

Note: These minutes, originally filed as AC12, were resubmitted to correct a clerical error with number of votes supporting and opposing being transposed on **Proposals 174, 178, 182, 183, 188, 189**. Decisions in RC046 Index of Comments are correct.

The Sitka Advisory committee deliberated the following proposals over the course of twelve evening meetings between October 6, 2024 and January 8, 2025. The AC spent approximately 41.5 hours hearing from ADF&G staff, listening to public testimony, and discussing the merits and pitfalls of these proposals. Below is a summary of our votes and the reasons behind them.

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<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
104	Allocate 5,000 king salmon for the Alaska’s all gear quota to a king salmon subsistence fishery and establish provisions for king salmon subsistence fishery		
support	11	3	Amend section 1 to read: Modify king salmon plan to add a 5000 fish allocation from the sport allocation to a king salmon subsistence fishery for Alaska residents. 13-1 in support. Amend Section 2: to add “Establish a Daily possession limit of 4 per permit 13-1 in support”. The group is looking for a way to make sure subsistence users get their king salmon. We recognize a subsistence priority and believe king salmon to be an important subsistence food.
105	Modify sport fishing regulations in salt waters subject to the Magnuson-Stevens Act by removing differential regulations for resident and nonresident anglers		
oppose	1	12	Hope is expressed that the state will fight reducing resident bag limits in the EEZ, but agree if non residents and residents must have the same bag limits in the EEZ, the non resident bag limits should be the standard. We do not want to see non-resident bag limits increased as stocks are already under ever-increasing pressure.
106	Prohibit nonresidents on charter vessels that have taken fish in the EEZ from offloading those fish in state waters		
oppose	0	13	Wrong solution. likely not enforceable
107	Prohibit nonresidents that have taken fish in the EEZ from possessing or offloading those fish in state waters		
oppose	0	13	Wrong solution. Likely not enforceable
108	Modify management and allocation provisions of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan		

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Support as amended	10	3	<b>Amendment:Change the hardcap from 25% to 23% and the trigger from 22% to 21-1/2%.</b> Appreciate the hard cap and the inseason management. Confusion over what 9 years will be used to average
109	Modify the structure of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan by removing management tiers and other provisions		
support as amended	12 10	1 4	This proposal simplifies the management plan and returns control to ADF&G biologists to ensure 20/80 split happens. Amendment to change the fixed 2 fish resident bag limit to 1-3/day depending upon abundance. Amendment to change the language in (c)(1) the department shall manage the sport fishery <b>with a goal</b> (2) to take 70% of the sport fishery allocation between January 1 and July (3) to take the remaining 30% of the port fishery allocation between July1 and December 31; section C “The department shall, using in season management as necessary, manage the fishery to annual sport harvest ceiling....
110	Manage the sport fishery in season to achieve the annual king salmon allocation to the sport fishery		
support	7	6	Goal of keeping sport open for residents all summer. Might be small overages but managers should be able to average it out to a 20/80 split
111	Modify the management provisions and target allocation for the king salmon sport fishery		
Support as amended	7	6	<b>Amendment</b> to lower the percentages: Tier e) [20%] <b>19%</b> ; Tier f) [21%] <b>20%</b> ; Tier g) [22%] <b>20%</b> ; Tier h) [22%] <b>21%</b> ; Tier i) [22%] <b>21%</b> ; Further <b>amendment to change resident sport bag limit in tiers g) and h) from 1 to 2;</b>  <b>Appreciate that this would require in season management to stay close to the 20% cap and that it does not rely on abundance, but on treaty projections</b>
112	Modify the sport allocation of king salmon and provisions for management		

