

Summary of Department Positions, Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fish Meeting, 2013

Proposal No.	Dept. Position	Issue	Page No.
47	O / N	Prohibit use of barbed hooks while sport fishing for salmon in Cook Inlet fresh waters.	280
48	O / N	Designate all waters where catch-and-release fishing occurs on salmon as single, unbaited, barbless-hook waters.	283
49	O / N	Establish criteria to designate waters in Cook Inlet as single, unbaited, barbless hooks waters.	286
50	O	Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for coho salmon in all Cook Inlet fresh waters.	289
52	O	Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for salmon in all Cook Inlet fresh waters.	291
53	O	Prohibit anglers who are releasing a fish from removing the head of a fish out of the water.	293
54	O	Prohibit sport fishing in major spawning areas where spawning fish are present in Cook Inlet salmon waters.	294
55	O / N	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.	297
56	O / N	Decrease the Cook Inlet saltwater king salmon bag and possession limit to one king salmon and reduce the annual limit to two king salmon.	299
57	O	Limit amount of sport-caught fish that may be exported to 100 pounds of fillets.	305
79	O / N	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.	106
81	O / N	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.	91
121	N	Allow regularly-scheduled commercial fishing periods on Mondays and Thursdays, through July 18.	84
123	N	Change regularly-scheduled fishing periods in the Kalgin Island and Western subdistricts to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday.	86
124	S	Correct errors in regulation regarding regulatory marker locations and fixed positions of area boundaries.	88
125	N	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.	89
128	S	Amend references to registration requirements for set and drift gillnetting in Upper Cook Inlet.	93
129	S	Remove registration requirement for joint operation of drift gillnet gear.	94
130	N	Require CFEC setnet permit holders registered in the Upper Subdistrict to fish in only one section (Kasilof or Kenai) for the entire season.	96
133	O	Require the number of commercially-harvested king salmon to be recorded by length (under 20" and over 20") on fish tickets.	99
134	N	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.	103
172	N	Close the Kenai River personal use fishery when it is announced the sockeye salmon optimal escapement goal (OEG) may not be met.	35
181	N	Establish a commercial fishery for Northern pike in Upper Cook Inlet.	109
182	NP	Establish a five-dollar bounty for northern pike.	110
183	O	Adopt a policy that prohibits sport fishing within 50 percent of identified salmon spawning areas in all Upper Cook Inlet salmon waters.	295

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184	O	Require sport, personal use, and subsistence fishermen to record and report king salmon harvest information within a 24-hour period.	301
185	O	Require daily reporting of all salmon harvested in Upper Cook Inlet salmon fisheries by all user groups.	303
229	S	Modify description of the Lower Section of the Kenai River to denote the mouth of the Kenai River.	161
230	S	Add a reference to an ADF&G regulatory marker at the outlet of Skilak Lake.	163
231	S	Remove a small section of water in the Moose River open to king salmon fishing.	166
232	S	Modify the boundary for prohibiting sport fishing from a boat around the Moose River.	168
233	N	Prohibit sport fishing within the Soldotna Centennial Campground boat launch lagoon.	170
234	S	Establish a new Kenai River riparian habitat area closed to fishing July 1–August 15.	172
235	NA	Require the department to conduct habitat assessments on Upper Cook Inlet rivers related to sport and personal use fisheries.	174
236	NC	Require submission of findings and proposals if the Kenai River riparian habitat assessment demonstrates a loss of riparian habitat.	177
237	N	Add an additional drift boat-only day (Thursdays) on the Kenai River.	306
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239	N	Add an additional drift boat-only day on the Kenai River.	308
240	O/N	Prohibit sport fishing from a vessel on Mondays in the Kenai River downstream of Skilak Lake during May, June, and July.	310
241	O	Prohibit fishing from a vessel on the Kenai River from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. during May, June, and July.	316
242	O	Restrict outboard motor use on the Kenai River to 10 horsepower or less.	322
243	O	Beginning in 2015, prohibit outboard motor exhaust from being discharged into the waters of the Kenai River.	324
244	S	Close Hidden Lake Creek and Jean Lake Creek to salmon fishing.	326
245	O	Prohibit sport fishing for salmon in Russian River upstream of the power line.	329
246	O	Prohibit barbed hooks when sport fishing in the Middle Section of the Kenai River drainage, including Russian River.	335
247	O/N	Allow snagging of sockeye salmon in the Kenai River.	342
249	O	Prohibit use of eggs for bait in the Kasilof River king salmon sport fishery.	343
250	O	Prohibit retention of female king salmon greater than 33 inches in length in the Kasilof River sport fishery.	344
251	O	Reduce king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish on the Kasilof River.	347
252	S	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.	111
253	S	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.	111
254	O	Allow fishing for trout on the Kenai River below Moose River using bait beginning June 1 and restrict gear.	115
255	S	Move Hidden Lake Creek and Hidden Lake special provisions from the Lower Section management area to the Middle Section management area.	118
256	S	Reduce spawning closure period on Crescent Lake/Crescent Creek.	120
257	S	Create a spawning closure period on Bench Lake and Bench Creek for Arctic grayling.	124

