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TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ROADMAP
(236 proposals)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 1: UPPER COOK INLET STOCKS OF CONCERN AND ACTION PLANS, AND UPPER COOK INLET MANAGEMENT PLAN (4 proposals)

Upper Cook Inlet Stocks of Concern and Action Plans

Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan (4)

- 103 Amend management plan to drop inriver goals from list of escapement goals, prioritize achieving the lower end over exceeding the upper end of an escapement goal, and require the department to utilize all prescriptive elements found in codified plans before going outside of codified plans to achieve established escapement goals.
- 104 Repeal the *Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan*.
- 105 Amend management plan to establish a harvest allocation between commercial set and drift gillnet fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet.
- 106 Repeal management plan and replace with a flexible management plan.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 2: LATE-RUN KENAI RIVER KING SALMON (12 proposals)

Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan – Sport and Commercial Fisheries (12)

- 207 Establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) of 20,000–40,000 Kenai River late-run king salmon.
- 208 Establish a biological escapement goal (BEG) of 17,800–35,700 Kenai River late-run king salmon.
- 209 Establish paired restrictions in sport, personal use, and commercial fisheries to meet sustainable escapement goal (SEG) and modify sport fishing liberalizations when goal is projected to be exceeded.
- 210 Modify *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan* to remove preamble language, establish a biological escapement goal (BEG) of 12,000–28,000 king salmon, increase emergency order (EO) hours for commercial fishing, and delete habitat and EO provisions.
- 211 Establish certain set gillnet gear restrictions implemented by department to meet escapement goal.
- 212 Modify management plan to allow restrictions to set gillnetters in the Upper Subdistrict when the late-run Kenai River king salmon sport fishery has gone to

- catch and release, including limiting how many nets a permit holder can fish; closing fishing within one-half mile offshore; and nonretention or sale of king salmon.
- 213 Close set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict, if the late-run Kenai River king salmon sport fishery is restricted to catch and release.
- 214 Amend the management plan to clarify provisions within the *Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan* exempt under this plan.
- 215 Allow set gillnet fishing to occur in East Forelands Section of the Upper District if projected inriver return is less than 40,000 king salmon, projected escapement is less than 15,000 king salmon, and inriver sport fishery is closed.
- 216 Amend management plan to change effective dates of provisions in the plan; delegate authority to the commissioner to manage restrictions by time, area, methods, and means during times of low king salmon abundance; and delete a provision in the plan.
- 217 Delete language in Cook Inlet management plans that restrict department's flexibility to manage salmon fisheries based on inseason abundance and add language that states the department shall manage common property fisheries for a reasonable opportunity to harvest salmon resources.
- 218 Use the southern Anchor River marker instead of the Bluff Point marker when restricting the marine king salmon fishery to protect Kenai River king salmon.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 3: EARLY-RUN KENAI RIVER KING SALMON (10 proposals)

Kenai River Early-Run King Salmon Sport Fishery (10)

- 190 Revise the management plan with measures that stabilize fisheries during low-run years, increase opportunities during large-run years, and eliminate the “slot limit” for king salmon.
- 186 Add a reference to the existing optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Kenai River early-run king salmon and provide department additional management flexibility.
- 187 Modify the Kenai River early-run king salmon plan to provide the department more flexibility when liberalizing the sport fishery.
- 188 Maintain existing optimal escapement goal (OEG) of 5,300–9,000 Kenai River early-run king salmon.
- 189 Modify Kenai River early-run king salmon optimal escapement goal (OEG) to 9,000–14,000 fish.
- 191 Repeal slot limit for Kenai River early-run king salmon.
- 192 Increase Kenai River early-run king salmon slot-limit size requirement.
- 193 Increase the Kenai River early-run king salmon slot-limit size requirement and extend slot limit through July 31.
- 194 Prohibit retention of early-run and late-run Kenai River king salmon 42 inches or greater in length.
- 196 Extend Kenai River early-run king salmon regulations through July 9.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 4: EARLY- AND LATE-RUN KENAI RIVER KING SALMON (21 proposals)

Kenai River Early- and Late-Run King Salmon Sport Fishery (11)