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oppose	4	9	No hard cap, and no inseason management means likelihood of continued inequity between troll and charter.
113	Modify the provisions of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan and increase the sport allocation of king salmon		
oppose	0	13	Just a grab at more quota for the charter. Charter has already received increases in the past with an understanding there would not be further increases
114	Reduce the nonresident annual limit in low allocation management tiers and other modifications to the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan		
oppose	0	13	No in season management. Drops resident bag limit. Will continue problem of charter going over quota
115	Reduce the nonresident annual limit for king salmon to one fish		
oppose	1	12	too aggressive, creates a harm of more catch and release mortality
116	Reduce the nonresident annual limit for king salmon to two fish prior to July 1 and one fish after July 1		
support as amended	9	4	<b>amended to allow the 2 fish annual limit to remain in effect later than July 1 depending on the sport harvest relative to the 20% target</b>  Acknowledging the frustration interior residents feel with charter clients gobbling up the 20% soon after sport opens in places like KTN and JNO
117	Reduce the nonresident annual limit for king salmon to two fish prior to July 1 and one fish after July 1		
support	9	4	same comments as 116
118	The nonresident annual limit for king salmon shall not exceed three and nonresident annual limits will not apply in terminal harvest areas		
oppose	1	13	Concern taking more kings would count against treaty fish
119	Close the nonresident sport fishery for king salmon for 2 days per week		
oppose	2	12	We would prefer the fishery was managed to hard caps in season. Closing charter fishing 2 days a week, might be a necessary tool to achieve hard caps and if in season management does not happen
120	Close the nonresident sport fishery for king salmon on weekends		
oppose	3	11	We would prefer the fishery was managed to hard caps in season. This would be necessary if that does not happen
121	Extend the sunset provisions in the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan		
oppose	0	13	John abstains-this would be the fallback anyway

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122	Prohibit the removal of king salmon from the water when retention is not allowed		
support	14	0	we note that king salmon have poor survivability when handled. conservation of this sensitive stock is vital Amendment: prohibit “netting gaffing or bringing on board”
123	Prohibit netting or handling king salmon when catch-and-release fishing is implemented		
support	14	0	we note that king salmon have poor survivability when handled. conservation of this sensitive stock is vital. Same discussion and support as on on 122
124	Modify resident sport fishing opportunity prescribed by Southeast Alaska king salmon action plans		
no action			no motion to support this proposal
125	Close sport fishing for king salmon in District 14A when a stock of concern exists for king salmon stocks in Northern Southeast Alaska		
support	12	2	same as 126
126	Close sport fishing for king salmon in District 14A		
support	12	2	Would be beneficial to hasten the recovery from stocks of concern management plan if we could close this area and help more wild salmon reach the rivers
127	Allow residents to retain king salmon in the month of April near Ketchikan		
no action			out of our area
128	Allow residents to retain king salmon in the month of April in the Ketchikan area		
no action			out or our area
129	Increase the number of days open in the Yakutat Bay spring troll fishery from 1 day to 2 days		
no action			out of our area
130	Allow for remaining troll king salmon allocation after winter and spring troll fisheries to be harvested during a single retention period beginning July 1		
oppose	2	12	in season management and hard caps are better solution. worry about treaty implications. We would support this if the eventual solution did not include a sure method that guarantees the trollers their allocation
131	Establish criteria for establishing a limited harvest troll fishery in August and allow for more than one limited harvest fishery to occur		
support	14	0	This is a good management tool.
132	Establish a minimum size limit for Chinook salmon of 26 1/2 inches from snout to fork of tail in the spring troll fisheries		

