 53 by a vote of 3-4.</i>)	Meeting 01-14-18: 08:46:43am
F (0-7)	81	Allow commercial shrimp pots in the Southeastern Alaska Area to be pulled only one time per day.	Meeting 01-14-18: 09:05:31am
F (0-7)	82	Close the Section 11-A commercial shrimp fishery.	Meeting 01-14-18: 09:09:30am
F (0-7)	83	Close waters of Section 11-A to commercial fishing for shrimp and red king crab.	Meeting 01-14-18: 09:13:18am
F (0-7)	84	Close additional waters in District 2 to commercial pot shrimp fishing.	Meeting 01-14-18: 09:16:11am
Commercial Beam Trawl Shrimp (1 Proposal)			
C (7-0)	85	Expand current beam trawl shrimp fishery logbook requirement to cover all fishing areas.	Meeting 01-14-18: 09:28:22am
Sea Cucumbers (3 Proposals)			
F (0-7)	86	Open fishing areas deemed to have stable sea cucumber populations to commercial harvest of sea cucumbers without a pre-fishery stock assessment survey.	Meeting 01-14-18: 09:34:10am
F (0-7)	87	Open waters of a number of fishing areas previously closed to commercial sea cucumber harvest.	Meeting 01-14-18: 09:45:34am
T (7-0)	88	Modify the method for establishing the guideline harvest level in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial sea cucumber fishery. (<i>The board initially passed the proposal by a vote of 4-3, but on a motion to reconsider the proposal the board agreed to table the proposal until the Statewide meeting, March 6-9, 2018, to allow the department time to develop further information.</i>)	Meeting 01-14-18: 09:53:18am Meeting 01-14-18: 10:34:41am



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Geoducks (3 Proposals)			
F (0-7)	89	Modify the method for establishing the guideline harvest level in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial geoduck fishery.	Meeting 01-14-18: 10:39:15am
F (0-7)	90	Open previously non-surveyed fishing areas to a limited commercial harvest of geoducks without a pre-fishery stock assessment survey.	Meeting 01-14-18: 10:42:29am
C/A (7-0)	91	Establish a weekly geoduck harvest limit of 1,000 pounds per diver in the Southeastern Alaska Area. (<i>Substituted with language from RC 61.</i>)	Meeting 01-14-18: 10:45:18am
Scallops (1 Proposal)			
C (7-0)	92	Remove guideline harvest range for District 16 scallops and set one guideline harvest range for all of Scallop Registration Area D.	Meeting 01-14-18: 10:53:38am
Squid (1 Proposal)			
F (0-7)	93	Establish a commercial fishery for squid, using purse seine gear, in the Southeastern Alaska Area.	Meeting 01-14-18: 10:57:21am
Finfish Proposals (111 Proposals)			
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 3: King Salmon: (9 proposals: Chair - Payton)			
Stocks of Concern/ Action Plans			
King salmon Stocks of Concern and Action Plans for Chilkat River, King Salmon River, Unuk River, and McDonald Lake Sockeye.			
Chilkat River King Salmon (2 Proposals)			
N/A (7-0)	130	Close subsistence fishing for salmon in Chilkat Inlet through July 15, and Chilkat River from June 15 to August 1. (<i>The board initially tabled Proposal 130 until it acted on the Chilkat, King Salmon, and Unuk rivers Action Plans. After approving the Action Plan, the board took no action on this proposal.</i>)	Meeting 01-19-18: 8:14:56am Meeting 01-23-18: 4:23:12pm
N/A (7-0)	131	Implement maximum gillnet mesh-size restrictions in the Chilkat Inlet and River subsistence salmon fishery. (<i>The board initially tabled Proposal 131 until it acted on the Chilkat, King Salmon, and Unuk rivers Action Plans. After approving the Action Plan, the board took no action on this proposal.</i>)	Meeting 01-19-18: 8:14:56am Meeting 01-23-18: 4:23:12pm
Taku River King Salmon (3 Proposals)			
N/A (7-0)	132	Amend sport king salmon regulations in Districts 11, 12, 14, and 15 based on the Taku River king salmon preseason escapement estimate. (<i>The board initially tabled Proposal 132 until it acted on the Chilkat, King Salmon, and Unuk rivers Action Plans. After approving</i>	Meeting 01-19-18: 8:14:56am Meeting 01-23-18: 4:23:12pm



