



**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
SOUTHEAST AND YAKUTAT FINFISH AND SHELLFISH
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**Tentative Proposal Roadmap
(159 Proposals)**

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 1: COMMERCIAL AND SPORT CRAB (30 proposals – Chair Godfrey)

Golden King Crab (8 proposals)

- 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
- 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
- 235 Add freezing spray to the criteria that would delay the start date of commercial golden king crab fishery in Registration Area A
- 236 Increase the depth that Registration Area A commercial king crab fishery pots can be stored to 20 fathoms
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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

Red King Crab (3 proposals)

- 241 Allow a vessel participating in a Registration Area A king crab fishery to operate groundfish coil spring pots to catch bait
- 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
- 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



Tanner Crab (6 proposals)

- 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
- 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
- 246 Add freezing spray to the criteria that would delay the start date of commercial Tanner crab fishery in Registration Area A
- 247 Increase the depth that Registration Area A commercial Tanner crab fishery pots can be stored to 20 fathoms
- 248 Allow a vessel participating in a Registration Area A Tanner crab fishery to operate groundfish coil spring pots to catch bait
- 249 Allow Tanner crab commercial fishery participants to operate pot gear for subsistence, personal use, or sport fisheries after unregistering from the commercial fishery

Dungeness Crab (13 proposals)

- 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
- 251 Change the start date of the Registration Area A Dungeness crab commercial fishery's summer season from June 15 to July 1
- 252 Allow a vessel participating in a Registration Area A Dungeness crab fishery to operate groundfish coil spring pots to catch bait
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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 holders may not register and participate in the Dungeness and shrimp pot commercial fisheries concurrently
- 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
- 258 Open some or all areas closed to commercial Dungeness fishing in Registration Area
- 259 Open all waters closed to commercial Dungeness fishing in Registration Area A between October 1 and November 30, annually
- 260 Close George Inlet, Carroll Inlet, and Thorne Arm in District 1 to the commercial harvest of shrimp and crab



- 261 Close Traitors Cove to commercial and sport shellfish harvest
- 262 Close sport fishing for Dungeness crab in Thorne Bay

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 2: COMMERCIAL, SUBSISTENCE, SPORT, PERSONAL USE GROUND FISH (21 proposals – Chair Zuray)

General Groundfish (3 proposals)

- 191 Amend logbook requirements for vessels fishing for groundfish with pot and longline gear
- 192 Allow pots used in the personal use bottomfish fishery to be longlined
- 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

Sablefish (5 proposals)

- 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
- 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
- 196 Reduce the minimum inside diameter of escape rings in commercial sablefish pots to three and three-eighths inches
- 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
- 198 Increase the daily bag limit for sablefish in the sport fishery

Lingcod (5 proposals)

- 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
- 200 Adopt a catch reporting requirement for directed lingcod fisheries
- 201 Clarify lingcod bycatch overage requirements in the Southeast District fisheries for longline halibut and salmon troll fisheries
- 202 Clarify that only one line can be used for dinglebar gear in the lingcod fishery
- 203 Establish unguided nonresident lingcod regulations

Pacific Cod (2 proposals)

- 204 Allow pots to be longlined in the state waters of the Eastern Gulf of Alaska commercial Pacific cod fishery
- 205 Allow personal use retention of Pacific cod and rockfishes, including thornyhead rockfish, in pot gear

Rockfish (6 proposals)

- 206 Reopen yelloweye sport fishery for residents



- 207 Allow retention of demersal shelf rockfish by nonresidents
- 208 Allow retention of demersal shelf rockfish by nonresidents
- 209 Establish provisions for a resident priority within emergency order authority for pelagic rockfish
- 210 Reduce the bag and possession limit for pelagic rockfish in Southeast Alaska
- 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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 3: SUBSISTENCE SHELLFISH, COMMERCIAL AND SPORT SHRIMP, COMMERCIAL AND SPORT OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SHELLFISH (21 proposals – Chair Svendsen)

Geoduck Clam (5 proposals)

- 212 Allow the number of geoduck permit holders able to fish from one vessel to be increased from two to four by emergency order
- 213 Modify how geoduck guideline harvest levels are calculated
- 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
- 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
- 216 Clarify that only aquatic farm sites approved for the culture of geoduck clams are closed to commercial harvest of geoduck clams

Sea Cucumber (5 proposals)

- 217 Allow weekly fishing periods to begin on Sundays
- 218 Extend sea cucumber fishing season beyond March 31
- 219 Clarify when a sea cucumber permit holder is in possession of the product they harvested
- 220 Allow crew members to be in possession of sea cucumbers harvested by the sea cucumber permit holder
- 221 Prohibit harvest of naturally occurring sea cucumbers on aquatic farm sites by farm operator in areas where there are commercial sea cucumber fisheries