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support	14	0	much easier to measure the fork than the moving tail
133	Allow for king salmon of 26 1/2 inches snout to fork length be retained in District 13 spring troll fisheries		
support	14	0	same as 132
134	Expand landing and retention requirements for king salmon by purse seine permit holders and establish penalties for violating landing requirements		
support	14	0	Our seine rep relayed that the narrative about abuse of the rules the proposer shares, is accurate. This is a problem that needs addressing and this proposal seems to solve the problem
135	Only allow for the use of seine gear in the Redoubt Bay subsistence fishery when the escapement is projected to be greater than 40,000 sockeye salmon		
support as ammended	11	3	Amend Section one to take out "Gillnet" approved 14-0 (we approve the use of subsistence gillnet and beach seine at redoubt)
136	Increase sockeye salmon possession and annual limits at Basket Bay		
no action			out of our area
137	Increase the possession limit of sockeye salmon for Basket Bay from 15 to 30 sockeye salmon		
no action			out of our area
138	Prohibit snagging in the Mendenhall Wildlife Refuge		
no action			out of our area
139	Prohibit snagging within Don D. Statter harbor		
no action			out of our area
140	Sport fishing may only be conducted with a single barbless circle hook between April 1 and June 14		
support	12	2	Amend second paragraph to add after For all areas outside hatchery THA zones:"that are closed to retention of chinook due to stocks of concern"...13-1 approves the amendment It was still possible to successfully fish for Halibut and rockfish with circle hooks.. The benefit of preserving stocks of concern near inland spawning streams, outweighs the downside of making the sport fishing more challenging.
141	Prohibit the use of bait in sport fisheries between April 1 through June 14		
support	11	3	For all areas outside hatchery THA zones:"that are closed to retention of chinook due to stocks of concern"...13-1 support. It was still possible to

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			successfully fish for Halibut and rockfish with artificial lures. The benefit of preserving stocks of concern near inland spawning streams, outweighs the downside of making the sport fishing more challenging.
142	Open Ketchikan Creek to sport fishing year-round and establish bag and possession limits for king salmon		
no action			out of our area
143	Increase the bag and possession limit for trout in Southeast Alaska		
oppose	1	13	In favor of trout conservation
144	Increase harvest opportunity for trout in Southeast Alaska		
oppose	1	13	In favor of conservation of trout.
145	Increase harvest opportunity for trout in Klawock Lake drainage		
no action			out of our area
146	Increase the bag and possession limit for rainbow and cutthroat trout in 108 Creek drainage		
no action			out of our area
147	Increase the bag and possession limit for rainbow and cutthroat trout and prohibit the use of bait in Neck Lake		
no action			out of our area
148	Modify Eagle Lake cutthroat trout bag and possession and size limit		
no action			out of our area
149	Prohibit the use of bait and establish a catch-and-release fishery with single barbless hooks in Petersen Creek		
no action			out of our area
150	Change the weekly subsistence fishing periods in the Yakutat Area from 6:00 a.m. to 12:01 a.m. start time and 6:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. end time		
no action			out of our area
151	Modify the nonresident annual limit for king salmon in the freshwaters of the Yakutat management area and the Situk River		
no action			out of our area
152	Amend the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Lost River King Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to reflect recent management strategies		
no action			out of our area
153	Close a portion of the Situk River to sport fishing until the escapement goal for king salmon is met		

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no action			out of our area
154	Close sport fishing in a portion of the Situk River between April 15 and May 15		
no action			out of our area
155	Increase the sport fish bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the fresh waters flowing into the Situk-Ahrnklin estuary		
no action			Out of our area
156	Reduce Southeast Alaska hatchery permitted pink and chum salmon egg take level by 25%		
oppose	0	13	Lacking clear, scientific evidence the current level of hatchery fish is causing harm, while there is clear consensus that the fishermen in southeast rely on hatchery fish.
157	Establish a terminal harvest area and associated management plan for harvesting hatchery produced salmon at Burnett Inlet		
no action			out of our area
158	Modify boundaries of the Hidden Falls terminal harvest area (THA) for chum, king and coho salmon and the Hidden Falls special harvest area (SHA) for chum and king salmon		
support	13	0	Just a housekeeping proposal to fix old language
159	Modify the Wrangell Narrows-Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan		
no action			out of our area
160	Modify the Wrangell Narrows-Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan		
no action			out of our area
161	Reduce the sport fish bag limit for king salmon in the Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area		
no action			out of our area
162	Reduce king salmon sport fish bag limits outside of the time when the Wrangell Narrows-Blind Slough Management Plan is in effect		
no action			out of our area
163	Nonresident annual limits for king salmon will apply in the Blind Slough terminal harvest area		
no action			out of our area
164	Modify king salmon bag and possession limits in the terminal harvest area near Juneau		
no action			out of our area
165	Change the start time of weekly drift gillnet fishing periods from Sunday to Monday		