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		<i>the Action Plan, the board took no action on this proposal.)</i>	
N/A (7-0)	133	Base duration of commercial salmon troll and drift gillnet gear spring openings on preseason king salmon abundance projections. <i>(The board initially tabled Proposal 133 until it acted on the Chilkat, King Salmon, and Unuk rivers Action Plans. After approving the Action Plan, the board took no action on this proposal.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-18: 8:14:56am Meeting 01-23-18: 4:23:12pm
N/A (7-0)	134	Close the spring commercial salmon troll fishery in Districts 9, 12, and 14 when the Juneau area sport fishery is closed to protect king salmon. <i>(No action taken based on proposer's request to withdraw under RC 241.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-18: 8:18:00am
Situk River King Salmon (2 Proposals)			
C/A (7-0)	135	Modify lawful gear for subsistence salmon fishing in Yakutat Bay. <i>(Substituted with language from RC 252.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-18: 8:18:56am
F (0-7)	136	Extend the area closed to sport fishing downstream and upstream of the Situk River weir during June and July.	Meeting 01-19-18: 8:35:33am
Sport King Salmon Management Plan (2 Proposals)			
F (1-6)	137	Increase the regional resident king salmon possession limit when the Southeast Alaska Area preseason king salmon abundance index is greater than 2.0.	Meeting 01-19-18: 8:41:13am
C (5-2)	138	Allow the retention of other salmon while fishing for king salmon with two rods.	Meeting 01-19-18: 8:46:15am
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 4: Salmon: Enhancement, Special Harvest Areas, Management Plans, and Miscellaneous (23 proposals: Chair - Huntington)			
Enhanced Salmon Allocation (8 Proposals)			
C (6-0)	139	Eliminate provisions for a rotational fishery in Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area and allow the department to manage the fishery in consultation with the hatchery operator. <i>(Jensen recused.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-18: 11:05:06am
N/A (6-0)	140	Prohibit use of drift gillnet gear for commercial salmon fishing in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area during the 2018–2020 fishing seasons. <i>(Jensen recused. No action taken based on action taken on Proposals 141 & 157.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-18: 11:27:11am
C/A (6-0)	141	Modify net rotation schedules for the commercial drift gillnet gear and purse seine gear salmon fisheries at Deep Inlet and Anita Bay terminal harvest areas. <i>(Jensen recused. Substituted with language from the first part of RC 263.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-18: 11:11:18am



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N/A (6-0)	142	Modify drift gillnet and purse seine fishing rotations in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area. <i>(Jensen recused. No action taken based on action taken on Proposals 141 & 157.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-19-18: 11:27:11am</i>
N/A (6-0)	143	Change the time ratio for drift gillnet gear to purse seine gear openings in Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area. <i>(Jensen recused. No action taken based on action taken on Proposals 141 & 157.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-19-18: 11:27:11am</i>
C/A (6-0)	144	Allow increased commercial salmon fishing opportunity with troll gear in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area. <i>(Jensen recused. Substituted with language found in RC 271.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-19-18: 11:30:07am</i>
N/A (6-0)	145	Allow commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear in the Nakat Inlet Terminal Harvest Area. <i>(Jensen recused. No action taken based on action taken on Proposals 141 & 157.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-19-18: 11:27:11am</i>
F (0-6)	146	Do not include enhanced salmon produced by private nonprofit hatcheries in Southeastern Alaska Area Enhanced Salmon Allocation Management Plan gear-specific value allocations. <i>(Jensen recused.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-19-18: 11:35:04am</i>
Special Harvest Areas/Terminal Harvest Areas (6 Proposals)			
F (1-6)	147	Amend Mist Cove salmon closure to allow for taking of salmon with fly fishing gear and prohibit snagging.	<i>Meeting 01-19-18: 11:39:06am</i>
F (0-7)	148	Expand the Herring Bay Sportfish Terminal Harvest Area to provide additional sport fishing opportunity for hatchery-produced king salmon.	<i>Meeting 01-19-18: 11:44:40am</i>
C (7-0)	149	Extend the closing date for salmon harvest by the hatchery permit holder in Deep Inlet Special Harvest Area.	<i>Meeting 01-19-18: 11:48:47am</i>
C (6-0)	150	Establish a special harvest area in Crawfish Inlet. <i>(Jensen recused.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-19-18: 11:51:20am</i>
C/A (6-0)	151	Establish a terminal harvest area and management plan for Carroll Inlet. <i>(Jensen recused. Substituted with language from RC 284.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-19-18: 11:55:36am</i>
C (7-0)	152	Update area description and coordinates of the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area boundaries.	<i>Meeting 01-19-18: 2:16:01pm</i>
Management Plans (6 Proposals)			
N/A (6-0)	153	Repeal the District 1 Pink Salmon Management Plan. <i>(Jensen recused. No action taken based on action taken on Proposals 141 & 157.)</i>	<i>Meeting 01-19-18: 11:27:11am</i>