- 195 Prohibit retention of female king salmon greater than 33 inches in length in the Kenai River sport fishery.
- 197 Modify the Kenai River early- and late-run king salmon sport fisheries to begin seasons without bait and catch-and-release only.
- 198 Begin early- and late-run king salmon seasons with catch-and-release only and then liberalize during the season.
- 199 Allow catch-and-release fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River when runs are projected to be below the escapement goal.
- 200 Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River.
- 201 Establish the lower Slikok Creek king salmon sanctuary area as the lower boundary for restrictive actions in July to conserve early-run king salmon and prohibit bait for an additional two weeks in July in those waters.
- 202 Increase Slikok Creek king salmon sanctuary area an additional 200 yards.
- 203 Increase Slikok Creek king salmon sanctuary area an additional 600 feet.
- 204 Increase Killey River king salmon sanctuary area an additional 600 feet.
- 205 Close Kenai River tributaries to all fishing July 1–August 30, and the Kenai River mainstem upstream of river mile 13 from July 10–September 20.
- 206 Close the Kenai River upstream of the Soldotna Bridge to sport fishing for king salmon.

Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Sport Fishery (10)

- 219 Close sections of the Kenai River to sport fishing for king salmon during July.
- 220 Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon every other mile on the Kenai River between Eagle Rock and the Soldotna Bridge.
- 221 In times of low escapement of Kenai River king salmon, close or create conservation zones where king salmon spawn.
- 222 Prohibit use of eggs for bait in the Kenai River king salmon sport fishery.
- 223 Prohibit use of bait in the Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries.
- 224 Require barbless hooks when use of bait is prohibited on the Kenai River.
- 225 Modify Kenai River king salmon annual limit to two fish, of which only one may be greater than 28 inches in length.
- 226 Prohibit proxy fishing for king salmon in the Kenai River.
- 227 Require department to demonstrate a significant savings of fish when restricting Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries.
- 228 Stock the Kenai River with 50,000 king salmon smolt.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 5: KENAI RIVER LATE-RUN SOCKEYE SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN, KASILOF RIVER SOCKEYE MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND COMMERCIAL FISHING SEASONS, PERIODS, AND PERMIT STACKING (31 proposals)

Kenai Late-Sockeye Salmon Management Plan – Sport, Commercial, and Personal Use (15)

- 157 Amend management plan to remove references to Northern District coho, late-run Kenai River king, Kenai River coho salmon stocks; add language that states the department shall manage common property fisheries for a reasonable opportunity to harvest salmon resources; and change plan to manage late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon for a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 750,000–900,000.
- 158 Amend management plan to remove references to Northern District coho, late-run Kenai River king, Kenai River coho salmon stocks and add language that states the department shall manage common property fisheries for a reasonable opportunity to harvest salmon resources.
- 159 Modify management plan to change optimum escapement goal (OEG), inriver goals, and run-strength trigger points for late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon; and modify restrictions on the sport fishery when run strength is below 2,000,000 sockeye salmon.
- 160 Amend management plan to establish a single optimum escapement goal (OEG) for late-run sockeye salmon and direct the department to manage for this OEG.
- 161 Amend management plan to change the upper end of the three inriver goals (tiers) for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon to 1,500,000.
- 162 Amend management plan to manage late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon for an escapement goal of 550,000–750,000 sockeye salmon.
- 163 Modify management plan to achieve late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 700,000–1,200,000 instead of the optimum escapement goal (OEG) of 700,000–1,400,000; modify the inriver goal; and remove some provisions in the plan.
- 164 Amend management plan to re-establish commercial priority for sockeye salmon in Upper Cook Inlet.
- 165 Amend management plan to allow the 24-hour closure period (or "window") to be scheduled at any time during the week, and change the 36-hour closure period to 24 hours and allow it to be scheduled between 7:00 p.m. Thursday and 11:59 p.m. Sunday.
- 166 Amend management plan to allow the 24-hour window, when the commercial set gillnet fishery is closed in the Upper Subdistrict, to be scheduled between the regular Monday and Thursday fishing periods.
- 167 Remove 24- and 36-hour closure periods ("windows") in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery after July 31.
- 168 Liberalize the Kenai River sockeye salmon bag and possession limit when the run is forecasted to exceed 2.3 million fish.
- 169 Increase Kenai River sockeye salmon bag and possession limit to six fish when commercial fishing is opened by emergency order (EO) after July 1.
- 170 Increase possession limit for Kenai River sockeye salmon from three to six fish.

