



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Westward, Arctic Shellfish and Shellfish General Provisions, and
Prince William Sound Shrimp

March 26 – March 30¹, 2022 | Egan Civic and Convention Center, Anchorage

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

This summary is informational only. The actions indicated below will have legal effects in regulations that provide the sole legal action of the board. All references to meeting materials, including this summary, may be located on the Board of Fisheries meeting website at:

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=03-26-2022&meeting=anchorage>

Board Members Present

Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair
Gerad Godfrey
McKenzie Mitchell

John Jensen, Vice-chair
John Wood
Israel Payton

C=Carried, C/A=Carried as Amended, F=Failed, N/A=No Action

Action	#	Proposal	Audio tracking info*
GROUP 1: MISCELLANEOUS STATEWIDE SPORT AND COOK INLET AREA SPORT, PERSONAL USE, AND SUBSISTENCE CLAMS (9 proposals)			
<i>Miscellaneous Statewide Sport (3 Proposals)</i>			
C/A (6/0)	186	Allow the take of squid with hook and line gear with an unlimited number of hooks. <i>(The board substituted the proposal language with RC38.)</i>	Meeting 03-28-22 1:13:59 PM
F (0/6)	234	Require inseason reporting of non-resident sport fish harvest and effort.	Meeting 03-28-22 1:17:06 PM
N/A (6/0)	235	Modify the definition of domicile and include in sport fishing regulations. <i>(The board took no action based on a lack of statutory authority.)</i>	Meeting 03-28-22 1:20:01 PM
N/A (6/0)	236	Modify the definition of domicile and add to sport fishing regulations. <i>(The board took no action based on a lack of statutory authority.)</i>	Meeting 03-28-22 1:20:01 PM
<i>Cook Inlet Area Sport/Personal Use/Subsistence Clams (6 Proposals)</i>			
C (6/0)	255	Close the personal use harvest of littleneck clams and butter clams.	Meeting 03-28-22 1:22:50 PM

¹ The meeting was originally set for eight days, but concluded in five.



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C (6/0)	256	Create a personal use razor clam bag and possession limit in the Cook Inlet Area outside of east Cook Inlet.	Meeting 03-28-22 1:27:57 PM
C (6/0)	257	Create a management plan for east Cook Inlet razor clam sport and personal use fisheries.	Meeting 03-28-22 1:32:56 PM
C (6/0)	258	Close the sport harvest of littleneck clams and butter clams.	Meeting 03-28-22 1:38:30 PM
C (6/0)	259	Create a sport razor clam bag and possession limit in the Cook Inlet Area outside of east Cook Inlet	Meeting 03-28-22 1:42:26 PM
C (6/0)	262	Reduce the bag limit in the Cook Inlet Area subsistence clam fishery.	Meeting 03-28-22 1:44:40 PM
GROUP 2: PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA COMMERCIAL SHRIMP AND STATEWIDE SHRIMP (18 proposals)			
<i>Prince William Sound Area Commercial Shrimp and Statewide Shrimp (18 Proposals)</i>			
C (6/0)	237	Provide department authority to deny eligibility to participate in the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery if a participant fails to comply with reporting requirements and allow for an appeals process.	Meeting 03-28-22 2:02:52 PM
F (0/6)	238	Modify the season dates for the Prince William Sound Area noncommercial and commercial shrimp pot fishing season and commercial shrimp trawl fishing season to open midsummer or later.	Meeting 03-28-22 2:07:42 PM
F (0/6)	239	Allow noncommercial vessels to have additional shrimp pots on board.	Meeting 03-28-22 2:11:06 PM
F (0/6)	240	Modify PWS shrimp pot harvest strategy from a static split, between noncommercial and commercial, to a tiered percentage depending on the total allowable harvest level (TAH).	Meeting 03-28-22 2:19:01 PM
F (0/6)	241	Define shrimp.	Meeting 03-28-22 2:30:56 PM
F (1/5)	242	Establish a minimum threshold of Total Allowable Harvest (TAH) for spot shrimp before allowing a noncommercial fishery in Prince William Sound.	Meeting 03-28-22 2:34:15 PM
F (0/6)	243	Amend commercial shrimp pot fishery closed waters boundaries.	Meeting 03-28-22 2:38:45 PM
F (0/6)	244	Modify annual shrimp guideline harvest level based on fishery performance in the prior season.	Meeting 03-28-22 2:47:38 PM
N/A (6/0)	245	Modify annual shrimp guideline harvest level based on fishery performance in the prior season. <i>(The Board took</i>	Meeting 03-28-22 2:56:30 PM



