



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 Info¹
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>	1-11-2024 08:37:46 AM
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	
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.	
C/A 6-1	43	Establish a directed octopus fishery in Prince Willilam Sound. Amended with substitute language found in RC 85 .	



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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.	
F 0-6 <i>1 absent</i>	56	Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon drift gillnet permit holders.	
F 0-6 <i>1 absent</i>	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.	
F 0-6 <i>1 absent</i>	73	Allow permit stacking by Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine permit holders.	
F 0-6 <i>1 absent</i>	74	Allow permit stacking in the Prince William Sound commercial salmon purse seine fishery.	
F 0-6 <i>1 absent</i>	75	Amend the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan.	
F 0-6 <i>1 absent</i>	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.	
F 0-6 <i>1 absent</i>	77	Include salmon produced by Valdez Fishery Development Association in the Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan.	
F 1-5 <i>1 absent</i>	78	Reduce Prince William Sound hatchery permitted pink and chum salmon egg take level by 25%.	
F 0-6 <i>1 absent</i>	79	Close Main Bay to all fishing during hatchery cost recovery operations.	



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N/A	80	Manage the Main Bay sport fishery based on the hatchery corporate escapement goal. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 81.</i>	
C/A 6-0 1 absent	81	Modify the area open to sport fishing near the Main Bay Hatchery. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC 134.</i>	
F 0-6	82	Modify the Prince William Sound management area marine waters into two units.	
F 0-6 1 absent	83	Allow a resident sport angler to use two rods when fishing for salmon.	
C 6-0 1 absent	84	Prohibit charter operators and crew from retaining king salmon and rockfish while clients are on board the vessel.	
F 0-6 1 absent	85	Modify the bag and possession limit for coho salmon.	
F 0-6 1 absent	86	Modify the sport fishing area and season dates in Ibeck Creek.	
F 0-6 1 absent	87	Modify the sport fishing area and season in a Copper River Delta system.	
F 0-6 1 absent	88	Modify coho salmon fishery bag limits and methods and means if the commercial fishery is closed.	
C 6-0 1 absent	89	Increase the bag and possession limit for burbot in Lake Louise.	
F 0-6 1 absent	90	Modify bag and possession limits of burbot in Crosswind Lake.	
C 6-0 1 absent	91	Modify seasons, bag, possession, and size limits for Arctic grayling in Mendeltna Creek, Moose Lake, and Our Creek.	
C/A 6-0 1 absent	92	Modify the seasonal bait closure in Paxson and Summit Lakes. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC 150.</i>	
C 6-0 1 absent	93	Modify area closed to sport fishing in Hungry Hollow Creek.	
C 6-0 1 absent	94	Repeal definition of “bow and arrow” in area regulation.	



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N/A	95	Make numerous changes to management of commercial herring fisheries in Prince William Sound. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposals 96 and 97.</i>	
C 6-0 <i>1 absent</i>	96	Change herring management year dates for the Prince William Sound District and create a new food and bait fishery allocation.	
F 1-5 <i>1 absent</i>	97	Reduce the minimum herring spawning biomass threshold.	
C 6-0 <i>1 absent</i>	98	Align Prince William Sound herring and salmon management area descriptions.	
C 6-0 <i>1 absent</i>	99	Define commercial herring fishery districts in Prince William Sound.	
C 6-0 <i>1 absent</i>	100	Adopt a Kayak Island District herring management plan.	
F 0-6 <i>1 absent</i>	101	Adopt a new exploratory fishery for herring in the eastern portion of the Prince William Sound Management Area.	
C/A 6-0 <i>1 absent</i>	102	Allow commercial fishery permit holders to harvest herring for the own use as bait. <i>Amended to add “a person or vessel may not take more than one ton of herring, except as provided under terms of a permit issued by the department.”</i>	
F 0-6 <i>1 absent</i>	103	Allow dual permit commercial herring purse seine operations in Prince William Sound.	

Miscellaneous Business:

The board discussed four items under the Miscellaneous Business section of there agenda:

1. Board member Zuray will work with Executive Director Nelson to draft a letter requesting the Alaska Legislature to authorize the use of electronic monitoring for the purposes of fishery observation. [RC 102](#) contained some of the possible elements of this letter. A draft letter will be brought back to the board at a future meeting for possible approval.
2. Commissioner Vincent-Lang provided a draft delegation of authority ([RC 140](#)) to the board that would create a new discretionary exemption on the importation and release of live fish to stock lakes.



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3. The board voted (by a vote of 4-2, with one absent) to only accept proposals to limit or reduce egg takes for hatchery production during the meeting cycle for statewide finfish. Statewide finfish is in the 2025/2026 meeting cycle.
4. Board member Godfrey will work with Executive Director Nelson to draft a policy for remote participation by board members for board meetings. A draft will be brought forward at a future meeting for possible approval.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 15.