- 171 Amend management plan to require fishing closures ("windows") to Kenai River
inriver sport fish and personal use fisheries when there are closure periods for the
Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery.

Kasilof Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (9)

- 148 Amend management plan to include a biological escapement goal (BEG) of
160,000–340,000 sockeye salmon and clarify intent of provision regarding meeting
lower end of optimum escapement goal (OEG) over exceeding upper end of OEG.
- 149 Direct the department to manage late-run Kasilof River sockeye salmon to achieve
a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 160,000–340,000; remove the optimum
escapement goal (OEG) of 160,000–390,000; and remove some provisions in the
management plan.
- 150 Modify management, including changing effective dates and reference for Kasilof
River sockeye salmon from optimal escapement goal (OEG) to biological
escapement goal (BEG).
- 151 Modify management plan after July 15 such that the trigger point for Kenai River
late-run sockeye salmon run strength is changed from 2,300,000 to 2,000,000 and
the 24-hour restriction on additional fishing time is removed.
- 152 Amend management plan to allow department to manage Kasilof River sockeye
salmon primarily for commercial uses based on abundance and meet a spawning
escapement goal of 150,000–250,000 sockeye salmon.
- 153 Amend management plan to allow set gillnets to be operated and restrict drift
gillnets within 1,200 feet of the mean high tide mark in Kasilof River Special
Harvest Area.
- 154 Amend management plan to open the set gillnet fishery in the South K-Beach
statistical area (244-10) when the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area is opened.
- 155 Modify management plan to change effective dates and require 36-hour closure
periods ("windows") take place after July 1.
- 156 Establish an additional 24-hour window in the Kasilof area prior to July 7, limit
extra fishing periods in the Kasilof area after July 7 when the Kenai area is closed,
and limit use of the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area, as follows:

Permit Stacking, Fishing Seasons and Periods (7)

- 126 Prohibit permit stacking in the commercial set and drift gillnet fisheries in Upper
Cook Inlet.
- 111 Modify fishing seasons and remove restrictions on commercial set gillnet fishing in
the Upper Subdistrict.
- 112 Change the estimated number of sockeye salmon in the Kasilof River that allows
the department to open the Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict to set gillnetting
on or after June 25.
- 113 Change the estimated number of sockeye salmon in the Kasilof River from 50,000
to 60,000, which allows the department to open the Kasilof Section of the Upper
Subdistrict to set gillnetting on or after June 25.
- 114 Allow weekly fishing periods for the set gillnet fishery in the Central District to end
at 10:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.

- 115 Change when the set gillnet fishery opens in the Kenai and East Forelands sections of the Upper Subdistrict from July 8 to July 1 and remove the reference that closes the fishery by emergency order (EO) under the "one-percent rule".
- 118 Open North-Kenai Beach (244-32) to commercial setnet fishing on July 1–7 for regularly scheduled 8-hour periods, fishing predominately during ebb tides, with setnet gear restricted to 29 meshes deep.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – GROUP 6: CENTRAL DISTRICT DRIFT AND PINK SALMON MANAGEMENT PLANS, FISHING SEASONS, PERMIT STACKING AND COHO SALMON (39 proposals)

Drift Management Plan (13)