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		<i>no action based on the request by the proposer to withdraw the proposal under RC47.)</i>	
F (0/6)	246	Eliminate the commercial shrimp fishery minimum total allowable harvest threshold.	Meeting 03-28-22 2:57:00 PM
F (0/6)	247	Establish a minimum pot limit to increase pace of the commercial pot shrimp fishery.	Meeting 03-28-22 2:59:06 PM
F (0/6)	248	Establish an earlier start date for the commercial shrimp trawl fishery.	Meeting 03-28-22 3:07:17 PM
C (6/0)	249	Clarify areas open to commercial pot shrimp fishing in the Prince William Sound Area.	Meeting 03-28-22 3:11:40 PM
F (0/6)	250	Establish an earlier start date for the commercial shrimp pot fishery.	Meeting 03-28-22 3:13:51 PM
C (6/0)	251	Establish permit and reporting requirements for shrimp floating processor vessels in the Prince William Sound Area (PWS; Registration Area E).	Meeting 03-28-22 3:18:29 PM
F (1/5)	252	Allow vessels registered for the commercial shrimp fishery to also tender shrimp.	Meeting 03-28-22 3:22:06 PM
C/A (5/1)	253	Increase pink shrimp harvest allowance in Prince William Sound. (The board substituted the language in Proposal 253 with RC74.)	Meeting 03-28-22 3:30:33 PM
F (0/6)	254	Amend closed waters to allow use of beam trawl gear for the harvest of shrimp.	Meeting 03-28-22 3:42:23 PM
<i>GROUP 3: STATEWIDE, COOK INLET, KODIAK, AND SOUTH PENINSULA AREAS COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB, WESTWARD AREA COMMERCIAL SHRIMP, KODIAK, CHIGNIK, SOUTH PENINSULA, ALEUTIAN ISLANDS, AND BERING SEA AREAS COMMERCIAL TANNER CRAB, KODIAK AREA COMMERCIAL KING CRAB, OBSERVER PROGRAM AND OYSTER IMPORTATION FOR RESEARCH (16 proposals)</i>			
<i>Cook Inlet, Statewide, Kodiak, and South Peninsula Areas Commercial Dungeness Crab (6 Proposals)</i>			
F (0/6)	260	Establish a commercial Dungeness crab fishing season in Cook Inlet, modify lawful gear for Dungeness crab in the Southern District and establish lawful gear for Dungeness crab in Cook Inlet. establish Registration Area H as an exclusive registration area for Dungeness crab, and modify Registration Area H inspection points.	Meeting 03-29-22 2:04:30 PM
F (0/6)	261	Allow use of a ropeless system with submerged buoy in the Dungeness crab fishery.	Meeting 03-29-22 2:14:08 PM



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C/A (6/0)	264	Amend regulation requiring operation of Dungeness crab pot gear once within a 14-day period. <i>(The board substituted the proposal with language found in RC87.)</i>	Meeting 03-29-22 2:17:37 PM
N/A (6/0)	265	Repeal regulation requiring operation of Dungeness crab pot gear once within a 14-day period. <i>(The board took no action based on the action taken on Proposal 264.)</i>	Meeting 03-29-22 2:36:18 PM
C/A (6/0)	266	Establish Kodiak District Dungeness crab pot limits and restrict concurrent targeting of Dungeness crab and any other commercially harvested species. <i>(The board substituted the proposal with language found in RC85.)</i>	Meeting 03-29-22 2:37:22 PM
C/A (6/0)	267	Establish South Peninsula District Dungeness crab pot limits. <i>(The board substituted the proposal with language found in RC86.)</i>	Meeting 03-29-22 2:42:59 PM
Westward Area Commercial Shrimp (1 Proposal)			
C (6/0)	263	Amend Registration Area J commercial shrimp fishery management regulations and allow for department permit authority.	Meeting 03-29-22 2:46:46 PM
Kodiak, Chignik, South Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Bering Sea Areas Commercial Tanner Crab (5 Proposals)			
C/A (6/0)	268	Adopt a new Tanner crab harvest strategy used to set annual harvest limits in the Kodiak, Chignik, and South Peninsula districts. <i>(The board substituted the proposal with language found in RC6. The board further amended the proposal by changing the Semidi Island Overlap Section season dates from January 15 through February 15 to January 15 to the last day in February.)</i>	Meeting 03-29-22 2:59:02 PM
N/A (6/0)	269	Amend regulatory thresholds and establish new management measures for Kodiak District Tanner crab. <i>(The board took no action based on the proposer's request to withdraw the proposal in RC63.)</i>	Meeting 03-29-22 3:08:33 PM
C/A (6/0)	270	Amend pot limits for Kodiak District Tanner crab. <i>(The board substituted the proposal with language found in RC84.)</i>	Meeting 03-29-22 3:09:15 PM
C (6/0)	271	Reduce size of stretched mesh escape webbing for C. bairdi Tanner crab pot gear in Registration Area J except in the Bering Sea District.	Meeting 03-29-22 3:14:04 PM
C/A (6/0)	272	Adopt a new Eastern Aleutian District Tanner crab harvest strategy used to set annual harvest limits. <i>(The board substituted the proposal with language found in RC5 and amended further with RC80.)</i>	Meeting 03-29-22 3:22:18 PM



