



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

**Prince William Sound and Upper Copper / Upper Susitna Rivers
Finfish and Shellfish (Except Shrimp)**

December 10-16, 2024 | The Cordova Center, Cordova

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

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Board Members Present

Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair Tom Carpenter, Vice-chair
Curt Chamberlain Gerad Godfrey
Greg Svendsen Mike Wood
Stan Zuray

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

Action	Prop #	Proposal	Audio Tracking Info ¹
C/A 7-0	1	Establish pot gear as legal gear for sablefish in PWS subsistence, sport, and personal use fisheries. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC 56.</i>	
C 6-1	2	Reopen waters closed to the harvest of groundfish in Prince William Sound.	
F 0-7	3	Modify Prince William Sound groundfish pot specifications.	
F 0-7	4	Restrict gear in Prince William Sound relative to the rockfish guideline harvest level.	
C 6-1	5	Adopt a provision to close waters to specific groundfish gear types for rockfish conservation.	
C 7-0	6	Allow for release of rockfish in mechanical jig and hand troll fisheries.	
F 0-7	7	Establish gear specifications for directed lingcod fisheries in Prince William Sound.	

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C/A 7-0	8	Modify the Prince William Sound Pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC 75.</i>	
N/A	9	Combine the Pacific cod longline and pot gear allocations and close the longline fishery for Pacific cod when the commercial halibut fishery is closed. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to their action on proposal 8.</i>	
F 0-7	10	Modify pot limit in the Prince William Sound Pacific cod fishery.	
N/A	11	Reduce the Prince William Sound Pacific cod jig/hand troll allocation and create a new, larger allocation for pot and longline gear. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to their action on proposal 8.</i>	
F 0-7	12	Increase Pacific cod allocation for jig and pot gear to 50%.	
F 0-7	13	Increase bycatch limits for skates in the Prince William Sound Pacific cod fishery.	
N/A	14	Close the Prince William Sound walleye pollock pelagic trawl fishery. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 15.</i>	
C/A 6-1	15	Modify bycatch limits in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC 15 and further amended to require full retention of all salmon taken as bycatch.</i>	
N/A	16	Close the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 15.</i>	
F 1-6	17	Establish observer requirements in the Prince William Sound pelagic trawl fishery.	
C/A 7-0	18	Extend the season dates in the Prince William Sound sablefish fishery. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC 99.</i>	
N/A	19	Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 18.</i>	
N/A	20	Modify the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 18.</i>	
C 7-0	21	Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound.	
N/A	22	Allow the concurrent use of longline gear and sablefish pot gear in Prince William Sound. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 21.</i>	
F 2-5	23	Prohibit the retention of sablefish from state waters.	



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N/A	24	Lengthen the commercial fishing season for sablefish in Prince William Sound. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 18.</i>	
F 0-7	25	Establish a personal use sablefish fishery in Prince William Sound.	
N/A	26	Establish a Prince William Sound groundfish personal use fishery. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 25.</i>	
C 7-0	27	Modify rockfish bag and possession limits.	
F 0-7	28	Modify the rockfish area, bag and possession limit	
C 7-0	29	Create additional provisions for yelloweye rockfish management	
Shellfish			
C 7-0	30	Increase subsistence Tanner crab pot limit in portions of Prince William Sound.	
C 4-3	31	Repeal closed waters for the Prince William Sound subsistence and commercial Tanner crab fisheries.	
C/A 7-0	32	Reopen the subsistence and commercial Dungeness crab fisheries in Prince William Sound. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC 84.</i>	
F 1-6	33	Adopt community-based subsistence harvest permits and reporting requirements for shellfish in the Prince William Sound Area.	
C 6-1	34	Repeal the Registration Area E Tanner crab harvest strategy.	
N/A	35	Modify the harvest strategy for Prince William Sound Tanner crab. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 34.</i>	
F 0-7	36	Increase the pot limit in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery.	
F 0-7	37	Establish a pot limit of 30 pots per vessel in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery.	
F 0-7	38	Allow vessels participating in the Prince William Sound Tanner crab fishery to also tender Tanner crab.	
F 0-7	39	Establish season dates for a commercial golden king crab fishery in Prince William Sound.	
F 0-7	40	Adopt a harvest strategy for golden king crab in Prince William Sound.	
F 0-7	41	Adopt new Prince William Sound king and Tanner crab harvest strategies.	
F 0-7	42	Open a sport king crab fishery and liberalize the personal use king and Tanner crab fisheries in Prince William Sound.	