- 135 Modify management plan to remove provisions 5 AAC 21.353(a)(2)(A), (B), and (C) in the management plan.
- 136 Modify management plan to change dates of drift fishery to June 19–September 1 and run-strength trigger points for late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon; remove area restrictions in July; and modify provisions affecting additional fishing periods.
- 137 Modify management plan to remove area restrictions and change expanded corridor area.
- 138 Restrict drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections from June 19–August 10.
- 139 Restrict drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections.
- 140 Amend management plan to restrict drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections.
- 141 Modify management plan to provide reasonable opportunity for Northern District set gillnetters to harvest all salmon stocks.
- 142 Amend management plan to provide Northern Cook Inlet Management Area subsistence users and personal use dipnetters a reasonable opportunity to harvest salmon by restricting commercial gillnet fishing to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections of the Upper Subdistrict from June 19 through August 10.
- 143 Require drift permit holders to register to fish in one of two specific Central District drift fisheries.
- 144 Amend management plan to provide reasonable subsistence, personal use, and commercial set netting harvest opportunity and manage the drift gillnet fishery so that any commercial drift fishing opportunity outside the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections is based on abundance of Northern District sockeye and coho salmon.
- 145 Amend management plan to add a section about mixed-stock salmon management, using the long-term commercial harvest report as a tool to reduce harvest of salmon stocks by the drift gillnet fishery in the Central District.
- 146 Develop an inseason harvest estimate.
- 147 Amend management plan to reduce sport fish bag limit to two coho salmon in all sport fisheries on the west side of Cook Inlet and restrict drift gillnet fishing to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections, if sport fishing for coho salmon is restricted or closed in the Little Susitna River.

Fishing Periods and Permit Stacking (2)

- 122 Allow weekly fishing periods for the drift gillnet fishery in the Central District to be moved up to 36 hours when the NOAA forecast for Area 140, Cook Inlet north of Kamishak Bay and English Bay, is calling for winds above 23 knots, including small craft advisory, and gale or storm force winds.
- 127 Allow one individual to hold two limited entry drift gillnet permits and fish both at the same time from the same vessel.

Pink Salmon Management Plan (8)

- 173 Modify confusing provisions of the management plan to reference the Upper Subdistrict to ensure they meet board intent as originally adopted.
- 174 Modify pink salmon management and/or develop a new management plan to allow for harvests of earlier-arriving Northern pink salmon and later-arriving Kenai and Kasilof pink salmon.
- 175 Amend management plan to read that the department shall manage Cook Inlet pink salmon stocks primarily for commercial uses to provide an economic yield from the harvest of these salmon resources based on abundance.
- 176 Amend fishing seasons and management plan to remove restrictions on set gillnet fishing in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands sections of the Upper Subdistrict in August, and change mesh size from four and three-quarters inches to four and seven-eighths inches when fishing for pink salmon.
- 177 Remove provisions restricting harvest of pink salmon in Upper Cook Inlet and add language to allow harvest of pink salmon from August 1–15 during even-numbered years, with mesh-size restrictions of five inches or less; no restrictions on area of operation relative to shore; and manage pink salmon based on harvest or escapement goals.
- 178 Modify management plan to remove the 600-foot restriction and allow set gillnets to be operated from shore for pink salmon in the Upper Subdistrict.
- 179 Amend management plan to remove restriction that only allows operation of set gillnets 600 feet or greater from the shoreline.
- 180 Develop a management plan to harvest pink salmon in Upper Cook Inlet.

Coho Salmon (16)

- 107 Allow commercial set gillnet fishing to occur in areas where commercial drift gillnetting is allowed in the Central District of Upper Cook Inlet.
- 108 Allow commercial salmon fishing in the Central District to remain open until closed by emergency order (EO).
- 109 Allow commercial salmon fishing in Central District to remain open until closed by emergency order (EO).
- 110 Allow commercial salmon fishing in the Central District to remain open until closed by emergency order (EO).
- 116 Remove provision where the set gillnet fishery in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands sections of the Upper Subdistrict will close after July if less than one percent of the total season's sockeye is harvested in two consecutive fishing periods ("one-percent rule") and end fishing season on August 15.