Shrimp (8 proposals)

- 222 Adopt seasonal closures for subsistence, sport, and personal use shrimp fisheries
- 223 Increase the tunnel size for sport, personal use, and subsistence shrimp pots
- 224 Revert shrimp pot season from May 15 opening date back to October 1
- 225 Revert shrimp pot season from May 15 opening date to October 1 or to another start date in late summer/early fall
- 226 Provide for further conservation in the shrimp pot fishery by reducing all GHLs by 20%, reducing the number of pots allowed by 40–50%, and eliminating the large pot size



- 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
- 228 Redefine legal shrimp pot requirements to allow for the use of slinky pots
- 229 Repeal redundant descriptions of Southeast Alaska districts and sections in 5 AAC 31.105, update 5 AAC 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

Miscellaneous Shellfish (3 proposals)

- 230 Establish a commercial jig fishery for squid
- 231 Establish a commercial jig fishery for squid
- 232 Allow for the concurrent possession of red and green urchin aboard

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 4: KING SALMON (32 proposals – Chair Carpenter)

Taku and King Salmon Rivers Chinook Salmon Action Plan

King Salmon Management Plan and Allocation (18 proposals)

- 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
- 105 Modify sport fishing regulations in salt waters subject to the Magnuson-Stevens Act by removing differential regulations for resident and nonresident anglers
- 108 Modify management and allocation provisions of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan
- 109 Modify the structure of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan by removing management tiers and other provisions
- 110 Manage the sport fishery inseason to achieve the annual king salmon allocation to the sport fishery
- 111 Modify the management provisions and target allocation for the king salmon sport fishery
- 112 Modify the sport allocation of king salmon and provisions for management
- 113 Modify the provisions of the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan and increase the sport allocation of king salmon
- 114 Reduce the nonresident annual limit in low allocation management tiers and other modifications to the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan
- 115 Reduce the nonresident annual limit for king salmon to one fish
- 116 Reduce the nonresident annual limit for king salmon to two fish prior to July 1 and one fish after July 1
- 117 Reduce the nonresident annual limit for king salmon to two fish prior to July 1 and one fish after July 1
- 118 The nonresident annual limit for king salmon shall not exceed three and nonresident annual limits will not apply in terminal harvest areas
- 119 Close the nonresident sport fishery for king salmon for 2 days per week
- 120 Close the nonresident sport fishery for king salmon on weekends
- 121 Extend the sunset provisions in the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan



- 106 Prohibit nonresidents on charter vessels that have taken fish in the EEZ from offloading those fish in state waters
- 107 Prohibit nonresidents that have taken fish in the EEZ from possessing or offloading those fish in state waters

King Salmon-Sport SOC Action Plans (7 proposals)

- 122 Prohibit the removal of king salmon from the water when retention is not allowed
- 123 Prohibit netting or handling king salmon when catch-and-release fishing is implemented
- 124 Modify resident sport fishing opportunity prescribed by Southeast Alaska king salmon action plans
- 125 Close sport fishing for king salmon in District 14A when a stock of concern exists for king salmon stocks in Northern Southeast Alaska
- 126 Close sport fishing for king salmon in District 14A
- 127 Allow residents to retain king salmon in the month of April near Ketchikan
- 128 Allow residents to retain king salmon in the month of April in the Ketchikan area

King Salmon-Commercial (7 proposals)

- 129 Increase the number of days open in the Yakutat Bay spring troll fishery from 1 day to 2 days
- 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
- 131 Establish criteria for establishing a limited harvest troll fishery in August and allow for more than one limited harvest fishery to occur
- 132 Establish a minimum size limit for king salmon of 26 1/2 inches from snout to fork of tail in the spring troll fisheries
- 133 Allow for king salmon of 26 1/2 inches snout to fork length be retained in District 13 spring troll fisheries
- 134 Expand landing and retention requirements for king salmon by purse seine permit holders and establish penalties for violating landing requirements
- 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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 5: SOUTHEAST ALASKA AND YAKUTAT AREA SUBSISTENCE, COMMERCIAL, PERSONAL USE, AND SPORT SALMON AND TROUT; ENHANCEMENT AND TERMINAL HARVEST AREAS (35 proposals – Chair Wood)

Hugh Smith Lake Sockeye Salmon Action Plan

Northern Southeast Outside Chum Salmon Action Plan

Southeast Subsistence Salmon (3 proposals)

- 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
- 136 Increase sockeye salmon possession and annual limits at Basket Bay
- 137 Increase the possession limit of sockeye salmon for Basket Bay from 15 to 30 sockeye salmon



Southeast Sport Salmon and Trout (12 proposals)

