

# FAIRBANKS FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FAC) BOARD OF FISH SCHEDULE FOR PROPOSALS DUE APRIL 10, 2025 AND OTHER DEADLINES

**DRAFT #5 2/20/25**

## BOARD OF FISH PROPOSAL INFORMATION

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (board) is accepting proposed changes to the subsistence, personal use, sport, guided sport, and commercial fishing regulations for the Bristol Bay; Arctic, Yukon, Kuskokwim; Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, Chignik; and Statewide finfish management areas. Finfish includes salmon, herring, trout, other freshwater finfishes, and groundfish, including Pacific cod, for consideration by the board in its 2025–2026 meeting cycle. The board may also consider subsistence proposals for other topics (including other areas) under the subsistence proposal policy, 5 AAC 96.615, if proposals are submitted within this deadline and the board determines they meet the criteria in either 5 AAC 96.615(a)(1) or (2).

To ensure the proposal book is finished in advance of the board meetings, the board sets Thursday, April 10, 2025, as the proposal deadline.

### BOF PROPOSALS NEEDED DUE APRIL 10, 2025

AYK  
BRISTOL BAY  
ALASKA PENINSULA AND CHIGNIK  
STATEWIDE AND HATCHERIES

DATE	DAY	VENUE	ISSUE	FOLLOW UP
2/12/25	WEDNESDAY	FAC full meeting	Preliminary discussion of propsoals and schedule	
2/24/25	MONDAY	FAC/FSC 6PM ZOOM ONLY	Detailed discussion of proposals and language Statewide meeting comments Delegation of Authority initial review Preliminary review of hatchery proposal changes Discussion of support of Board of Fish candidates	Invite Interior ACs  Invite hatchery review team
3/10/25	MONDAY	FAC/FSC 6PM ZOOM ONLY	Second review of proposals and other AC proposals to support Final review of hatchery regulations comments	
3/12/25	WEDNESDAY	FAC full meeting	Approval of Statewide meeting comments Preliminary full FAC review of BOF proposals BOF Delegation of Authority issue final comment Support for Board of Fish appointments	
3/12/25	WEDNESDAY		Submit Statewide comments to Board of Fish /minutes pending Submit comment on Delegation of Authority	
3/13/25	THURSDAY		Submit hatchery regulation comments **	
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4/7/25	MONDAY	FAC/FSC 6PM ZOOM ONLY	<b>FINAL review of proposals to submit to BOF</b>	Invite Interior ACs
4/9/25	WEDNESDAY	FAC full meeting	<b>Approval of BOF proposals to submit</b>	
4/10/25	THURSDAY	BOARD OF FISH	<b>Submit proposals to Board of Fish</b>	

### NOTE:

**THIS MAY BE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT BOARD OF FISH CYCLES IN ALASKA'S HISTORY \*\*\*\*\***

The following BOF proposal chart is still very incomplete and needs to be fleshed out by each region.

The hope is that different ACs will write proposals for their area that can be supported by other ACs.

BOARD MEETING	CATEGORY	COMMENTARY	
ALL PROPOSALS THEMES TO EMPHASIZE IN ALL	SUSTAINABILITY	Alaska often falsely advertizes that our salmon fisheries are sustainable	Many of our salmon could be facing extinction
	FECUNDITY	Fecundity is one of the biggest missing links in measuring spawning health	
	INCREASED ASL *****		
	ESCAPEMENT GOALS	See new reports	
	STOCKS OF CONCERN		
	BETTER AND MORE GENETICS		
	GENETIC MARKERS		
	CBM / CO MANAGEMENT	How do we bridge the resistance to using local cooperative management?	Remote areas need many hands on deck
	DATA NEEDS		
	ECOSYSTEMS MGT		
	PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES		
	MEASUREMENT STANDARDS	In the face of major regime shifts, how are we changing our management to be more precautionary?	
	BASIS OF YIELD MEASUREMENTS		
	STOCK REBUILDING		
	CROSS-JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES		
	SALMON CORRIDOR		
	HABITAT PROTECTIONS		
	FOOD SECURITY LOSS		
	FEEDING ALASKANS FIRST		
	IDENTIFYING BETTER DISTRIBUTION OF EFFORT	Each region has varying options, nothing is universal	
	TRACKING THE NUMBERS	DO NOT CHANGE THE BASELINES ***	
	CATALOGUING PEER-REVIEWED SCIENCE		
	IMPACTS ON OTHER SPECIES		
	MINING IMPACTS		

BOARD MEETING	CATEGORY	PROPOSER	PROPOSAL SUMMARY
AYK PROPOSALS YUKON RIVER	MESH SIZE		Allowable standard mesh size in Chinook conservation areas needs a more thorough conversation
	ESCAPEMENT GOALS		
	STOCKS OF CONCERN		
	ASL DATA		
	CULTURAL / HERITAGE FISH CAMPS		Loss of fish camps has been the secondary greatest loss after fish
	COMPREHENSIVE REBUILDING		
KUSKOKWIM RIVER	STOCKS OF CONCERN		
	CO-MANAGEMENT		
ALL ARCTIC RIVERS			
BRISTOL BAY	STOCK OF CONCERNS		
	ESCAPEMENT GOALS		
ALASKA PENINSULA	OBSERVERS		
	ENFORCEMENT		
	CHINOOK GENETICS		
	CHUM GENETICS		
	ROE STRIPPING		
	MANAGEMENT PLAN		
	AREA M SEINE DEPTH		Intercept management plans are very different than in terminal areas

BOARD MEETING	CATEGORY	PROPOSER	PROPOSAL SUMMARY
STATEWIDE	PNP HATCHERIES CHINOOK GENETICS UNIFORM SEINE DEPTH STOCKS OF CONCERN ESCAPEMENT GOALS		
HATCHERY MEETING	SCHEDULE MEETING		IDENTIFY PLATFORM ACCEPTANCE OF ALL PEER-REVIEWED SCIENCE SEE HISTORY OF HATCHERY COMMITTEE NEED FOR LEGISLATIVE AUDIT NEED FOR INDEPENDENT ENIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW
FINAL NOTES	(1) THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME IS NOT ABLE TO ADDRESS ALL THE FUNCTIONS OF PROVIDING FOR HEALTHY WILD SALMON STOCKS BY THEMSELVES (2) AT ONE POINT DO WE CONSIDER A SPECIES IN SERIOUS ENOUGH CONSERVATION CONCERN TO BE AN ENDANGERED SPECIES? (3) WHAT ARE OUR COMPETING PERSPECTIVES?		