- 117 Remove provision where the set gillnet fishery in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands sections of the Upper Subdistrict will close after July if less than one percent of the total season's sockeye is harvested in two consecutive fishing periods ("one-percent rule"); end fishing season on August 15; and allow regular fishing periods only from August 11–15.
- 119 Change how the department determines if less than one percent of the season's total sockeye salmon harvest has been taken in the Upper Subdistrict.
- 120 Allow commercial salmon fishing in the Central District to remain open on Mondays and Thursdays until closed by emergency order (EO).
- 131 Close waters within one statute mile of the Little Susitna River to commercial fishing.
- 132 Close waters within one statute mile of the Little Susitna River to commercial fishing.
- 248 Start the three coho salmon bag limit on the Kenai River two weeks earlier on August 15.
- 263 Allow fishing for coho salmon from a guided vessel in the Kenai River on Labor Day.
- 264 Allow anglers on the Kenai River to fish for coho salmon from a registered guide vessel on Mondays beginning September 1.
- 265 Allow Kenai River anglers upstream of the inlet of Skilak Lake inlet to fish for coho salmon from a registered guide vessel on Mondays beginning August 1.
- 319 Define area open to fishing within the Jim Creek drainage, limit sport fishing from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the coho salmon season, close specific lakes to fishing, and prohibit continued fishing after taking a bag limit of salmon.
- 320 Limit hours open to sport fishing in Jim Creek from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE A: PERSONAL USE (25 proposals)

Board committee members: Huntington – chair; Morisky; and Jeffrey.

Personal Use Fisheries (25)

- 269 Update sockeye salmon numbers within the personal use salmon management plan to align with the *Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan*.
- 270 Clarify when a person is required to record their harvest within Upper Cook Inlet personal use salmon fisheries regulations.
- 271 Direct department to provide permit holder information to enforcement officials if permit holder fails to return their permit.
- 272 Require a person to show proof of residency prior to a permit being issued and require personal use fishery to be closed if more than five percent of permits are not returned.
- 273 Exempt a person obtaining a personal use dipnet permit for Cook Inlet from requirement that the person is the holder of a valid resident sport fish license or is a resident exempt from licensing under AS 16.05.400.
- 274 Require online permitting for personal use permits, establish penalties for violations, and reduce household limit to 15 per head of household and 5 for each additional member.

- 275 Limit the number of Cook Inlet personal use permits that can be issued to 30,000 permits.
- 276 Open Kenai River personal use fishery after 350,000 sockeye salmon escapement has been reached.
- 277 Open Kenai River personal use fishery after escapement has been met.
- 278 Prohibit emergency order (EO) authority liberalizing personal use salmon fishery to 24 hours per day, but allow for increased harvest limits.
- 279 Modify existing Kenai River personal use fishery hours from 6:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m., to 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
- 280 Reduce Kenai River personal use fishing season, establish paired restrictions with commercial fishery to achieve inriver goal, and prohibit retention of king salmon.
- 172 Close the Kenai River personal use fishery when it is announced the sockeye salmon optimal escapement goal (OEG) may not be met.
- 281 Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Kenai River personal use fishery.
- 282 Extend the Kenai River personal use fishery into August.
- 283 Reduce household limits for Kenai River personal use fishery based upon Kenai River sockeye salmon run size.
- 284 Establish harvest allocations for the Kenai River personal use fishery based upon Kenai River sockeye salmon run size.
- 285 Prohibit dipnetting from boats in the Kenai River personal use fishery.
- 286 Establish a no-wake zone and maximum speed limit on the Kenai River between river mile 3 and 4.5 during the personal use fishery.
- 287 Reduce allowable mesh size to 2-inch mesh in Cook Inlet personal use dipnet fisheries.
- 288 Prohibit release of salmon caught in Cook Inlet personal use fisheries.
- 289 Require fish waste from the Kenai River personal use fishery to be ground up to three-quarters inch.
- 290 Change dates for the Kasilof River personal use (PU) set gillnet fishery from June 15–24 to June 20–30, and close the PU set gillnet fishery and require release of all king salmon in the PU dipnet fishery when sport fish restrictions are placed on king salmon in the Kenai or Kasilof rivers.
- 291 Extend fishing season for personal use smelt fishery from April 1 through June 15.
- 318 Open the Fish Creek personal use fishery unless the sockeye salmon escapement is projected to be less than 50,000 fish.

COMMITTEE B: COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING (13 proposals)

Board committee members: Kluberton – chair; Jensen ; and Johnson.