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support	14	0	Local Gillnetters are in support
166	Allow for drift gillnets to be up to 90 meshes deep in District 11 beginning statistical week 34		
support	14	0	Supported by local gillnetters. Leaves the department room to manage.
167	Increase the legal length of purse seine by 50 fathoms		
oppose	0	14	Would cause problems with the spacing between boats. The Seiners are not in support.
168	Modify regulations to make it unlawful to use aircraft for locating salmon during any open commercial purse seine fishing period		
support	14	0	Our seiner was in favor of closing off this loophole. He reports planes taking advantage of the loophole to spot other areas.
169	Allow use of two fishing rods used in conjunction with a down rigger or hand troll gurdy to be used during the spring and summer troll fisheries		
oppose	0	14	opens the door up to rule breaking
170	Add waters closed to commercial fishing in Sudden Stream and Malaspina Lake		
no action			out of our area
171	Modify spawning biomass threshold minimum and maximum harvest rates for the herring sac roe fishery in Sections 13-A and 13-B		
support	14	0	Approve of the more conservative approach to guarding the stocks
172	Reduce upper end of sliding scale harvest rate for Southeast Alaska commercial herring fisheries from 20 to 15 percent		
support	14	0	Keeps the region consistent with 171
173	Eliminate provisions to establish a guideline harvest level for the Sitka Sound herring sac roe herring fishery under 27.160		
no action	11	1	Based on the previous voting record; members felt a vote would be contradictory.
174	Establish a maximum guideline harvest level and minimum spawning biomass to conduct fisheries for the Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery		
oppose	1	13	Would be an extreme reduction in the GHL.
175	Establish a 15,000 ton harvest limit for the Sitka Sound sac roe fishery		
support	9	5	There was broad support for a harvest limit but some would like the cap to be higher- 40,000 to 50,000 tons



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176	Reduce the maximum harvest rate from 20 percent to 10 percent for the Sitka Sound herring sac roe fishery		
no action	12	2	Group felt we had supported other subsistence-friendly proposals (171 and 175) that made it unnecessary to take action on this one.
177	Reduce the minimum harvest rate to 10 percent and increase the threshold that allows for a fishery from 25,000 tons to 50,000 tons for the Sitka Sound herring sac roe fishery		
no action	12	2	Voted down a proposed amendment to the minimum threshold in 171
178	Expand waters closed to commercial sac roe herring fishery to include the majority of waters herring having historically spawned in and the fishery has historically occurred		
oppose	1	11	too extreme and not warranted by the increasing herring population. This proposal might end the commercial fishery
179	Expand waters closed the Sitka Sound herring sac roe fishery to include Promisla Bay		
support	10	4	20 members of the public came out in support to protect an important subsistence harvest area. In 2017, 2018, and 2019, the spawn shifted out of the current closed area, and into more northerly areas like Promisla Bay. Recent subsistence harvest data shows that Promisla is one of the most productive areas in the last 5 years. The seine seat representative thought the closure was not necessary due to the health of the stocks.
180	Correct latitude of Aspid Cape for the southern boundary of the Section 13-B purse seine sac roe herring fishery		
approve	12	0	housekeeping
181	Establish provisions for conducting test setting in the Sitka Sound herring sac roe fishery		
support	11	1	Members emphasized the importance of minimizing herring mortality from test sets, but did not want to restrict the department's ability to manage the fishery.  Vote on Amendment to delete points 3, 4, 5, and 6, and keep the first half of 6, "to maintain a log of number, size, and location of released sets, and make it publically available": Passes 11-1
182	Establish provisions for a herring sac roe purse seine permit holder participating in the Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery to use open pound instead of purse seine fishing gear		
oppose	2	12	could create conflict with subsistence and commercial users. Also, unfair to limit pound fishers only to those with seine permits when pound fishing used to be open to all.
183	Add the Sitka Sound area in Sections 13-A and B as open area to northern spawn on kelp permit holders and limit pound type to open pounds		