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N/A (6-0)	154	Establish a management plan for pink salmon in Lower Clarence Strait. <i>(Jensen recused. No action taken based on action taken on Proposals 141 & 157.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-18: 11:27:11am
N/A (6-0)	155	Eliminate the wild sockeye salmon harvest limit for the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery. <i>(Jensen recused. No action taken based on action taken on Proposals 141 & 157.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-18: 11:27:11am
N/A (6-0)	156	Change time period the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery wild sockeye salmon harvest cap is in effect to reflect current sockeye salmon run timing. <i>(Jensen recused. No action taken based on action taken on Proposals 141 & 157.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-18: 11:27:11am
C/A (6-0)	157	Include wild sockeye salmon harvested in the Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area in the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery wild sockeye harvest limit. <i>(Jensen recused. Substituted with language from the second part of RC 263.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-18: 11:23:01am
N/A (6-0)	158	Include wild sockeye salmon harvested in the Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area in the wild sockeye salmon harvest limit for the commercial salmon purse seine fishery in District 12. <i>(Jensen recused. No action taken based on action taken on Proposal 157.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-18: 2:18:55pm
Miscellaneous (3 Proposals)			
C/A (4-3)	159	Prohibit the use of all aircraft used to locate salmon or direct commercial fishing operations during open commercial salmon fishing periods in the Southeastern Alaska Area. <i>(Substituted with language from RC 268.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-18: 2:19:42pm
C/A (7-0)	160	Allow commercial fishing for salmon in waters near selected streams in Boat Harbor, Anita Bay, Deep Inlet, and Nakat Inlet Terminal Harvest Areas up to a straight line between the seaward extremities of the exposed tideland banks. <i>(Substituted with language from RC 248.)</i>	Meeting 01-19-18: 2:36:58pm
C (7-0)	161	Update commercial salmon fishery closed waters coordinates in Whitewater Bay.	Meeting 01-19-18: 2:48:40pm
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 5: Commercial Salmon: Set Gillnet, Purse Seine, Drift Gillnet, Troll (24 proposals: Chair - Ruffner)			
Set Gillnet (4 Proposals)			
N/A (7-0)	162	Open additional fishing area in the remainder of the Yakutat District as mitigation for king salmon conservation closures around the Situk and Lost Rivers. <i>(No action taken based on proposer's request to withdraw under RC 286.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 1:51:58pm