- 138 Prohibit snagging in the Mendenhall Wildlife Refuge
- 139 Prohibit snagging within Don D. Statter harbor
- 140 Sport fishing may only be conducted with a single barbless circle hook between April 1 and June 14
- 141 Prohibit the use of bait in sport fisheries between April 1 through June 14
- 142 Open Ketchikan Creek to sport fishing year-round and establish bag and possession limits for king salmon
- 143 Increase the bag and possession limit for trout in Southeast Alaska
- 144 Increase harvest opportunity for trout in Southeast Alaska
- 145 Increase harvest opportunity for trout in Klawock Lake drainage
- 146 Increase the bag and possession limit for rainbow and cutthroat trout in 108 Creek drainage
- 147 Increase the bag and possession limit for rainbow and cutthroat trout and prohibit the use of bait in Neck Lake
- 148 Modify Eagle Lake cutthroat trout bag and possession and size limit
- 149 Prohibit the use of bait and establish a catch-and-release fishery with single barbless hooks in Petersen Creek

Yakutat Area (7 proposals)

- 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
- 151 Modify the nonresident annual limit for king salmon in the freshwaters of the Yakutat management area and the Situk River
- 152 Amend the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Lost River King Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to reflect recent management strategies
- 153 Close a portion of the Situk River to sport fishing until the escapement goal for king salmon is met
- 154 Close sport fishing in a portion of the Situk River between April 15 and May 15
- 155 Increase the sport fish bag and possession limit for sockeye salmon in the fresh waters flowing into the Situk-Ahrnklin estuary
- 170 Add waters closed to commercial fishing in Sudden Stream and Malaspina Lake

Enhancement and Terminal Harvest Areas (9 proposals)

- 156 Reduce Southeast Alaska hatchery permitted pink and chum salmon egg take level by 25%
- 157 Establish a terminal harvest area and associated management plan for harvesting hatchery produced salmon at Burnett Inlet
- 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
- 159 Modify the Wrangell Narrows-Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan
- 160 Modify the Wrangell Narrows-Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan



- 161 Reduce the sport fish bag limit for king salmon in the Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area
- 162 Reduce king salmon sport fish bag limits outside of the time when the Wrangell Narrows-Blind Slough Management Plan is in effect
- 163 Nonresident annual limits for king salmon will apply in the Blind Slough terminal harvest area
- 164 Modify king salmon bag and possession limits in the terminal harvest area near Juneau

Commercial Salmon (4 proposals)

- 165 Change the start time of weekly drift gillnet fishing periods from Sunday to Monday
- 166 Allow for drift gillnets to be up to 90 meshes deep in District 11 beginning statistical week 34
- 167 Increase the legal length of purse seine by 50 fathoms
- 168 Modify regulations to make it unlawful to use aircraft for locating salmon during any open commercial purse seine fishing period

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 6: HERRING (20 proposals – Chair Chamberlain)

Sitka Herring (12 proposals)

- 171 Modify spawning biomass threshold minimum and maximum harvest rates for the herring sac roe fishery in Sections 13-A and 13-B
- 172 Reduce upper end of sliding scale harvest rate for Southeast Alaska commercial herring fisheries from 20 to 15 percent
- 173 Eliminate provisions to establish a guideline harvest level for the Sitka Sound herring sac roe herring fishery under 5 AAC 27.160
- 174 Establish a maximum guideline harvest level and minimum spawning biomass to conduct fisheries for the Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery
- 175 Establish a 15,000 ton harvest limit for the Sitka Sound sac roe fishery
- 176 Reduce the maximum harvest rate from 20 percent to 10 percent for the Sitka Sound herring sac roe fishery
- 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
- 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
- 179 Expand waters closed the Sitka Sound herring sac roe fishery to include Promisla Bay
- 180 Correct latitude of Aspid Cape for the southern boundary of the Section 13-B purse seine sac roe herring fishery
- 181 Establish provisions for conducting test setting in the Sitka Sound herring sac roe fishery
- 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

Herring Spawn on Kelp (5 proposals)



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- 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
- 184 Expand open area in Section 3-B for placement spawn on kelp pounds and to seining for taking of herring for pounds
- 185 Expand open area in Section 3-B for spawn on kelp pounds and to seining for taking of herring for pounds
- 186 Expand open area in Section 3-B for spawn on kelp pounds and to seining for taking of herring for pounds
- 187 Allow the use of large mesh webbing to surround spawn on kelp pound structure to protect structure and spawn on kelp product

All Commercial Herring (3 proposals)

- 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 in Southeast Alaska to 15,000 tons
- 189 Reduce by half the length limit of purse seine net for commercial herring harvest
- 190 Provide for co-management of herring fisheries with tribal governments