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**TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP
(38 proposals)**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 1: NORTH PENINSULA DUNGENESS CRAB and PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND GROUND FISH (3 proposals: Chair - Carpenter)

PROPOSAL 170 Establish vessel and overall fishery pot limit for the North Peninsula District Dungeness fishery.

PROPOSAL 171 Allow groundfish pots to be longlined in the Prince William Sound Area.

PROPOSAL 172 Adopt gear marking requirements for longlined pot gear in the Prince William Sound Area.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 2: TANANA SUBSISTENCE and SPORT FISHERIES (12 proposals: Chair - Mitchell)

Chatanika Northern Pike Subsistence (2 proposals)

PROPOSAL 63 Establish an annual bag limit of 20 northern pike and modify daily bag limit of fish greater than 30 inches in the Chatanika Harvest Area subsistence fishery.

PROPOSAL 64 Modify the daily bag limit to require retention of the first 10 fish caught and length limit for northern pike in the Chatanika Harvest Area subsistence fishery.

Tanana Drainage Sport Fisheries (10 proposals)

PROPOSAL 65 Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Tanana River Area.

PROPOSAL 66 Allow a catch-and-release fishery for northern pike in Harding Lake.

PROPOSAL 67 Prohibit retention of northern pike caught on set lines in the Tanana River drainage.



- PROPOSAL 68 Repeal setline prohibition and bag and possession limit for burbot in T Lake.
- PROPOSAL 69 Restrict the sport fishing season for Arctic grayling in the lower Chena River.
- PROPOSAL 70 Allow harvest of Arctic grayling in the lower Chena River from June 1 to March 31.
- PROPOSAL 71 Remove the size limit for lake trout in Fielding Lake.
- PROPOSAL 72 Allow for catch-and-release fishing in Bathing Beauty Pond, Bear Lake, Moose Lake, Polaris Lake, Piledriver Slough, and Moose Creek.
- PROPOSAL 73 Update the Tanana River Area stocked waters regulations.
- PROPOSAL 74 Update the Tanana River Area Stocked Waters Management Plan.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 3: KOTZEBUE and NORTON SOUND COMMERCIAL and SPORT FISHERIES (4 proposals: Chair - Heimbuch)

Norton Sound Sport Fisheries (1 proposal)

- PROPOSAL 75 Modify Arctic grayling bag, possession, and length limits in the Northwestern Area.

Kotzebue Commercial Fisheries (1 proposal)

- PROPOSAL 76 Allow Kotzebue commercial salmon fishermen to leave their set gillnet gear unattended during commercial fishing periods.

Norton Sound Commercial Fisheries (2 proposals)

- PROPOSAL 77 Establish an optimal escapement goal of 7,000-12,000 sockeye salmon for the Salmon Lake drainage within the Port Clarence District.
- PROPOSAL 78 Modify the start and end dates of the herring sac-ro, and food and bait fishing seasons.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 4: YUKON SUBSISTENCE, PERSONAL USE, COMMERCIAL, and SPORT FISHERIES (11 proposals: Chair - Wood)

Yukon Subsistence and Personal use Fisheries (7 proposals)

- PROPOSAL 79 Allow hook and line attached to a rod or pole when subsistence fishing upstream of the Nulato River mouth, to and including the Koyukuk River drainage up to the closed waters of the Koyukuk and the subsistence permit area.
- PROPOSAL 80 Restrict subsistence king salmon harvest in the middle and upper Yukon River.



- PROPOSAL 81 Implement a Yukon River drainage subsistence salmon permit to allow retention of king salmon less than 24 inches with an annual limit 10 fish during times of king salmon conservation.
- PROPOSAL 82 Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.
- PROPOSAL 83 After August 15, a person may not take salmon with a gillnet that has a mesh size greater than six inches in the Yukon Area Personal Use Salmon Fishery.
- PROPOSAL 84 Repeal and readopt Yukon Area subsistence fishery lawful gear and gear specifications.
- PROPOSAL 85 Modify Yukon Area Personal Use Salmon Fishery specifications for selective gear types and gillnet mesh size during times of salmon conservation.

Yukon Sport Fisheries (1 proposals)

- PROPOSAL 86 Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Yukon River Area.

Yukon Commercial Fisheries (3 proposals)

- PROPOSAL 87 Establish a definition of an eel stick. (To be heard at this meeting and deliberated during the Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues meeting).
- PROPOSAL 88 Repeal and replace Yukon Area commercial salmon fishing gear specifications.
- PROPOSAL 89 Modify Yukon Area commercial dip net gear operations in the commercial fishery to include a single rigid handle with a single line attached.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 5: KUSKOKWIM SUBSISTENCE, COMMERCIAL, and SPORT FISHERIES (8 proposals: Chair - Jensen)

Kuskokwim Subsistence Fisheries (4 proposals)

- PROPOSAL 90 Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.
- PROPOSAL 91 Modify Kuskokwim Area lawful gear and gear specifications and operation to provide greater opportunity to harvest salmon other than king salmon, during times of salmon conservation.
- PROPOSAL 92 Increase subsistence opportunity before, during, and after commercial fishing periods set by emergency order.
- PROPOSAL 93 Close the Buckstock River between June 14 and September 1 to all fishing.



Kuskokwim Sport Fisheries (1 proposals)

PROPOSAL 94 Close sport fishing for chum salmon to nonresidents in the Kanektok River from June 1 to July 15.

Kuskokwim Commercial Fisheries (3 proposals)

PROPOSAL 95 When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Department of Fish and Game would not provide set gillnet fishing periods prior to June 12 when the projected escapement is within the drainagewide escapement goal range.

PROPOSAL 96 When a federal special action or emergency special action is in effect under ANILCA Title VIII the Department of Fish and Game would not provide directed king salmon fishing periods after June 11 when the projected escapement is within the drainagewide escapement goal range.

PROPOSAL 97 Establish times when a commercial gillnet permit holder in Kuskokwim Area may use dip net and beach seine gear to commercially harvest salmon and standardize Kuskokwim Area dipnet lawful gear specifications and operation.