Fishing Districts, Seasons, Periods, Gear, Gillnet Specifications, Registration, Closed Waters, and Reporting Requirements (9)

- 121 Allow regularly-scheduled commercial fishing periods on Mondays and Thursdays, through July 18.
- 123 Change regularly-scheduled fishing periods in the Kalgin Island and Western subdistricts to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday.
- 124 Correct errors in regulation regarding regulatory marker locations and fixed positions of area boundaries.

- 125 Allow selective harvest modules (SHM), under certain specifications and operations, to be used to commercially harvest salmon in the Upper Subdistrict of the Central District.
- 81 Establish various management measures to address decline in returning king salmon to Cook Inlet, including requiring net gear be certified as avoiding king salmon interception and closing commercial herring fisheries. *(The finfish aspects of this proposal were discussed at the Lower Cook Inlet meeting. The king and Tanner crab aspects of this proposal will be considered during the Statewide King and Tanner Crab meeting.)*
- 128 Amend references to registration requirements for set and drift gillnetting in Upper Cook Inlet.
- 129 Remove registration requirement for joint operation of drift gillnet gear.
- 130 Require CFEC setnet permit holders registered in the Upper Subdistrict to fish in only one section (Kasilof or Kenai) for the entire season.
- 133 Require the number of commercially-harvested king salmon to be recorded by length (under 20" and over 20") on fish tickets.

West Side Rivers (2)

- 134 Amend management plan to include all waters of the Kalgin Island Subdistrict and reduce fishing time from three days a week to two days a week.
- 79 Close waters to commercial fishing within one statute mile of the terminus of any anadromous fish stream in Cook Inlet as measured from mean lower low tide, not mean high tide. *(This proposal was also discussed at the Lower Cook Inlet Finfish meeting.)*

Northern Pike (2)

- 181 Establish a commercial fishery for Northern pike in Upper Cook Inlet.
- 182 Establish a five-dollar bounty for northern pike.

COMMITTEE C: KENAI RESIDENT SPECIES, GUIDES, BOUNDARIES, AND HABITAT (22 proposals)

Board committee members: Johnson – chair; Jeffrey; and Huntington.

Sport – Kenai River Resident Species (7)

- 252 Open rainbow trout fishing year-round in the Kenai River downstream of an ADF&G marker located upstream of the Lower Killey River, and increase rainbow trout spawning closure area below the Upper Killey River by approximately three-quarters of a river mile.
- 253 Open rainbow trout fishing year-round in the Kenai River downstream of an ADF&G marker, designating the upper end of the Killey River king salmon sanctuary, and increase the rainbow trout spawning closure area located above the Upper Killey River.
- 254 Allow fishing for trout on the Kenai River below Moose River using bait beginning June 1 and restrict gear.

- 255 Move Hidden Lake Creek and Hidden Lake special provisions from the Lower Section management area to the Middle Section management area.
- 256 Reduce spawning closure period on Crescent Lake/Crescent Creek.
- 257 Create a spawning closure period on Bench Lake and Bench Creek for Arctic grayling.
- 258 Remove liberal gear limits of five lines allowed while fishing through ice on Stormy Lake for northern pike.

Guides – Kenai and Kasilof Rivers (7)

- 259 From May 1 to July 31, limit hours allowed for boat anglers; limit guides to 10 starts per week; and clarify department emergency order (EO) authority.
- 260 Allow guided fishing on the Kenai River seven days per week, but guides can only operate during five days of their choosing.
- 261 Allow five anglers to fish from a registered guide vessel on the Kenai River during the month on July.
- 262 Prohibit sport fishing from a registered guide vessel downstream from the outlet of Kenai Lake on Sundays and Mondays.
- 266 Prohibit a registered guide who guides on the Kenai River from guiding on the Kasilof River when the Kenai River is closed to guided fishing on Sundays and Mondays.
- 267 Limit the number of guides on the Kenai River to 200.
- 268 Placeholder proposal to allow stakeholders, department, and board to discuss proposed regulatory action based on results of 2012 Kenai River Freshwater Logbook data.