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<i>Kodiak Area Commercial King Crab (1 Proposal)</i>			
F (0/6)	273	Allow longlining of pot gear for Registration Area K golden king crab.	Meeting 03-29-22 3:27:58 PM
<i>Observer Program (2 Proposals)</i>			
C (6/0)	274	Increase minimum training requirements needed for scallop trainee observer candidates.	Meeting 03-29-22 3:33:41 PM
C (6/0)	275	Extend the observer certification expiration period from 12 months to 18 months.	Meeting 03-29-22 3:37:12 PM
<i>Oyster Importation for Research (1 Proposal)</i>			
C (6/0)	281	Allow importation of live oysters from the Pacific Coast of North America for research purposes.	Meeting 03-29-22 3:40:11 PM
<i>GROUP 4: ALASKA PENINSULA AREA COMMERCIAL SALMON, AND UPPER COOK INLET AREA COMMERCIAL SALMON (2 proposals)</i>			
<i>Alaska Peninsula Area Commercial Salmon (1 Proposal)</i>			
C/A (5/0/1)	282	Modify commercial salmon fisheries opening dates and times in the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan, and the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula. <i>(The board substituted the language in Proposal 282 with RC94 which designated the Chignik Early-Run Sockeye Salmon as a Stock of Management Concern. Member Carlson-Van Dort recusing herself with a personal conflict, however her decision was overturned by the board by a vote of 4-1. After this board decision Member Carlson-Van Dort abstained from voting.)</i>	Meeting 03-30-22 2:01:31 PM
<i>Upper Cook Inlet Area Commercial Salmon (1 Proposal)</i>			
F (3/3)	283	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan to allow fishing with set gillnet gear within 600 feet of the mean high tide mark in the Upper Subdistrict when sonar passage of large late-run Kenai River king salmon exceeds 13,500 fish, and Kenai and Kasilof river sockeye salmon escapement objectives are being met.	Meeting 03-30-22 2:17:25 PM

* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry "Meeting 03-28-222" indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the proposal began according to the meeting audio.

Miscellaneous Business:

1. **Draft subsistence guide definition proposal:** The board reviewed a draft proposal to establish a statewide subsistence guide definition as provided in RC25. If the board generated the



proposal it would be submitted as a proposal for the 2023 Statewide Finfish meeting. The board failed the proposal by a vote of 2/4.

2. **Fire Creek Pike Eradication with Rotenone and 3-Year Preauthorization:** The board approved the Division of Sport Fish's use of rotenone in the Fire Creek Pike Eradication Project as described in RC70. The board also approved the department's use of rotenone through December 2024 in rapid response situations for any newly discovered northern pike populations that threaten uninvaded drainages and require immediate action.
3. **Update on the Board's Crab Observer Oversight Task Force:** Executive Director Haight noted the board's policy 2020-298-FB which reauthorized the Crab Observer Oversight Task Force through 2024. When written, the reauthorization anticipated a Tanner crab subjects to occur in March 2024. However, due to meeting delays caused by COVID-19 the next Tanner crab meeting will occur in 2025. Haight indicated the board can address this date issue at the upcoming October work session.
4. The board provided closing remarks with Members Payton and Godfrey serving in their last year.

Meeting adjourned at 3:53pm on March 30, 2022