

**Preliminary Background Information on the
Alaska Board of Fisheries Meeting Cycle Review
Regarding Consideration of SB 137**

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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

LONG-TERM MEETING CYCLE

(Three-year cycle)

The board meeting cycle generally occurs from October through March. The board considers changes to regulations on a region-based schedule. All fisheries are considered when the regional area, shellfish species, or statewide regulations are before the board. The fisheries include subsistence, sport, guided sport, personal use, and commercial. Special petition and agenda change request procedures are available for the board to consider out-of-cycle requests.

NOTES:

1) Statewide shellfish regulations will not be considered every meeting cycle. When setting the future meeting schedule annually, the board will determine whether to consider statewide finfish or shellfish regulations for that meeting cycle.

2) The proposal deadline is April 10 every year. *If April 10 falls on a weekend, the proposal deadline is the Friday preceding that weekend.*

Meeting Cycle:	2008/2009	2011/2012	2014/2015	2017/2018
<u>Area:</u> Prince William Sound Area (All Finfish) Southeast/Yakutat Areas (All Finfish) Southeast/Yakutat Areas (King Crab, Tanner Crab, Dungeness Crab, Shrimp; and Miscellaneous Shellfish)				

Meeting Cycle:	2009/2010	2012/2013	2015/2016	2018/2019
<u>Area:</u> Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island Areas (All Finfish) Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Areas (All Finfish) Bristol Bay Area (All Finfish) Statewide Provisions for Finfish				

Meeting Cycle:	2010/2011	2013/2014	2016/2017	2019/2020
<u>Area:</u> Cook Inlet Area (All Finfish) Kodiak and Chignik Areas (All Finfish) King and Tanner Crab, Miscellaneous Shellfish (Statewide, except Southeast/Yakutat)				

THE MEETING CYCLE REPEATS ITSELF EVERY THREE YEARS. This schedule was adopted November 9, 1990, updated October 13, 2006.

Procedures for out-of-cycle actions

Board of Fisheries Agenda Change Request Policy (5 AAC 39.999)

Allows for out of cycle action for:

1. Conservation purpose
2. Correct errors
3. Unforeseen effect
4. Not mostly allocative

(form available)

And for coordination with federal agencies, programs, and laws

Joint Board Emergency Petition Policy (5 AAC 96.625(f))

Allows for out of cycle action for:

1. Unforeseen event that threatens resource
2. Unforeseen situation that would preclude biologically allowable resource harvest

Subsistence Proposal Policy (5 AAC 96.615(a))

Allows for out of cycle action:

1. For fish and game populations not previously considered
2. If expedited review required

Category 2 measures in BS/AI King/Tanner crab fishery (5 AAC 39.998)

Allows for out of cycle action:

1. For achieving consistency with federal Fishery Management Plan

BOARD OF FISHERIES MEETINGS (October 2003 through March 2009)