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C (7-0)	163	Continue to allow set gillnet gear permit stacking in the Yakutat Area, by removing the sunset provision.	Meeting 01-20-18: 1:52:59pm
C (7-0)	164	Update commercial salmon fishery closed waters description at the mouth of the Situk River to provide a more accurate description of current closed waters.	Meeting 01-20-18: 1:59:39pm
C/A (5-2)	165	Change commercial salmon fishery closed waters description for Tsiu and Tsvat Rivers to more accurately reflect current stream mouth location. <i>(Substituted with language from RC 331.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 2:01:54pm
Purse Seine (3 Proposals)			
NA (6-0)	166	Allow a weekly commercial fishery targeting pink salmon with purse seine gear in District 12. <i>(Jensen recused. No action taken based on action taken on Proposals 141 & 157.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 2:47:19pm
NA (6-0)	167	Close waters beyond one half mile from shore in Districts 12 and 14 to commercial fishing for salmon with purse seine gear. <i>(Jensen recused. No action taken based on proposer's request to withdraw under RC 255.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 2:48:41pm
NA (6-0)	168	Close certain waters of Districts 12 and 14 to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear. <i>(Jensen recused. No action taken based on proposer's request to withdraw under RC 281.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 2:49:14pm
Drift Gillnet (3 Proposals)			
NA (6-0)	169	Open Section 6-D the second Sunday of June to commercial fishing for salmon with drift gillnet gear. <i>(Jensen recused. No action taken based on action taken on Proposals 141 & 157.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 2:49:45pm
NA (6-0)	170	Open a portion of District 10 the third Sunday of June to commercial fishing for salmon with drift gillnet gear only. <i>(Jensen recused. No action taken based on a request to withdraw the proposal by the proposer under RC 153.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 2:50:22pm
C (6-0)	171	Add District 6 to the mesh-size restriction area and allow implementation of the mesh-size restriction for an additional month. <i>(Jensen recused.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 2:50:51pm
Troll (13 Proposals)			
F (0-6)	172	Remove restrictions on harvesting non-Alaska hatchery-produced salmon in the spring commercial salmon troll fishery on the Gravina Island shore. <i>(Jensen recused.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 2:54:10pm
C (6-0)	173	Allow commercial fisheries using troll gear to target enhanced chum salmon in Districts 12 and 14 to continue by removing the sunset provision. <i>(Jensen recused.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 2:57:01pm



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C/A (6-0)	174	Establish commercial fisheries targeting enhanced chum salmon using troll gear in portions of Districts 9 and 10. <i>(Jensen recused. Substituted with language from RC219.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 3:01:06pm
C (6-0)	175	Implement a king salmon possession restriction for vessels participating in the enhanced chum salmon troll fishery. <i>(Jensen recused. Given the board's action on Proposal 174 to add Districts 9 and 10, it made clear its intent to extend this proposal to Districts 9 and 10 as well.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 3:32:52pm
C (7-0)	176	Establish a commercial fishery using troll gear to target hatchery-produced chum salmon in Crawfish Inlet.	Meeting 01-20-18: 3:36:18pm
C (6-0)	177	Allow commercial fishing with troll gear for hatchery-produced coho salmon, in certain areas, during commercial troll fishery coho salmon conservation closures. <i>(Jensen recused.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 3:38:13pm
F (0-6)	178	Restrict fishing area in Sitka Sound when harvest of non-Alaska hatchery-produced king salmon reaches 30,000 fish by March 1. <i>(Jensen recused.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 3:44:17pm
N/A (6-0)	179	Adopt measures to reduce harvest rate in the winter commercial salmon troll fishery during times of high king salmon abundance. <i>(Jensen recused. The board took no action based on a request by the proposer to withdraw the proposal in AC1.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 3:46:39pm
F (0-6)	180	Reduce triggers in the Southeastern Alaska Area spring commercial salmon troll fishery by five percent in years of high king salmon abundance. <i>(Jensen recused.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 3:47:24pm
F (0-6)	181	Reduce the percentage of remaining commercial king salmon troll fishery harvest taken during the initial summer king salmon retention period from 70% to 60% during years of high king salmon abundance. <i>(Jensen recused.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 3:49:37pm
F (0-6)	182	Establish a starting date for the reopening the summer commercial king salmon troll fishery. <i>(Jensen recused.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 3:53:28pm
C/A (7-0)	183	Modify commercial salmon fishing closed waters adjacent to the Situk River. <i>(Substituted with language from RC339)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 3:55:42pm
F (0-6)	184	Modify gear specifications for the commercial salmon hand troll fishery. <i>(Jensen recused.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 4:04:57pm
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 6: Personal Use and Sport Fisheries (20 Proposals: Chair- Morisky)			
Personal Use (9 Proposals)			