Sport – Kenai River Boundaries and Habitat (8)

- 229 Modify description of the Lower Section of the Kenai River to denote the mouth of the Kenai River.
- 230 Add a reference to an ADF&G regulatory marker at the outlet of Skilak Lake.
- 231 Remove a small section of water in the Moose River open to king salmon fishing.
- 232 Modify the boundary for prohibiting sport fishing from a boat around the Moose River.
- 233 Prohibit sport fishing within the Soldotna Centennial Campground boat launch lagoon.
- 234 Establish a new Kenai River riparian habitat area closed to fishing July 1–August 15.
- 235 Require the department to conduct habitat assessments on Upper Cook Inlet rivers related to sport and personal use fisheries.
- 236 Require submission of findings and proposals if the Kenai River riparian habitat assessment demonstrates a loss of riparian habitat.

**COMMITTEE D: NORTHERN COOK INLET ESCAPEMENT GOALS, AND
COMMERCIAL, SPORT, AND SUBSISTENCE FISHING (32 proposals)**

Board committee members: Jensen – chair; Morisky; and Kluberton.

Escapement Goals (6)

- 300 Establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Deshka River coho salmon.
- 301 Adopt a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) established by the department or establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Kashwitna River king salmon.
- 309 Develop and adopt a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) or optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Big River and Kustatan River coho salmon.
- 313 Adopt a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) established by the department or establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Little Susitna River sockeye salmon.
- 315 Adopt a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) established by the department or establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Little Susitna River chum salmon.
- 321 Adopt a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) established by the department or establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Moose Creek king salmon.

Northern District Commercial Salmon (4)

- 292 Modify management plan to restrict commercial king salmon fishing in the Northern District if sport fishing in the Deshka River is restricted to artificial lures, or close commercial king salmon fishing in the Northern District if sport fishing is restricted to catch and release or closed in Susitna River tributary streams upriver from the Deshka River.
- 293 Modify management plan to restrict commercial set gillnet fishing to one regular 12-hour period per week in the Northern District if sport fishing in the Deshka River is restricted to artificial lures; or close the Northern District to commercial fishing, if sport fishing is closed in the Little Susitna River, Fish Creek, Jim Creek, or Deshka River.
- 294 Modify management plan to manage Northern District commercial salmon fisheries based on abundance of Northern District sockeye and coho salmon.
- 295 Amend management plan to remove references to Northern District coho, late-run Kenai River king, Kenai River coho salmon stocks, and add language that states the department shall manage common property fisheries for a reasonable opportunity to harvest salmon resources.

Susitna River Drainage Sport Fisheries (9)

- 296 Adopt a Deshka River king salmon management plan.
- 297 Adopt a Deshka River king salmon management plan.
- 298 Allow use of bait in the Deshka River on June 1 instead of May 15.
- 299 Stock Deshka River with king salmon.
- 302 Prohibit sport fishing for all salmon in Larson Creek and its confluence with the Talkeetna River from June 1–September 30.
- 303 Prohibit sport fishing in Larson Creek and its confluence with Talkeetna River from June 15–August 15.

- 304 Prohibit sport fishing at the outlet of Larson Lake.
- 305 Close the Fish Creek drainage to sport fishing for salmon.
- 306 Move several lakes from Unit 4 of the Susitna River drainage to Unit 1.

Subsistence – Susitna Salmon (2)

- 307 Extend subsistence salmon fishery from July 31 to the first Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in August.
- 308 Allow salmon to be harvested by dipnet upstream of the Yentna/Susitna confluence to an ADF&G marker located 300 feet downstream of the department's Yentna River sonar.

Sport Fisheries – Knik River Area, Anchorage Area (11)

- 310 Allow harvest of king and coho salmon only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in the Little Susitna River, and reduce harvest limits.
- 311 Direct the department to begin stocking coho salmon into the Little Susitna River.
- 312 Direct the department to begin stocking coho salmon into the Little Susitna River.
- 314 Open Little Susitna River sockeye salmon sport fishery by emergency order (EO) and only when escapement of 2,500 sockeye salmon can be projected.
- 316 Require use of four-stroke outboard motors on Little Susitna River and limit the number of outboards on the river per day.
- 317 Prohibit sport fishing from a boat during the coho salmon season on the Little Susitna River.
- 322 Amend area open to sport fishing for king salmon in the Eklutna Tailrace.
- 323 Create a youth-only king salmon fishery in the Eklutna Tailrace.
- 376 Create a youth-only coho salmon fishery in the Eklutna Tailrace.
- 324 Update stocked lakes list for the Knik Arm drainage area.
- 325 Reduce bag limit for landlocked king and other salmon in Anchorage stocked lakes.