Meeting dates	Location	Topics	Number of proposals
2003/2004 BRISTOL BAY, A-Y-K, ALASKA PENINSULA CYCLE			
Oct. 1-3, 2003	Anchorage	Worksession (24 ACRs)	0
Oct. 4, 2003	Anchorage	Pribilof Islands blue king crab	1
Nov. 12-17, 2003	Anchorage	Statewide finfish	31
Nov. 18-19, 2003	Anchorage	Chignik purse seine coop fishery	6
Dec. 9-17, 2003	Anchorage	Bristol Bay finfish	75
Jan. 12-19, 2004	Fairbanks	Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim finfish	32
Feb. 15-26, 2004	Anchorage	Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands finfish	84
Apr. 4-5, 2004	Anchorage	Prince William Sound allocation plan	2
		total for cycle:	231
2004/2005 COOK INLET/KODIAK CYCLE			
Jul. 1, 2004	Teleconference	Teleconference re Kasilof sockeye	1
Jul. 5, 2004	Teleconference	Teleconference re Kasilof sockeye	1
Jul. 19, 2004	Teleconference	Teleconference re Kasilof and Kenai late-run sockeye	1
Aug. 4, 2004	Teleconference	Teleconference re Cook Inlet eastside commercial and Kenai PU	1
Sep. 28, 2004	Teleconference	Teleconference re Kenai River coho	1
Oct. 5-7, 2004	Anchorage	Worksession (24 ACRs)	0
Nov. 11-13, 2004	Anchorage	Lower Cook Inlet finfish	34
Nov. 14-17, 2004	Anchorage	Chignik finfish	33
Jan. 7-10, 2005	Anchorage	Kodiak finfish	134
Jan. 17-29, 2005	Anchorage	Upper Cook Inlet finfish	258
Mar. 7-13, 2005	Anchorage	Statewide king and Tanner crab, supplemental issues	68
		total for cycle:	532
2005/2006 PWS AND SOUTHEAST CYCLE			
Oct. 13-14, 2005	Girdwood	Worksession (45 ACRs)	0
Oct. 15-16, 2005	Girdwood	State-waters trawl	3
Nov. 15-16, 2005	Anchorage	Chignik salmon	1
Dec. 1-6, 2005	Valdez	Prince William Sound and Copper River finfish	84
Dec. 29, 2005	Teleconference	Teleconference re Adak P-cod	1
Jan. 22-Feb. 1, 2006	Ketchikan	Southeast and Yakutat finfish	142
Feb. 20-26, 2006	Ketchikan	Southeast groundfish, dungeness, shirmp, misc. shellfish; Aleutian Island P-cod	82
Mar. 17-23, 2006	Anchorage	Statewide dungeness, shrimp, misc. shellfish, supplemental issues	107
May 3, 2006	Teleconference	Bering Sea crab	1
		total for cycle:	421
2006/2007 BRISTOL BAY, A-Y-K, ALASKA PENINSULA CYCLE			
Oct. 12-13, 2006	Anchorage	Worksession (29 ACRs)	0
Oct. 14-15, 2006	Anchorage	State-waters trawl	6
Oct. 31, 2006	Teleconference	Teleconference re Adak pollock	1
Dec. 4-12, 2006	Dillingham	Bristol Bay finfish	120
Jan. 31-Feb. 5, 2007	Anchorage	Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim finfish	56
Feb. 6-11, 2007	Anchorage	Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands finfish	48
Mar. 9-13, 2007	Anchorage	Statewide finfish	29
Apr. 16, 2007	Teleconference	Petition on Upper Cook Inlet	1
		total for cycle:	261
2007/2008 COOK INLET/KODIAK CYCLE			
Oct. 9-11, 2007	Anchorage	Worksession (24 ACRs)	0
Nov. 11-15, 2007	Homer	Lower Cook Inlet finfish	31
Jan. 9-12, 2008	Anchorage	Chignik finfish	12
Jan. 14-18, 2008	Kodiak	Kodiak finfish	38
Feb. 1-12, 2008	Anchorage	Upper Cook Inlet finfish	286
Mar. 3-9, 2008	Anchorage	Statewide king and Tanner crab, supplemental issues	38
April 28, 2008	Teleconference	Southeast Chinook sport	1
May 9, 2008	Teleconference	Egegik and Ugashik seasons	1
Jun. 26, 2008	Teleconference	Cook Inlet dual permit net use	1
		total for cycle:	408
2008/2009 PWS AND SOUTHEAST CYCLE			
Oct. 8-10, 2008	Fairbanks	Worksession (12 ACRs)	0
Dec. 1-7, 2008	Cordova	Prince William Sound and Copper River finfish	139
Dec. 31, 2009	Teleconference	Statewaters P-cod	6
Jan. 21-27, 2009	Petersburg	Southeast Shellfish	66
Feb. 17-27, 2009	Sitka	Southeast Finfish	160
Mar. 16-20, 2009	Anchorage	Statewide Shellfish	19
		total for cycle:	390

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
2009/2010
TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

**Bristol Bay, Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim, and
Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands Finfish;
Statewide General Finfish Provisions;
and Supplemental Issues**

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 10, 2009

Dates	Topics	Location	Comment deadline
October 13-14, 2009 [2 days]	Work Session ACRs, cycle organization, Stocks of Concern	Anchorage Hilton Hotel	Sept. 29, 2009
December 1-8, 2009 [8 days]	Bristol Bay Finfish	Anchorage Hilton Hotel	Nov. 17, 2009
January 26-31, 2010 [6 days]	Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Finfish	Fairbanks Princess Lodge	Jan. 12, 2010
February 2-6, 2010 [5 days]	AK Peninsula/Aleutian Islands	Anchorage Egan Center	Jan. 12, 2010
March 16-20, 2010 [5 days]	Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues	Anchorage Hilton Hotel	Mar. 2, 2010

Total Meeting Days: 26

ACR Deadline: August 28, 2009 (45 days prior to worksession)

Adopted 10/9/08; subject to meeting space availability

Source of Fishery Proposals (2006/2007)