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F (0-7)	185	Increase opportunity to harvest salmon and allow additional gear types in the Southeastern Alaska Area personal use salmon fishery.	Meeting 01-20-18: 4:27:31pm
N/A (7-0)	187	Open personal use sockeye salmon fishing in the Klawock River. <i>(No action taken based on proposer's request to withdraw under RC 262.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 4:30:37pm
C/A (7-0)	188	Provide for personal use harvest of hatchery-produced salmon in Ketchikan Creek. <i>(Substituted with language from RC 334)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 4:31:24pm
C (7-0)	189	Provide regulatory provisions necessary to harvest aquatic plants for personal use within the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game nonsubsistence areas in the Southeast Alaska Area.	Meeting 01-20-18: 4:37:30pm
C (6-1)	190	Increase the personal use household limit for sockeye salmon in the Taku River drainage. <i>(The board initially failed the proposal by a vote of 0-7. The board carried the proposal upon reconsideration.)</i>	Meeting 01-20-18: 4:39:38pm Meeting 01-21-18: 10:34:19am
F (0-7)	191	Amend the personal use salmon season in the Taku River drainage to open the fishery on the fourth Saturday in June.	Meeting 01-20-18: 4:46:47pm
F (0-7)	192	Allow personal use fishing for salmon in District 11.	Meeting 01-20-18: 4:49:27pm
F (0-7)	193	Establish a personal use salmon set gillnet fishery in Section 15-A.	Meeting 01-20-18: 4:51:54pm
F (0-7)	194	Allow personal use fishing for salmon in District 15.	Meeting 01-20-18: 4:58:26pm
Sport Regionwide (2 Proposals)			
F (0-7)	195	Establish nonresident annual limits for sockeye salmon in Southeast Alaska Area salt waters.	Meeting 01-21-18: 9:15:04am
F (0-7)	196	Establish nonresident annual limits for sockeye salmon in Southeast Alaska Area fresh waters.	Meeting 01-21-18: 9:48:28am
Sport Special Provisions (9 Proposals)			
C (7-0)	197	Simplify current freshwater sport fishing regulations for king salmon in freshwater drainages of the Sitka Sound Special Use Area.	Meeting 01-21-18: 10:02:56am
F (0-7)	198	Amend the open season for Dolly Varden in Auke Bay.	Meeting 01-21-18: 10:05:08am
F (0-7)	199	Increase the bag limit for Dolly Varden on the Juneau road system.	Meeting 01-21-18: 10:07:48am



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F (0-7)	200	Prohibit snagging in all salt and freshwaters along the Juneau road system, with minor exceptions.	<i>Meeting 01-21-18: 10:12:19am</i>
F (0-7)	201	Allow catch-and-release only in the Juneau vicinity Dredge Lakes area.	<i>Meeting 01-21-18: 10:18:43am</i>
F (0-7)	202	Allow only single, barbless hooks on artificial lures in the Dredge Lakes area.	<i>Meeting 01-21-18: 10:22:24am</i>
C (7-0)	203	Rescind the salmon sport fishing closure in Sheep Creek.	<i>Meeting 01-21-18: 10:25:56am</i>
F (0-7)	204	Amend bag limit and season provisions and establish an annual limit for sockeye salmon in Windfall Creek.	<i>Meeting 01-21-18: 10:27:43am</i>
F (0-7)	205	Prohibit multiple and barbed hooks in the Tsiu River drainage.	<i>Meeting 01-21-18: 10:31:28am</i>
<u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 7: Groundfish (17 proposals: Chair - Cain)</u>			
<i>General (2 Proposals)</i>			
C (7-0)	113	Expand description of allowable groundfish parts that may be used as bait.	<i>Meeting 01-22-18: 2:19:10pm</i>
C/A (5-2)	114	Allow the transport of live groundfish for the purposes of export or sale for human consumption. (<i>Substituted with language from RC 368.</i>)	<i>Meeting 01-22-18: 2:28:09pm</i>
<i>Spiny Dogfish Sharks (1 Proposal)</i>			
F (0-7)	115	Create a new commercial fishery for spiny dogfish sharks using pot gear in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area.	<i>Meeting 01-22-18: 2:40:27pm</i>
<i>Sablefish (7 Proposals)</i>			
C (4-3)	116	Establish a regional sablefish nonresident annual limit.	<i>Meeting 01-22-18: 2:48:56pm</i>
C/A (7-0)	117	Allow pots as a legal gear type in the Southeastern Alaska Area personal use sablefish fishery. (<i>The board amended the proposal to adopt the subsistence use limit of 2 pots per permit with a maximum of 8 pots per vessel.</i>)	<i>Meeting 01-22-18: 3:16:37pm</i>
F (0-7)	118	Change the season opening date for the Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict commercial sablefish fishery to coincide with the federal sablefish fishery.	<i>Meeting 01-22-18: 3:25:00pm</i>
F (0-7)	119	Amend gear and season dates for Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict commercial sablefish fishery.	<i>Meeting 01-22-18: 3:28:28pm</i>
C (7-0)	120	Modify fishing seasons in the Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict commercial sablefish fishery to allow concurrent fishing with pot and longline gear.	<i>Meeting 01-22-18: 3:31:23pm</i>