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C/A 6-1	43	Establish a directed octopus fishery in Prince Willilam Sound. Amended with substitute language found in RC 85 .	
Copper River Salmon			
F 0-7	44	Allow more than the legal limit of gillnet gear to be onboard a vessel used in the subsistence salmon fishery.	
F 0-7	45	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon in the Copper River inside closure area.	
F 0-7	46	Require harvest reporting within seven days of harvest in the lower Copper River district subsistence salmon fishery.	
F 0-7	47	Require inseason reporting in subsistence and personal use fisheries.	
F 3-4	48	Repeal the prohibition of subsistence guide services in the Glennallen Subdistrict.	
F 1-6	49	Prohibit transport services in the Glennallen Subdistrict.	
F 0-7	50	Prohibit the use of chartplotters or fish finders in the Chitina and Glennallen Subdistricts.	
C/A 6-1	51	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District. Amended with substitute language found in RC 122 .	
N/A	52	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity in the Copper River District. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 51.</i>	
N/A	53	Allow the Copper River District commercial salmon fishery to open for the first two periods, then close until the Copper River cumulative salmon management objective is met. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 51.</i>	
F 0-7	54	Restrict use of Copper River District inside closure area during statistical weeks 20 and 21.	
F 0-7	55	Restrict commercial guide services in the Upper Copper River District when the Copper River District commercial fishery is restricted.	
	56	Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon drift gillnet permit holders.	
	57	Allow dual permit operations in the Prince William sound commercial drift gillnet salmon fishery.	
F 1-6	58	Amend the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan.	
C 5-2	59	Amend the Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan.	
F 0-7	60	Modify the annual limit for the Chitina Subdistrict.	
F 0-7	61	Modify the annual limit and establish a supplemental permit for the Chitina Subdistrict.	



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F 0-7	62	Allow inseason adjustment of the Copper River personal use maximum harvest level.	
F 0-7	63	Amend the opening date of the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery.	
F 0-7	64	Prohibit a household from possessing permits for multiple personal use salmon fisheries in the same year.	
F 0-7	65	Require a weekly permit and inseason reporting in the Chitina Subdistrict.	
F 0-7	66	Manage the Chitina Subdistrict personal use fishery to achieve the Gulkana Hatchery broodstock goal.	
F 0-7	67	Prohibit removing king salmon from the water if it is to be released in the Chitina Subdistrict.	
F 0-7	68	Prohibit dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict.	
F 0-7	69	Establish restrictions when dipnetting from a boat in the Chitina Subdistrict.	
F 0-7	70	Extend the lower boundary of the Chitina Subdistrict.	
F 0-7	71	Prohibit guiding in the Chitina Subdistrict.	
F 0-7	72	Close sport fishing for salmon based on water temperature in the Gulkana River.	
	73	Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine permit holders.	
	74	Allow permit stacking in the Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine fishery.	
	75	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan.	
	76	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan to increase access to the Port Chalmers Subdistrict by drift gillnet permit holders.	
	77	Include salmon produced by Valdez Fishery Development Association in the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan.	
	78	Reduce Prince William Sound hatchery permitted pink and chum salmon egg take level by 25%.	
	79	Close Main Bay to all fishing during hatchery cost recovery operations.	
	80	Manage the Main Bay sport fishery based on the hatchery corporate escapement goal.	
	81	Modify the area open to sport fishing near the Main Bay Hatchery.	
	82	Modify the Prince William Sound management area marine waters into two units.	
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	84	Prohibit charter operators and crew from retaining king salmon and rockfish while clients are on board the vessel.	
	85	Modify the bag and possession limit for coho salmon.	
	86	Modify the sport fishing area and season dates in Ibeck Creek.	
	87	Modify the sport fishing area and season in a Copper River Delta system.	
	88	Modify coho salmon fishery bag limits and methods and means if the commercial fishery is closed.	
	89	Increase the bag and possession limit for burbot in Lake Louise.	
	90	Modify bag and possession limits of burbot in Crosswind Lake.	
	91	Modify seasons, bag, possession, and size limits for Arctic grayling in Mendeltna Creek, Moose Lake, and Our Creek.	
	92	Modify the seasonal bait closure in Paxson and Summit Lakes.	
	93	Modify area closed to sport fishing in Hungry Hollow Creek.	
	94	Repeal definition of “bow and arrow” in area regulation.	
	95	Make numerous changes to management of commercial herring fisheries in Prince William Sound.	
	96	Change herring management year dates for the Prince William Sound District and create a new food and bait fishery allocation.	
	97	Reduce the minimum herring spawning biomass threshold.	
	98	Align Prince William Sound herring and salmon management area descriptions.	
	99	Define commercial herring fishery districts in Prince William Sound.	
	100	Adopt a Kayak Island District herring management plan.	
	101	Adopt a new exploratory fishery for herring in the eastern portion of the Prince William Sound Management Area.	
	102	Allow commercial fishery permit holders to harvest herring for the own use as bait.	
	103	Allow dual permit commercial herring purse seine operations in Prince William Sound.	

Miscellaneous Business: