



**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**

**Lower Cook Inlet Finfish and Supplemental Issues**

November 28–December 1, 2023 | Land’s End Resort, Homer

**PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

*This summary is informational only. The actions indicated below will have legal effects in regulations that provide the sole legal action of the board. All references to meeting materials, including this summary, may be located on the Board of Fisheries meeting website at: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=11-28-2023&meeting=homer#.fixed..12>,*

**Board Members Present**

John Wood, Chair   Tom Carpenter, Vice-chair  
Märit Carlson-Van Dort   Gerad Godfrey  
Greg Svendsen   Mike Wood  
Stan Zuray

*C=Carried, C/A=Carried as Amended, F=Failed, F/A=Failed as Amended, N/A=No Action*

Action	#	Proposal	Audio Tracking Info <sup>1</sup>
<b><i>KING SALMON SPORT FISHERIES - Upper Cook Inlet Summer Fishery</i></b>			
	1	Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan. <b><i>(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting).</i></b>	
	2	Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Summer Salt Water King Salmon Management Plan. <b><i>(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting).</i></b>	
	3	Amend the management plans for the Upper Cook Inlet Summer and Kenai River late-run king salmon fisheries. <b><i>(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting).</i></b>	

<sup>1</sup> The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry “Meeting 11-30-2023” indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the proposal or matter began according to the meeting audio.



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	4	Redefine the boundaries of the Upper Cook Inlet Area. <i>(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting).</i>	
C/A 6-1	5	Allow fishing from shore in the marine waters adjacent to Ninilchik River and Deep Creek year round. <i>Amended to allow fishing from shore for species other than king salmon in all three conservation zones.</i>	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 08:30:56 AM
<b><i>KING SALMON SPORT FISHERIES - Lower Cook Inlet Summer Fishery</i></b>			
C/A 6-1	6	Create a management plan and establish a guideline harvest level for the lower Cook Inlet summer saltwater king salmon sport fishery. <i>Amended to create a GHL of 8,500 king salmon in the LCI summer saltwater king salmon fishery.</i>	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 08:50:38 AM
C 7-0	7	Prohibit snagging and spear fishing for king salmon in Seldovia Harbor and Lagoon until June 24.	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 09:19:16 AM
N/A	8	Prohibit snagging in Seldovia Bay. <i>No action based on the board action taken on proposal 7.</i>	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 09:41:15
<b><i>KING SALMON SPORT FISHERIES – Winter Fishery</i></b>			
C/A 7-0	9	Review management options in the <i>Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan. Amended to increase the GHL to 5,500 king salmon and directed the department to utilize a size restriction of greater than 20” if needed to stay within the GHL.</i>	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 09:41:55 AM
N/A	10	Modify king salmon limits in the Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery. <i>No action based on the boards action taken on proposal 9.</i>	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 10:05:35 AM
F 0-7	11	Allow Alaska resident anglers to use two rods for salmon.	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 10:07:22 AM
<b><i>KING SALMON SPORT FISHERIES – North Gulf Coast</i></b>			
N/A	12	Modify the <i>North Gulf Coast King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan. No action taken due to the request to withdraw from the proposal’s author.</i>	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 10:14:02 AM
<b><i>KING SALMON SPORT FISHERIES – Fresh Water</i></b>			
C/A 7-0	13	Create a management plan for the Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River king salmon sport fisheries. <i>Amended with substitute language found in <a href="#">RC46</a>.</i>	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 10:14:47 AM
C/A 4-3	14	Modify the Ninilchik River hatchery king salmon limits and season. <i>Amended with substitute language found in <a href="#">RC47</a>.</i>	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 10:38:37 AM



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F 2-5	15	Extend the area open to hatchery king salmon on the Ninilchik River	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 11:07:01 AM
C 7-0	16	Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth-Only fishery	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 11:39:14 AM
N/A	17	Expand the boundary of the Ninilchik River Youth-Only fishery. <i>NO action taken based on the board's action on proposal 16.</i>	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 11:43:51 AM
<b><i>GROUND FISH – Sport Fisheries</i></b>			
N/A	18	Modify rockfish bag and possession limits. <i>No action taken based on the board's action on proposal 19.</i>	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 11:53:03 AM
C 7-0	19	Reduce rockfish limits in Cook Inlet - Resurrection Bay.	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 11:44:16 AM
N/A	20	Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits. <i>No action taken based on the board's action on proposal 19.</i>	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 11:54:17 AM
N/A	21	Reduce Lower Cook Inlet rockfish sport limits. <i>No action taken based on the board's action on proposal 19.</i>	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 11:54:17 AM
F 0-7	22	Establish a sport fishing closure for rockfish in Cook Inlet from June 1 - July 31.	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 11:54:46 AM
N/A	23	Reduce Lower Cook Inlet lingcod sport limits.	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 01:30:33 PM
F 0-7	24	Remove limits for spiny dogfish in Cook Inlet waters.	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 01:31:08 PM
<b><i>GROUND FISH – Commercial Fisheries</i></b>			
F 0-7	25	Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport rockfish harvest limits.	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 01:34:19 PM
C/A 7-0	26	Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport lingcod harvest. <i>Amended to reduce the sport lingcod limit to 1 fish/day and 2 in possession. Further amended to maintain the existing commercial GHL.</i>	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 01:41:30 PM
C 7-0	27	Open Cook Inlet commercial sablefish season earlier.	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 01:58:53 PM
F 0-7	28	Change gear group allocation in the <i>Cook Inlet Pacific Cod Management Plan.</i>	<a href="#">11-30-2023</a> 02:03:29 PM
<b><i>OTHER SALMON, TROUT, HERRING – Sport Fisheries</i></b>			
F 2-5	29	Prohibit use of helicopters to transport anglers to select Cook Inlet waters.	<a href="#">12-1-2023</a> 07:31:21 AM
<b><i>OTHER SALMON, TROUT, HERRING – Personal Use &amp; Subsistence</i></b>			
C 7-0	30	Add provisions to allow for subsistence harvest on herring spawn on kelp.	<a href="#">12-1-2023</a> 07:53:52 AM



