Seward Advisory Committee
Thursday, November 12th, 2026
Seward Library Community Room and Over Zoom

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

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Present	Excused/ Unexcused
James (Jim)	McCracken		
Dianne	Dubuc		
Andrew	Bacon		
Nathan	Smith		
Maile	Branson		
Derek	Branson		
Mark	Clemens		
Bob	White		
W. C.	Casey		
Arne	Hatch		
Jim	Hubbard		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

IV. Guests Present:

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Reports

a. Chair's report

b. ADF&G

i. Brittany Blain-Roth/Donnie Arthur: Fisheries Update

VII. Public Comment

VIII. New Business

a. Board of Fisheries Lower Cook Inlet Finfish Proposals
b. Other Fish & Game Business as Needed

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Lower Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting

December 1-December 4, 2026 | Seward, AK | Comment Deadline November 16, 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**
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.			
1	Establish a priority for Alaska residents and other management provisions for the Lower Cook Inlet saltwater king salmon sport fishery, as follows		
2	Amend the date for the June youth only fishery in the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon, as follows		
3	Exempt King salmon caught in the Nick Dudiak Homer Lagoon from the combined annual limit of 5 King salmon 20 inches or longer, as follows		
4	Establish a large goal for Ninilchik River king salmon as follows		
5	Amend management provisions for the Ninilchik River king salmon sport fishery as follows		
6	Amend management provisions for the Ninilchik River king salmon fishery by expanding opportunity for hatchery king salmon and adding gear restrictions		
7	Modify the king salmon annual limit in the Ninilchik River, as follows		
8	Modify the king salmon bag and possession limits in the Ninilchik River as follows		
9	Extend the area open to hatchery king salmon and modify the bag and possession limits in the Ninilchik River, as follows		
10	Extend the restrictions on bait and multiple hooks in Lower Kenai Peninsula roadside streams until the end of July, as follows		

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11	Prohibit catch and release fishing for king salmon and the removal of king salmon from the water in Cook Inlet freshwater, as follows *(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*		
12	Require recording of all harvested king salmon in the sport fishery, regardless of size, as follows *(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*		
13	Establish the delegation of authority to restrict guided sport fishing during times of low king salmon abundance through emergency order, as follows *(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*		
14	Create a management plan for the Anchor River, Stariski Creek, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik River coho salmon sport fisheries as follows		
15	Establish paired management actions and harvest "benchmarks" for coho salmon between Upper Cook Inlet sport and commercial fisheries, as follows *(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*		
16	Prohibit the use of helicopters to transport anglers in select streams within the Kenai Peninsula Area as follows		
17	Modify gear and dates in the Seward lagoon youth-only fishery as follows		
18	Modify the definition of bag limit for Southcentral saltwater sport fisheries as follows *(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*		
19	Prohibit sport fishing derbies in fresh waters of Cook Inlet, as follows *(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*		

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20	Prohibit charter vessels from participating in sport fishing derbies, as follows (*Note: If adopted, this will only affect the Lower Cook Inlet management area)*		
21	Require observes or electronic monitoring on charter vessels in Cook Inlet, as follows (*Note: If adopted, this will only affect the Lower Cook Inlet management area)*		
22	Require logbooks for fishing guides in freshwaters of Upper Cook Inlet, as follows (*Note: If adopted, this will only affect the Lower Cook Inlet management area)*		
23	Require freshwater sport fishing guide logbooks within Cook Inlet rivers, as follows *(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*		
24	Establish a maximum size limit for king salmon and halibut in subsistence, sport, personal use, and commercial fisheries in lower Cook Inlet, as follows (*Note: If adopted, this will only affect the Lower Cook Inlet management area)*		
25	Close waters to commercial fishing within ½ miles of the Homer spit, as follows		
26	Close waters to all Commercial Fishing within 1 mile of the Homer Spit, as follows		
27	Modify multiple subdistricts of the Southern District to create a 1-mile corridor around the Homer spit, as follows		
28	Reduce size of the closed waters area at the terminus of McCarty Fjord at Delusion Lake, as follows		
29	Create a minimum distance between commercial purse seines in Cook Inlet, as follows		

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30	Repeal commercial beach seine as a legal gear type in the Cook Inlet Management Area, as follows		
31	Amend the preamble of the Lower Cook Inlet Seine Fishery Management Plan, as follows		
32	Establish enhanced salmon value allocation criteria for Cook Inlet commercial fisheries, as follows *(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*		
33	Request for creation of a Cook Inlet management and salmon enhancement allocation plan, as follows *(Note: Proposal will be heard at both LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)*		
34	Amend multiple aspects of the Tutka Bay Lagoon Hatchery Management Plan, as follows		
35	Repeal the Port Graham Hatchery Salmon Hatchery Management Plan, as follows		
36	Repeal the Bear Lake Special harvest Area from the Trail Lakes Hatchery Salmon Hatchery Management Plan, as follows		
37	Amend hatchery salmon management plan in Resurrection Bay, as follows		
38	Amend multiple aspects of the Resurrection Bay Salmon Management Plan, as follows		
39	Modify methods and means for herring as follows		
40	Establish pelagic rockfish harvest limits for Cook Inlet area commercial and sport fisheries, as follows		
41	Modify the waters open to harvesting rockfish, as follows		

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42	Establish a pelagic rockfish guideline harvest level in the lower Cook Inlet as follows		
43	Modify language describing bag and possession limits for nonpelagic rockfish to align with new definitions of demersal shelf and slop rockfish species assemblages, as follows		
44	Modify the season for the Cook Inlet Area directed pelagic rockfish jig fishery, as follows		
45	Allow the use of deepwater release mechanisms for rockfish in mechanical jig and hand troll fisheries, as follows		
46	Remove the 24-hour closure period between the Cook Inlet parallel and state-waters Pacific cod seasons, as follows		
47	Establish a small vessel (under 26 feet) gear exemption during the Cook Inlet state-waters Pacific cod season, as follows		
48	Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery, as follows		
49	Repeal the Cook Inlet sablefish trip limit, as follows		
50	Add dinglebar troll as a legal gear type in Cook Inlet Area groundfish fisheries, as follows		

IX. Select representative for board meeting:
   a. Lower Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting: 12/01/26-12/04/26
      i. Need to know by 11/16/26

X. Set next meeting date

XI. Other

XII. Adjourn

XIII. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____
Minutes Approved By: _____
Date: _____