

PWS/Valdez Advisory Committee
Monday, January 26th, 2026
Zoom Only

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair]

II. Roll Call

Name	Present	Excused/Unexcused
Nick Crump		
Dan Eames		
Bruce Bowman		
Patrick Day		
Brett Wilbanks		
Jens Saxum		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

IV. Guests Present:

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Reports

- a. Chair's report
- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- a. Member Elections for 2 expiring seats, 9 vacant seats, and 2 alternates
 - i. Expiring Seats: Dan Eames and Nick Crump
- b. Officer Elections
- c. Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposals
- d. Other Fish and Game Business as Needed

Alaska Board of Fish Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting

March 17-March 20, 2026 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline March 2, 2026

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>			
<i>Subsistence Fisheries</i>			
162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries, as follows		
<i>Commercial Fisheries</i>			
<i>Groundfish Gear and Closed Waters</i>			
11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude, as follows		
163	Define all trawl gear operated inside state waters as non-pelagic and develop new performance and monitoring standards to allow state-waters pelagic trawling to occur on a case-by-case basis, as follows		
164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters, as follows		
166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine, as follows		
167	Prohibit vessels from having other groundfish gear or equipment onboard while participating in a groundfish fishery using mechanical jigging machines or hand troll gear, as follows		
168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery		

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169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot,' as follows		
170	Reduce the permitted egg take level of each hatchery permit containing pink and chum salmon by 25% of the current permitted capacity for those species, as follows		
171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity, as follows		
172	Board generated regulations that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production		
173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent, as follows		
174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed, as follows		
<i>Dipnet Gear Definition</i>			
175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration, as follows		
<i>Sport Fisheries</i>			
<i>Bag and Annual Limits</i>			
176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits, as follows		
178	Modify the definition of bag limit, as follows		
179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish, as follows		

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<i>Possession Requirements</i>			
180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish, as follows		
<i>Sport Fishing Gear</i>			
181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear, as follows		
182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit, as follows		
183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession, as follows		
<i>Definitions</i>			
184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition, as follows		
186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area		

- X. Select representative for Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish meeting (March 16-20, 2026)
- XI. Set next meeting date for Board of Game southcentral proposals
- XII. Other
- XIII. Adjourn

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____