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F (0-7)	121	Allow Southern Southeast Inside permit holders the option of using longline or pot gear for sablefish.	Meeting 01-22-18: 3:58:50pm
F (0-7)	122	Base guideline harvest limits for the commercial sablefish fishery on federal survey data.	Meeting 01-22-18: 4:04:02pm
Lingcod (2 Proposals)			
F (0-7)	123	Increase the minimum retention size for lingcod in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area commercial fishery.	Meeting 01-22-18: 4:06:26pm
F (0-7)	124	Allow the sale of up to two lingcod taken as bycatch in the commercial salmon troll fishery in Sitka Sound.	Meeting 01-22-18: 4:11:07pm
Sport Rockfish (4 Proposals)			
C (7-0)	125	Repeal mandatory retention requirements for nonpelagic rockfish.	Meeting 01-22-18: 4:14:58pm
C/A (7-0)	126	Require all anglers to release nonpelagic rockfish at depth with a deepwater release mechanism. <i>(The board amended the proposal to delay implementation until January 1, 2020.)</i>	Meeting 01-22-18: 4:26:25pm
F (0-7)	127	Establish provisions for reducing the resident pelagic rockfish bag limit in Central Southeast Outside waters.	Meeting 01-22-18: 4:51:04pm
C/A (6-1)	128	Reduce the pelagic rockfish limits in the Sitka Area. <i>(Substituted with language from RC406.)</i>	Meeting 01-22-18: 4:57:12pm
Commercial Rockfish (1 Proposal)			
C (7-0)	129	Reduce the trip limit in the East Yakutat Section and clarify trip limits in the Southeast District and East Yakutat Section commercial demersal shelf rockfish fishery.	Meeting 01-22-18: 5:02:12pm
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GROUP 8: Herring (19 proposals: Chair - Ruffner)			
Subsistence (1 Proposal)			
N/A (7-0)	94	Reduce the amount of herring spawn reasonably necessary for subsistence in Sitka Sound. <i>(No action taken based on proposer's request to withdraw under RC 226)</i>	Meeting 01-23-18: 9:03:23am
Fishing Seasons (3 Proposals)			
C (5-2)	95	Repeal the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Sections 15-B and 15-C.	Meeting 01-23-18: 9:04:05am
C (5-2)	96	Repeal the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Section 11-A.	Meeting 01-23-18: 9:03:23am