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C 7-0	31	Extend the China Poot personal use fishery season dates.	<a href="#">12-1-2023</a> 07:59:45 AM
F 0-7	32	Move the China Poot personal use dip net regulations under the <i>Cook Inlet Personal Use Fishery Management Plan</i> .	<a href="#">12-1-2023</a> 08:02:45 AM
F 0-7	33	Redefine the Kachemak Bay personal use dip net fishery area	<a href="#">12-1-2023</a> 08:08:04 AM
<b><i>OTHER SALMON, TROUT, HERRING – Commercial Fisheries</i></b>			
F 0-7	34	Create a <i>Kamishak Bay Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan</i> .	<a href="#">12-1-2023</a> 08:10:48 AM
F 1-6	35	Create a <i>Kachemak Bay Wild Fish Priority Management Plan</i> . <i>The board referred the issues raised in this proposal to their Habitat Committee. The committee may bring a proposal back to the board in the future.</i>	<a href="#">12-1-2023</a> 08:14:33 AM and 09:19:41 AM
F 1-6	36	Amend the <i>Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan</i> .	<a href="#">12-1-2023</a> 08:25:04 AM
F 3-4	37	Modify legal gear in the <i>Trail Lakes Salmon Hatchery Management Plan</i> .	<a href="#">12-1-2023</a> 08:54:31 AM
N/A	38	Modify legal gear in Lower Cook Inlet special harvest areas. <i>No action was taken on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 37.</i>	<a href="#">12-1-2023</a> 09:00:59 AM
C 7-0	39	Amend the list of waters closed to commercial fishing in Cook Inlet.	<a href="#">12-1-2023</a> 09:01:19 AM
F 0-7	40	Amend waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon.	<a href="#">12-1-2023</a> 09:05:11 AM
F 0-7	41	Close a portion of Tutka Bay to commercial fishing for salmon.	<a href="#">12-1-2023</a> 09:07:26
F 0-7	42	Readopt the <i>Bear Lake Management Plan</i> .	<a href="#">12-1-2023</a> 09:09:38 AM
	43	Amend Basic Management Plans. <b><i>(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting).</i></b>	
<b><i>SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES – Bristol Bay Sport Fisheries</i></b>			
C/A 6-0 <i>Member Godfrey absent</i>	256	Repeal the no bait regulation and all the use of non-roe bait for salmon, other than king salmon. <i>Adopted with substitute language found in <a href="#">RC 72</a>.</i>	<a href="#">12-1-2023</a> 02:30:41 PM
<b><i>SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES – Southeast Alaska</i></b>			
C/A 5-1 <i>Member Godfrey absent</i>	257	Amend the <i>Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan</i> to align with new methods to set catch limits adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission. <i>Adopted with substitute language found in <a href="#">RC 63</a>.</i>	<a href="#">12-1-2023</a> 02:36:57 PM



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N/A <i>Member Godfrey absent</i>	258	Amend the <i>Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan</i> to align with changes adopted by the Pacific Salmon Commission to maintain the troll and sport fishery allocations. No action was taken based on the board’s action on proposal 257.	<a href="#">12-1-2023</a> 03:20:36 PM
F 2-4 <i>Member Godfrey absent</i>	259	Manage the Southeast Alaska king salmon sport fishery to not exceed the annual sport fishery harvest allocation.	<a href="#">12-1-2023</a> 03:21:14 PM

**Additional Actions:**

- The board implemented Action 1B in conjunction with Action 3 from the [Draft Mikfik Lake Sockeye Salmon Action Plan](#), and the McNeil River delisting criteria found in [RC 48 \(11-30-2023\)](#) at 04:48:50 PM).

**Miscellaneous Business:**

- The board adopted a definition of, and procedures for receiving Traditional Knowledge reports from the public as outlined in [RC 74](#) for the Kodiak and Upper Cook Inlet finfish meetings ([12-1-2023](#) at 03:46:17 PM).
- The board’s Habitat Committee was assigned the issues raised in proposal 35 to be explored in more detail and possibly bring proposed action back to the full board at a later, unspecified date. ([12-1-2023](#) at 03:53:57 PM).
- The board voted to remove proposal 59 from the proposals to be considered at the upcoming Kodiak finfish meeting ([12-1-2023](#) at 03:55:18 PM).