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oppose	0	12	would create more conflict between user groups to add a new fishery
184	Expand open area in Section 3-B for placement spawn on kelp pounds and to seining for taking of herring for pounds		
no action			out of area
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no action			out of area
186	Expand open area in Section 3-B for spawn on kelp pounds and to seining for taking of herring for pounds		
no action			out of area
187	Allow the use of large mesh webbing to surround spawn on kelp pound structure to protect structure and spawn on kelp product		
no action			without the department there to help, we did not feel like we understood this proposal well enough to act.
188	Limit the number days and limit the number of hours in a day commercial herring activity may occur, require observers for commercial herring fishing, require reporting of bycatch in fishery announcements, and limit the overall commercial harvest of herring		
oppose	1	11	an effort to reduce fishing intensity, without clear positive impact
189	Reduce by half the length limit of purse seine net for commercial herring harvest		
oppose	1	11	This might increase conflict between the commercial fleet and subsistence users in shallower waters.
190	Provide for co-management of herring fisheries with tribal governments		
support as amended	10	1	Vote on amendment to delete paragraph 2: passes 11-1 Vote on proposal 190 as amended: passes 10-1-1. Skylar abstaining (employed by STA) We believe it is time for the Sitka Tribe of Alaska to have more input in the fishery, in determining minimum spawning biomass thresholds, determining circumstances in which fishing would be allowed, and developing methodology for considering whether to open or close the fishery.
191	Amend logbook requirements for vessels fishing for groundfish with pot and longline gear		
support	15	0	housekeeping proposal
192	Allow pots used in the personal use bottomfish fishery to be longlined		

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support	15	0	Makes sense to allow the longlining of pots. It takes more gear and more time to fish them singly
193	In state waters of the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area, allow CFEC permit holders fishing for groundfish or halibut with mechanical jig and hand troll gear to use a deepwater release mechanism to return rockfish to the ocean		
oppose	1	14	THis would open the door to discarding rockfish bycatch under the guise of failed release. These fisheries are too fast paced and have too few crew to reliably release the rockfish in time to save them.
194	Reduce the minimum inside diameter of circular escape rings from three and three-fourths inches to three and one-half inches on pots used to take sablefish in the subsistence, commercial, and personal use sablefish fisheries		
support	15	0	Science supports this change. Good for stocks
195	Change the Southern Southeast Inside (SSEI) Subdistrict sablefish fishery season opening and closing dates to be concurrent with the federal Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) sablefish fishery season dates		
no action			out of area
196	Reduce the minimum inside diameter of escape rings in commercial sablefish pots to three and three-eighths inches		
oppose	0	15	see 194 We approved the ring size suggested by ADFG instead
197	Clarify and amend existing regulations regarding subsistence, personal use, and commercial groundfish fisheries in the Northern Southeast Inside Subdistrict and the Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict		
support	15	0	closes a loophole. Currently, if you fish hook gear commercially, you cannot retain subsistence and personal use fish. Many Fishermen are switching from hook gear to pot gear, so this change is needed.
198	Increase the daily bag limit for sablefish in the sport fishery		
support	14	0	the current take is only 450 fish region wide. Raising the limit seems reasonable. We would not want this extended to non-residents and would hope to see reduction in bag limit if stocks crash
199	Add a weather delay provision that would postpone the opening date of the directed demersal shelf rockfish and directed lingcod fisheries if weather forecast meets gale warning or higher criteria in management areas in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area		
support	15	0	Improves safety and management. we discussed amending this to 25 knots and voted an amendment down 6 to 9
200	Adopt a catch reporting requirement for directed lingcod fisheries		