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F (0-6)	97	Open the Southeastern Alaska Area winter commercial food and bait herring fishery on December 1. (<i>Jensen recused.</i>)	Meeting 01-23-18: 9:29:31am
Harvest Rates and Guideline Harvest Levels (6 Proposals)			
F (2-4)	98	Reduce harvest rate for commercial herring fisheries in the Southeastern Alaska Area. (<i>Jensen recused.</i>)	Meeting 01-23-18: 9:31:53am
F (2-5)	99	Reduce maximum harvest rate used to establish the commercial sac roe herring fishery guideline harvest level in Sections 13-A and 13-B from 20% of the spawning biomass to 10% of the spawning biomass.	Meeting 01-23-18: 10:11:26am
N/A (7-0)	100	Amend formula used to calculate guideline harvest levels for the commercial herring sac roe fishery in Sections 11-A, 15-B, and 15-C. (<i>No action taken based on action taken on Proposals 95 and 96.</i>)	Meeting 01-23-18: 11:16:17am
F (0-6)	101	Reduce bait fishery harvest limit in the Section 3-B commercial herring spawn on kelp fishery. (<i>Jensen recused.</i>)	Meeting 01-23-18: 11:17:45am
N/A (6-0)	102	Reduce herring bait fishery harvest limit and increase spawn on kelp herring fishery harvest limit in Section 3-B. (<i>Jensen recused. No action taken based on action taken on Proposal 101.</i>)	Meeting 01-23-18: 11:21:29am
N/A (6-0)	103	Reduce the Section 3-B winter bait herring fishery harvest limit and increase the Section 3-B spawn on kelp herring fishery harvest limit. (<i>Jensen recused. No action taken based on action taken on Proposal 101, and based on proposer's request to withdraw under RC 209.</i>)	Meeting 01-23-18: 11:21:58am
Sitka Sound (3 Proposals)			
N/A (6-0)	104	Repeal closed waters in the District 13 commercial herring fishery. (<i>Jensen recused. No action taken based on proposer's request to withdraw under RC 394.</i>)	Meeting 01-23-18: 11:22:42am
F (2-5)	105	Expand closed waters in the District 13 commercial herring fishery.	Meeting 01-23-18: 11:23:22pm
C (6-1)	106	Expand closed waters in the District 13 commercial herring fishery.	Meeting 01-23-18: 11:30:39pm
Spawn on kelp (6 Proposals)			
F (0-6)	107	Establish a herring spawn on kelp commercial fishery in Sections 13-A and 13-B. (<i>Jensen recused.</i>)	Meeting 01-23-18: 1:48:34pm
C/A (6-0)	108	Expand the open area for the spawn on kelp herring pound fishery in Section 3-B. (<i>Jensen recused.</i>) (<i>Substituted with language from RC 395.</i>)	Meeting 01-23-18: 1:52:42pm



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F (0-6)	109	Allow no more than four Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holders to operate in a single pound structure in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery. (<i>Jensen recused.</i>)	Meeting 01-23-18: 2:06:34pm
C (6-0)	110	Allow the department to close fishing to some herring pound types to manage the fishery within the allowable guideline harvest level. (<i>Jensen recused.</i>)	Meeting 01-23-18: 2:06:34pm
F (0-6)	111	Define and allow closed half pound structures in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery. (<i>Jensen recused.</i>)	Meeting 01-23-18: 2:14:16pm
F (0-6)	112	Use a conversion factor applied to final product weight to determine harvest in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery. (<i>Jensen recused.</i>)	Meeting 01-23-18: 2:16:56pm
<u>ASSOCIATED REGULATORY APPROVAL FOR ACTION PLANS</u>			
<i>Stocks of Concern for King Salmon for the Chilkat, King Salmon, and Unuk rivers</i>			
N/A (6-0)	BGP1	From RC 4 and RC 5, the board approved portions of the department's draft action plans for managing king salmon for three stocks of concern for the Chilkat, King Salmon, and Unuk rivers as described in RC 422. Approval of the action plan required passage of regulatory change to sport and commercial fisheries at 5 AAC 47.020 and 5 AAC 33.392, respectively. (<i>Jensen recused. The board adopted the action plan options described in RC 422.</i>)	Meeting 01-23-18: 2:31:31pm
<i>Stocks of Concern for Sockeye Salmon of McDonald Lake</i>			
N/A (6-0)	BGP2	From RC 6, Tab 26, the board approved the department's action plan Option B for commercial fisheries, Option B for personal use fisheries, and Option A for sport fisheries. In approving Option B for personal use fisheries, the board to approve a regulatory change to reduce the sockeye bag limit from 30 to 20 fish. (<i>Jensen recused.</i>)	Meeting 01-23-18: 4:35:10pm

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1. Stock of Concern Action Plan Approval

a. Chilkat, King Salmon, and Unuk Rivers King Salmon (RC 422).

The board approved the department's draft action plans for managing king salmon for three stocks of concern for the Chilkat, King Salmon, and Unuk rivers as described in RC 422.

