

# Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 8th, 2023 at 6:00 pm  
JP Jones Community Center (2400 Rickert Street)

Join the meeting online: <https://bit.ly/FairbanksACnov8>

Dial in: (669) 444-9171

Meeting ID: 874 2248 5769

Passcode: FAIRBANKS

- I. **Call to Order:**
- II. **Roll Call:** John Siegfried (chair), Mark Richards (vice chair), Gale Vick, Jeff Lucas, Virgil Umphenour, Bill Larry, Austin Smith, John Wisnieski, Levi Lewellyn, Gabriel Davis, Mike Tinker, Warren Giuchici, Mike Kramer, Chuck Derrick, Lance Nelson (alternate), James Paine (alternate)  
**Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8**
- III. **Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:**
- IV. **Introduce Guests Present:**
- V. **Approval of Agenda**
- VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** October 11th, 2023
- VII. **Reports**
  - a. Chair's Report
  - b. ADFG staff reports
  - c. Others
- VIII. **Public Comment**
- IX. **Old Business**
  - a. Recommendations on replacement for Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group rep.
- X. **New Business**
  - a. Elections for one vacancy and five expired seats: Mark R., Austin S., John W., Gabriel D., Mike T.,
    - i. Chair calls for nominations to fill (6) seats; anyone can nominate themselves or others
    - ii. Chair closes nominations; votes are cast by paper ballot; staff tallies votes; elected/re-elected members are seated effective immediately
  - b. Officer Elections to fill position of Secretary/Recorder; only seated members may vote
  - c. Discuss Board of Game Agenda Change Requests (ACRs) - Comments Due Nov 10<sup>th</sup>
    - i. [ACR 7 - Change the boundary for Units 20A & 20C](#) submitted by ADFG
  - d. Fisheries Subcommittee report and action items:
    - i. October Board of Fisheries Work Session and Hatchery Committee Meetings
    - ii. Approval of October 9th Fisheries Subcommittee Minutes
    - iii. Action on Board of Fisheries Lower Cook Inlet Proposals - Comments Due Nov 13<sup>th</sup>
  - e. Set date and agenda for Game & Trapping Subcommittee meeting
- XI. **Select representative(s) for board meeting(s):** BOF Lower Cook Inlet Nov 28th-Dec 1st
- XII. **Set next meeting date:** Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- XIII. **Other**
- XIV. **Adjourn**

## 2023-2024 Board Meetings Dates and Comment Deadlines:

November 16th, 2023 - Board of Game **Agenda Change Request Meeting:**

\*Comments due November 10th, 2023

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=11-16-2023&meeting=webconference>

November 17th, 2023 - Board of Game Committee Meeting to discuss formation of a working group for future **management of Unit 19C Sheep:**

\*Comments due November 8th, 2023

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=11-17-2023&meeting=webconference>

November 28th-December 1st, 2023 - Board of Fisheries **Lower Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting:**

\*Comments due November 13th, 2023

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=11-28-2023&meeting=homer>

January 9th-12th, 2024 - Board of Fisheries **Kodiak Finfish Meeting:**

\*Comments due December 26th, 2023

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=01-09-2024&meeting=kodiak>

January 25th, 2024 - Board of Game **Work Session:**

\*Comments due January 18th, 2024

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-25-2024&meeting=kotzebue>

January 25th, 2024 - Board of Game **Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting:**

\*Comments due January 12th, 2024

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-26-2024&meeting=kotzebue>

February 23rd - March 7th, 2024 - Board of Fisheries **Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting:**

\*Comments due February 8th, 2024

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=02-23-2024&meeting=anchorage>

March 15th-22nd, 2024 - Board of Game **Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting:**

\*Comments due March 1st, 2024

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=03-15-2024&meeting=fairbanks>

March 25th-28th, 2024 - **Joint Board Meeting:**

\*Comments due March 11th, 2024

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jbmeetinginfo&date=03-25-2024&meeting=anchorage>

Board of Fisheries 2024-2025 Proposal Deadline: **April 10th, 2024**

*Prince William Sound and Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Finfish and Shellfish (except shrimp); Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish; and Statewide Shellfish, PWS Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues*

Board of Game 2024-2025 Proposal Deadline: **May 1st, 2024**

*Central/Southwest Region (GMUs 9, 10, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16, 17)  
Statewide Regulations*

# Alaska Board of Fisheries Lower Cook Inlet Meeting Proposals

November 28-December 1, 2023 | Homer, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<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>			
1			Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)
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3			Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late-run king salmon fisheries (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)
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5			Allow fishing from shore in the marine waters adjacent to Ninilchik River and Deep Creek year round
6			Create a management plan and establish a guideline harvest level for the lower Cook Inlet summer salt water king salmon sport fishery
7			Prohibit snagging and spear fishing for king salmon in Seldovia Harbor and Lagoon until June 24
8			Prohibit snagging in Seldovia Bay
9			Review management options in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan
10			Modify king salmon limits in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport

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	Fishery		
11	Allow Alaska resident anglers to use two rods for salmon		
12	Modify the North Gulf Coast King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Pla		
13	Create a management plan for the Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River king salmon sport fisheries		
14	Modify the Ninilchik River hatchery king salmon limits and season		
15	Extend the area open to hatchery king salmon on the Ninilchik River		
16	Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth-Only fishery		
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18	Modify rockfish bag and possession limits		
19	Reduce rockfish limits in Cook Inlet - Resurrection Bay		
20	Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits		
21	Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits		
22	Establish a sport fishing closure for rockfish in Cook Inlet from June 1 - July 31		
23	Reduce Lower Cook Inlet lingcod sport limits		
24	Remove limits for spiny dogfish in Cook Inlet waters		
25	Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport rockfish harvest limits		
26	Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport lingcod harvest		

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27			Open the Cook Inlet commercial sablefish season earlier
28			Change gear group allocation in the <i>Cook Inlet Pacific Cod Management Plan</i>
29			Prohibit use of helicopters to transport anglers to select Cook Inlet waters
30			Add provisions to allow for subsistence harvest of herring spawn on kelp
31			Extend the China Poot personal use fishery season dates
32			Move the China Poot personal use dip net regulations under the Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Fishery Management Plan
33			Redefine the Kachemak Bay Personal Use Dip Net Fishery area
34			Create a Kamishak Bay Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan
35			Create a Kachemak Bay Wild Fish Priority Management Plan
36			Amend the Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan
37			Modify legal gear in the Trail Lakes salmon hatchery management plan
38			Modify legal gear in Lower Cook Inlet special harvest areas
39			Amend the list of waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon in Cook Inlet
40			Amend waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon
41			Close a portion of Tutka Bay to commercial fishing for salmon
42			Readopt the <i>Bear Lake Management Plan</i>

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43			Amend Basic Management Plans (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)
256			Repeal the no bait regulation and allow the use of non-roe bait for salmon, other than king salmon (5 AAC 67.022). <i>Formerly ACR #9, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i>
257			Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with new methods to set catch limits adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission. <i>Formerly ACR #11, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i>
258			Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with changes adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission to maintain the troll and sport fishery allocations. <i>Formerly ACR 12, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i>
259			Manage the SEAK king salmon sport fishery to not exceed the annual sport fishery harvest allocation. <i>Formerly ACR #13, accepted at the 2023 work session.</i>

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_