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support	15	0	really difficult to manage the fishery without good reporting, but tough to make the reports during super short openers. Fishermen who refuse to report, create overages, so this proposal would help avoid overages.
201	Clarify lingcod bycatch overage requirements in the Southeast District fisheries for longline halibut and salmon troll fisheries		
support	15	0	Housekeeping to clean up regulations
202	Clarify that only one line can be used for dinglebar gear in the lingcod fishery		
support	15	0	Making sure that all boats only have one line aboard helps with enforcement. A recent court case showed that the language needs to be clear to stop the use of two lines.
203	Establish unguided nonresident lingcod regulations		
oppose	0	14	We have concern that the unguided fishery is exploding and proposals like this make the unguided rental boats even more likely to increase overfishing on stocks of concern. Unguided rental boats are proliferating in the Ketchikan area and because renters are not subject to the same limits as charter boat clients, overfishing is a real concern.
204	Allow pots to be longlined in the state waters of the Eastern Gulf of Alaska commercial Pacific cod fishery		
no action			local fleet does not fish here
205	Allow personal use retention of Pacific cod and rockfishes, including thornyhead rockfish, in pot gear		
support	14	0	brings the reg in line with what happens on hook and line gear now that folks are using pots in this fishery.
206	Reopen yelloweye sport fishery for residents		
support	14	0	The resident take would not be significant enough to harm the stock.
207	Allow retention of demersal shelf rockfish by nonresidents		
oppose	14	0	see 208 comment
208	Allow retention of demersal shelf rockfish by nonresidents		
oppose	0	14	If we opened these species to non residents it is estimated the harvest limits would be exceeded by huge numbers. These long lived species can not handle the charter pressure.
209	Establish provisions for a resident priority within emergency order authority for pelagic rockfish		
support	14	0	would give the department tools to keep the fishery open for residents
210	Reduce the bag and possession limit for pelagic rockfish in Southeast Alaska		

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tie vote as amended	7	7	Amendments: Reduce the “non resident” bag and possession Amendment: Pelagic rockfish :bag limit of “no more than” three fish; possession limit of “no more than” six fish.
211	Clarify regulations regarding fish ticket documentation of rockfish overages in the groundfish and halibut fisheries. Also, add a demersal shelf rockfish (DSR) overage reporting requirement for the Eastern Gulf of Alaska salmon troll fishery		
support	14	0	putting into regulation that which is common practice
212	Allow the number of geoduck permit holders able to fish from one vessel to be increased from two to four by emergency order		
support	15	0	supported by all present including adfg. Makes sense to help divers save fuel and make this fishery more efficient.
213	Modify how geoduck guideline harvest levels are calculated		
oppose	15	0	It sounds like this fishery is under real threat from sea otter predation combined with the dive fishery. Because this proposal will increase take on a fishery of geoduck who live up to 180 years and are slow to reproduce, we are not in support.
214	Allow for areas that have been closed for 5 years as a result of the estimated geoduck biomass dropping below 30% of the original biomass estimate to be resurveyed and potentially reopened		
oppose	0	15	Refer to our notes and vote on 215 as this is substantially similar
215	Give the department the authority to experiment with reduced guideline harvest levels in sea otter impacted areas where the current biomass estimate is less than 30 percent of the original biomass estimate		
oppose	0	15	This proposal would open up areas that are closed because the most recent survey shows there is less than 30 percent of the original population remaining. We felt like this action would be a real threat to the future of areas that have already been heavily fished.
216	Clarify that only aquatic farm sites approved for the culture of geoduck clams are closed to commercial harvest of geoduck clams		
support	15	0	housekeeping
217	Allow weekly fishing periods to begin on Sundays		
oppose	2	13	Local divers are mostly getting their quota in the current time allowed. They are not in favor.
218	Extend sea cucumber fishing season beyond March 31		