COMMITTEE E: UPPER COOK INLET/KENAI/KASILOF SPORT (27 proposals)

Board committee members: Morisky – chair; Kluberton ; and Jeffrey.

Cook Inlet – Areawide Sport Fisheries (13)

- 47 Prohibit use of barbed hooks while sport fishing for salmon in Cook Inlet fresh waters. *(This proposal was also discussed at the Lower Cook Inlet Finfish meeting.)*
- 48 Designate all waters where catch-and-release fishing occurs on salmon as single, unbaited, barbless-hook waters. *(This proposal was also discussed at the Lower Cook Inlet Finfish meeting.)*
- 49 Establish criteria to designate waters in Cook Inlet as single, unbaited, barbless hooks waters. *(This proposal was also discussed at the Lower Cook Inlet Finfish meeting.)*
- 50 Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for coho salmon in all Cook Inlet fresh waters. *(This proposal was also discussed at the Lower Cook Inlet Finfish meeting.)*
- 52 Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for salmon in all Cook Inlet fresh waters. *(This proposal was also discussed at the Lower Cook Inlet Finfish meeting.)*
- 53 Prohibit anglers who are releasing a fish from removing the head of a fish out of the water. *(This proposal was also discussed at the Lower Cook Inlet Finfish meeting.)*

- 54 Prohibit sport fishing in major spawning areas where spawning fish are present in Cook Inlet salmon waters. *(This proposal was also discussed at the Lower Cook Inlet Finfish meeting.)*
- 183 Adopt a policy that prohibits sport fishing within 50 percent of identified salmon spawning areas in all Upper Cook Inlet salmon waters.
- 55 Decrease Cook Inlet king salmon annual limit to two king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, of which only one can be from the Kenai River. *(This proposal was also discussed at the Lower Cook Inlet Finfish meeting.)*
- 56 Decrease the Cook Inlet saltwater king salmon bag and possession limit to one king salmon and reduce the annual limit to two king salmon. *(This proposal was also discussed at the Lower Cook Inlet Finfish meeting.)*
- 184 Require sport, personal use, and subsistence fishermen to record and report king salmon harvest information within a 24-hour period.
- 185 Require daily reporting of all salmon harvested in Upper Cook Inlet salmon fisheries by all user groups.
- 57 Limit amount of sport-caught fish that may be exported to 100 pounds of fillets. *(This proposal was also discussed at the Lower Cook Inlet Finfish meeting.)*

Sport – Kenai River Vessel Restrictions (7)

- 237 Add an additional drift boat-only day (Thursdays) on the Kenai River.
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- 240 Prohibit sport fishing from a vessel on Mondays in the Kenai River downstream of Skilak Lake during May, June, and July.
- 241 Prohibit fishing from a vessel on the Kenai River from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. during May, June, and July.
- 242 Restrict outboard motor use on the Kenai River to 10 horsepower or less.
- 243 Beginning in 2015, prohibit outboard motor exhaust from being discharged into the waters of the Kenai River.

Sport – Kenai and Kasilof Rivers Salmon (7)

- 244 Close Hidden Lake Creek and Jean Lake Creek to salmon fishing.
- 245 Prohibit sport fishing for salmon in Russian River upstream of the power line.
- 246 Prohibit barbed hooks when sport fishing in the Middle Section of the Kenai River drainage, including Russian River.
- 247 Allow snagging of sockeye salmon in the Kenai River.
- 249 Prohibit use of eggs for bait in the Kasilof River king salmon sport fishery.
- 250 Prohibit retention of female king salmon greater than 33 inches in length in the Kasilof River sport fishery.
- 251 Reduce king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish on the Kasilof River.