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258	S	Remove liberal gear limits of five lines allowed while fishing through ice on Stormy Lake for northern pike.	126
259	N	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.	127
260	N	Allow guided fishing on the Kenai River seven days per week, but guides can only operate during five days of their choosing.	136
261	N	Allow five anglers to fish from a registered guide vessel on the Kenai River during the month on July.	144
262	N	Prohibit sport fishing from a registered guide vessel downstream from the outlet of Kenai Lake on Sundays and Mondays.	152
266	N	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.	156
267	N	Limit the number of guides on the Kenai River to 200.	158
268	NP	Placeholder proposal to allow stakeholders, department, and board to discuss proposed regulatory action based on results of 2012 Kenai River Freshwater Logbook data.	160
269	S	Update sockeye salmon numbers within the personal use salmon management plan to align with the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan.	1
270	S	Clarify when a person is required to record their harvest within Upper Cook Inlet personal use salmon fisheries regulations.	2
271	N	Direct department to provide permit holder information to enforcement officials if permit holder fails to return their permit.	3
272	O	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.	6
273	O	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.	9
274	N	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.	10
275	N	Limit the number of Cook Inlet personal use permits that can be issued to 30,000 permits.	18
276	N	Open Kenai River personal use fishery after 350,000 sockeye salmon escapement has been reached.	21
277	N	Open Kenai River personal use fishery after escapement has been met.	25
278	N	Prohibit emergency order (EO) authority liberalizing personal use salmon fishery to 24 hours per day, but allow for increased harvest limits.	28
279	N	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.	31
280	N	Reduce Kenai River personal use fishing season, establish paired restrictions with commercial fishery to achieve inriver goal, and prohibit retention of king salmon.	32
281	N	Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Kenai River personal use fishery.	36
282	O/N	Extend the Kenai River personal use fishery into August.	38
283	N/O	Reduce household limits for Kenai River personal use fishery based upon Kenai River sockeye salmon run size.	45
284	N	Establish harvest allocations for the Kenai River personal use fishery based upon Kenai River sockeye salmon run size.	54
285	N	Prohibit dipnetting from boats in the Kenai River personal use fishery.	65
286	O	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.	67

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287	N/O	Reduce allowable mesh size to 2-inch mesh in Cook Inlet personal use dipnet fisheries.	69
288	O	Prohibit release of salmon caught in Cook Inlet personal use fisheries.	71
289	N	Require fish waste from the Kenai River personal use fishery to be ground up to three-quarters inch.	72
290	N	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.	73
291	N	Extend fishing season for personal use smelt fishery from April 1 through June 15.	77
292	N	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.	200
293	N	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.	206
294	N	Modify management plan to manage Northern District commercial salmon fisheries based on abundance of Northern District sockeye and coho salmon.	215
295	N	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.	223
296	O	Adopt a Deshka River king salmon management plan.	225
297	O/N	Adopt a Deshka River king salmon management plan.	229
298	N	Allow use of bait in the Deshka River on June 1 instead of May 15.	233
299	N	Stock Deshka River with king salmon.	236
300	NP	Establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Deshka River coho salmon.	178
301	NP	Adopt a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) established by the department or establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Kashwitna River king salmon.	182
302	N	Prohibit sport fishing for all salmon in Larson Creek and its confluence with the Talkeetna River from June 1–September 30.	238
303	N	Prohibit sport fishing in Larson Creek and its confluence with Talkeetna River from June 15–August 15.	240
304	NA	Prohibit sport fishing at the outlet of Larson Lake.	241
305	N	Close the Fish Creek drainage to sport fishing for salmon.	242
306	S	Move several lakes from Unit 4 of the Susitna River drainage to Unit 1.	244
307	N	Extend subsistence salmon fishery from July 31 to the first Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in August.	246
308	N	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.	252
309	NP	Develop and adopt a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) or optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Big River and Kustatan River coho salmon.	186
310	O/N	Allow harvest of king and coho salmon only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in the Little Susitna River, and reduce harvest limits.	255
311	N	Direct the department to begin stocking coho salmon into the Little Susitna River.	258
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313	NP	Adopt a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) established by the department or establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Little Susitna River sockeye salmon.	190
314	O	Open Little Susitna River sockeye salmon sport fishery by emergency order (EO) and only when escapement of 2,500 sockeye salmon can be projected.	261
315	NP	Adopt a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) established by the department or establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Little Susitna River chum salmon.	194
316	N	Require use of four-stroke outboard motors on Little Susitna River and limit the number of outboards on the river per day.	264
317	N	Prohibit sport fishing from a boat during the coho salmon season on the Little Susitna River.	268
318	O	Open the Fish Creek personal use fishery unless the sockeye salmon escapement is projected to be less than 50,000 fish.	79
321	NP	Adopt a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) established by the department or establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Moose Creek king salmon.	197
322	S	Amend area open to sport fishing for king salmon in the Eklutna Tailrace.	271
323	N/S	Create a youth-only king salmon fishery in the Eklutna Tailrace.	273
324	S	Update stocked lakes list for the Knik Arm drainage area.	278
325	S	Reduce bag limit for landlocked king and other salmon in Anchorage stocked lakes.	279
376	N/S	Create a youth-only coho salmon fishery in the Eklutna Tailrace.	276
N = Neutral; S= Support; O = Oppose; NA = No Action; NP = No Position			