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oppose	1	14	An extension could hinder reproduction. There are usually not many pounds left unfished in our area.
219	Clarify when a sea cucumber permit holder is in possession of the product they harvested		
no action	11	3	Take no action 11-3
220	Allow crew members to be in possession of sea cucumbers harvested by the sea cucumber permit holder		
no action	11	3	Take no action 11-3
221	Prohibit harvest of naturally occurring sea cucumbers on aquatic farm sites by farm operator in areas where there are commercial sea cucumber fisheries		
support	12	3	Some of these farms are 500 acres. Concern that farmers could cut out an existing fishery.
222	Adopt seasonal closures for subsistence, sport, and personal use shrimp fisheries		
support	14	0	A positive move to protect the shrimp during their egg laying time. Could have a significant positive impact on population
223	Increase the tunnel size for sport, personal use, and subsistence shrimp pots		
oppose	0	14	more bycatch of crab
224	Revert shrimp pot season from May 15 opening date back to October 1		
oppose	0	14	Hope that the new season in time will increase the shrimp population. It needs time to see how it is working.
225	Revert shrimp pot season from May 15 opening date to October 1 or to another start date in late summer/early fall		
oppose	0	14	same as 224
226	Provide for further conservation in the shrimp pot fishery by reducing all GHs by 20%, reducing the number of pots allowed by 40–50%, and eliminating the large pot size		
oppose	0	14	Not needed. Moving the season is already a big conservation measure.
227	Allow for more than one CFEC shrimp pot permit holder to fish from the same vessel and jointly operate pot gear in aggregate of no more than 50% allowed gear for the additional permit		
oppose	0	14	Would increase fishing and pressure on shrimp by adding more pots to a boat. Could bring a lot of latent permits into the fishery
228	Redefine legal shrimp pot requirements to allow for the use slinky pots		
support	13	1	might be safer for loading boats.
229	Repeal redundant descriptions of Southeast Alaska districts and sections in 5 AAC 31.105, update 33.200 with District 10 section descriptions, add Section 6-E to District 6 shrimp pot fishing areas, and update regulations that refer to 5 AAC 31.105		

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support	14	0	Makes sense to be consistent and avoid confusion
230	Establish a commercial jig fishery for squid		
oppose	5	10	concerns about not enough Data
231	Establish a commercial jig fishery for squid		
oppose	5	10	Concerns not enough Data
232	Allow for the concurrent possession of red and green urchin aboard		
no action			out of our area
233	Change the criteria for setting the season start date for the Registration A golden king crab commercial fishery to fall within the smallest set of falling tides between February 10 and 17		
support	15	0	would allow the hauling of pots in areas where big tides make it impossible
234	Change the start time for the Registration Area A commercial golden king crab fishery from 12:00 noon to 8:00 a.m. on the day the fishery opens		
support	13	2	more daylight to fish
235	Add freezing spray to the criteria that would delay the start date of commercial golden king crab fishery in Registration Area A.		
support	15	0	Important safety action
236	Increase the depth that Registration Area A commercial king crab fishery pots can be stored to 20 fathoms		
oppose	2	13	makes enforcement more difficult
237	Expand the defined Lower Chatham Strait Area in the golden king crab commercial fishery in Registration Area A to include a portion of District 5		
no action			out of area
238	Expand the defined Southern Area in the golden king crab commercial fishery in Registration Area A to include all waters of Section 3-A		
no action			out of area
239	Divide the defined Northern Area of the golden king crab fishery in Registration Area A into two areas and split the current guideline harvest level between the two new areas		
support	15	0	the department has no objection and the local fisherman are in favor
240	Allow participants in the Registration Area A Tanner and golden king crab fisheries to have Tanner crab aboard their vessel while fishing for golden king crab in a closed commercial Tanner crab area		
oppose	0	15	

