

Petersburg Advisory Committee
Date: Wednesday February 11th, 2026 at 6pm
Location: Petersburg Borough Assembly Chambers and Zoom

I. Call to Order:

II. Roll Call:

Name	Seat	Present	Excused or Unexcused
Heather Bauscher	Chair		
Don Spigelmyre	Vice Chair		
Megan O'Neil			
Joel Randrup			
Bob Martin			
Nyle Thomas			
Jacob Rasmussen			
Ted Sandhofer	Archery		
Paul Menish	Crab/Conservation		
Anthony Taiber	Gillnet		
David Benitz	Hunting/Trapping		
Jerry Dahl	Seine		
Brandon Ware	Sport/Charter		
Ben Case	Sport/Personal Use		
Kaleb Baird	Troll		
Eric Castro	Alternate		
Seth McCallum	Alternate		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: **8**

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. Discussion of Board of Fisheries Proposal will occur
 - i. Statewide Proposal
 - 1. Comment deadline is March 2nd
 - d. Overview of RAC meeting
 - e. Other fishery and wildlife business as needed

Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Meeting Proposals

March 17 – 21, 2026 | Anchorage, AK

Deadline March 2nd, 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>			
162			Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries
11			Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude
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
164			Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters
165			Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters
166			Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine
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
168			Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery
169			Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or 'slinky pot'
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
171			Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity
172			Board generated regulation 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

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174			Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed
175			Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration
176			Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits
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178			Modify the definition of bag limit
179			Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish
180			Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish
181			Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear
182			Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit
183			Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession
184			Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition
186			Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area
187			Close the Tsiu River and all waters within one quarter mile of the Tsiu River and Kaliakh River confluence to commercial fishing for salmon

VII. Public Comment:

VIII. Old Business:

IX. New Business:

X. Set next meeting date:

XI. Other:

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____