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b. **McDonald Lake Sockeye Salmon (RC 6 Tab 26).** The board approved the department's draft action plan Option B for commercial fisheries, Option B for personal use fisheries, and Option A for sport fisheries.

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4:35:10pm*

2. Emergency Petitions

a. **Sitka Advisory Committee, December 14, 2017 District 13 Subsistence Shrimp Fishery (RC 25).** The board found an emergency existed related to the District 13 subsistence shrimp fishery (on January 12). They later passed RC 45 as a board generated proposal which was further amended to set the District 13 spot shrimp bag and possession limit at ten gallons for subsistence and personal use, indicated ten gallons bag limit between subsistence and personal use fisheries is non-cumulative, noted the household limit applies to both subsistence and personal use. A free noncommercial (subsistence, personal use, and sport) permit is required to fish for shrimp in the Southeast and Yakutat areas.

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b. **Nancy Hillstrand, Prince William Sound Straying of Hatchery Pink Salmon into Lower Cook Inlet, December 30, 2017 (RC 27).** The board found the department's recommendation in RC 70 was accurate and made no finding of emergency. However, the board recognized the concerns expressed in the petition and agreed to agenda the subject at its upcoming Statewide meeting in March 2018. In particular, the board expressed interest in reforming its Hatchery Committee to look at the issue in greater detail.

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3. Call for Proposal – Revision to Add Bering Sea Area O. Executive Director Haight recognized that the Bering Sea fisheries management area was not included in the recently released 2018/2019 Call for Proposal. The board requested the Bering Sea area be added to a revised call and released as soon as possible.

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4:54:40pm*

4. Finding on Onboard Observer Requirement in Southeast Crab Fishery (RC 210). In accordance with AS 16.05.251, when the board approved Proposal 63 it needed to formally adopt a finding related to onboard observer requirements. The board made this finding in 2018-287-FB.

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5. Sea Otter Depredation. The board discussed the subject of sea otter predation on shellfish fisheries in Southeast Alaska. It agreed to schedule

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the subject for additional review at its Statewide meeting in March 2018 and consider issuing a letter to the appropriate federal agencies.

- 6. Letter in Support of USF&W Office of Subsistence Management (OSM) Participation in State Fish and Game Board Meetings (RC 411).** Upon learning of OSM's (RC 11) decision to no longer send personnel to participate in Boards of Fisheries and Game meetings that are not in Anchorage, the board agreed to co-sign a letter with the Board of Game encouraging OSM to rethink this decision.
- 7. 2020 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting Location.** The board discussed and agreed to review its consideration of the 2020 Upper Cook Inlet finfish meeting location at the Statewide meeting March 2018.
- 8. North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Gulf of Alaska King Salmon Prohibited Species Catch Limit Setting.** The board observed the Council will take up its analysis of setting its prohibit species catch limits, including those for king salmon, for the non-pollock catcher vessels. A Council discussion paper will be available by February. The board will review the discussion paper as early as its March 2018 Statewide meeting and provide feedback to the Council if necessary.
- 9. Request for Board of Fisheries Support for a Sitka Sound Pound Fishery.** The board discussed a request received by Ryan Kapp to indicate support to the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) to modify regulations to allow Sitka Sound herring sac roe purse seine permit holders to use herring pound gear in Sitka Sound. The board sought additional information, including the results from CFEC's previous regulatory review, to be made available at its March 2018 Statewide meeting.
- 10. Joint Board Committee December 21, 2017 Report (RC 419).** Member Ruffner provided the board a report of the recent Joint Board Committee's meeting regarding the need to hold a future Joint Board meeting. The committee determined it needed to allow for more public input before moving forward and planned an additional meeting for February 9, 2018.
- 11. Board of Fisheries and Pacific Salmon Commission Relationship (RC 416).** The board discussed a request by the public to clarify the working relationship between the Board of Fisheries and the Pacific Salmon Commission. The board determined to schedule the subject for more review at the Statewide meeting in March 2018.

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12. Yukon Salmon Panel Report. Board member Huntington provided the board a report on his recent trip to the Yukon Salmon Panel meeting in December 2017.

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