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241	Allow a vessel participating in a Registration Area A king crab fishery to operate groundfish coil spring pots to catch bait		
oppose	0	15	might create a bycatch issue
242	Allocate 100% of the Section 11-A red king crab guideline harvest level to the personal use fishery, 70% for summer harvest and 30% for fall/winter harvest		
no action			out or area
243	Adopt a biologically based harvest strategy for the commercial red and blue king crab fishery along with a bag and possession limit maximum for the personal use fishery and adopt new management measures for the red and blue king crab fishery		
support	12	3	Hope that this might provide for more personal use opportunity
244	Change the criteria for setting the season start date for the Registration Area A Tanner crab commercial fishery to fall within the smallest set of falling tides between February 10 and 17		
support	15	0	would allow the hauling of pots in areas where big tides make it impossible
245	Change the start time for the Registration Area A commercial Tanner crab fishery from 12:00 noon to 8:00 a.m. on the day the fishery opens		
support	13	2	More daylight for fishing. Less time wasted by fishermen waiting to set gear
246	Add freezing spray to the criteria that would delay the start date of commercial Tanner crab fishery in Registration Area A		
support	15	0	Important safety measure. Might save lives
247	Increase the depth that Registration Area A commercial Tanner crab fishery pots can be stored to 20 fathoms		
oppose	2	13	makes enforcement more difficult
248	Allow a vessel participating in a Registration Area A Tanner crab fishery to operate groundfish coil spring pots to catch bait		
oppose	0	15	bycatch issues, not clear what species they could keep. Escapement ring size issues.
249	Allow Tanner crab commercial fishery participants to operate pot gear for subsistence, personal use, or sport fisheries after unregistering from the commercial fishery		
support	15	0	in favor of supporting subsistence
250	Reduce the minimum size limit for male Dungeness crab from six and one-half inches to six and one-quarter inches in the Registration A subsistence and personal use fisheries		



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oppose	2	13	This AC would like more opportunity for Residents to get crab, but not at the expense of population growth
251	Change the start date of the Registration Area A Dungeness crab commercial fishery's summer season from June 15 to July 1		
oppose	1	14	The crab season is working well. Less than 1 percent soft crab on the record. Moving season would harm business plans of fishermen
252	Allow a vessel participating in a Registration Area A Dungeness crab fishery to operate groundfish coil spring pots to catch bait		
oppose	0	15	Crab could get in these pots and the escape rings are smaller than are legal for crab, so could cause crab mortality. Unclear what species the fisher could keep?
253	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Registration Area A commercial Dungeness crab fishery if they operated commercial shrimp pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery		
oppose	7	8	could bring too many latent permits into the shrimp fishery. Because crab and shrimp used to open up on OCT 1, it is not new that Fisherman have had to choose between these two fisheries.
254	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Registration Area A commercial Dungeness crab fishery if they operated commercial shrimp pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery		
oppose	7	8	Same as 253
255	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Registration Area A commercial Dungeness crab fishery if they operated commercial, personal use, or subsistence shrimp pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery		
oppose	4	11	opens up the ability of crabbers to prospect using shrimp pots. most crabbers would be able to use personal use pots to prospect. No need to have a commercial shrimp permit.
256	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Registration Area A commercial Dungeness crab fishery if they operated commercial shrimp pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery. In addition, permit ho		
oppose			same as 253
257	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Registration Area A commercial Dungeness crab fishery if they operated commercial shrimp pots during the 14 days immediately before the opening of the commercial Dungeness crab fishery		
oppose			same at 253

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258	Open some or all areas closed to commercial Dungeness fishing in Registration Area A		
	0	15	areas are unclear. No season description. would open areas closed to commercial that might now be used for subsistence.
259	Open all waters closed to commercial Dungeness fishing in Registration Area A between October 1 and November 30, annually		
oppose	0	15	WE appreciate some areas are set aside from commercial fishing and hopefully provide subsistence/personal use opportunity
260	Close George Inlet, Carroll Inlet, and Thorne Arm in District 1 to the commercial harvest of shrimp and crab		
no action			outside our area
261	Close Traitors Cove to commercial and sport shellfish harvest		
No action			outside our area
262	Close sport fishing for Dungeness crab in Thorne Bay		
no action			out of area

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