



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands and Chignik Areas Finfish

February 20–27, 2023 | Dena’ina Center, Anchorage

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=02-20-2023&meeting=anchorage>

Board Members Present

Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair John Jensen, Vice-chair
Tom Carpenter Mike Heimbuch
McKenzie Mitchell John 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 ¹
<i>Subsistence (1 proposal)</i>			
C/A 7-0	98	Modify Alaska Peninsula waters closed to subsistence fishing for salmon to increase access for subsistence users who are not commercial salmon fishery permit holders. <i>Amended with substitute language in RC 137.</i>	2-24-23 9:15:19 AM
<i>Sport Salmon (6 proposals)</i>			
C/A 7-0	99	Prohibit retention of king salmon and establish closed areas in the King Salmon River and Ridgerunner Creek. <i>Amended with substitute language in RC 136.</i>	2-24-23 9:21:55 AM
N/A	100	Prohibit retention of king salmon in King Salmon and Milky Rivers and Ridgerunner Creek. <i>The board took no action based on the action taken on proposal 99.</i>	2-24-23 9:32:14 AM

¹ The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry “Meeting 02-24-23” indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the proposal began according to the meeting audio.



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N/A	101	Prohibit retention of king salmon in King Salmon River and Ridgerunner Creek. <i>The board took no action based on the action taken on proposal 99.</i>	2-24-23 9:32:55 AM
N/A	102	Prohibit retention of king salmon in King Salmon River and tributaries of Bear River. <i>The board took no action based on the action taken on proposal 99.</i>	2-24-23 9:33:23 AM
F 1-6	103	Reduce the bag and possession limit for coho and sockeye salmon in the salt waters and freshwater drainages of Cold Bay.	2-24-23 9:33:51 AM
C 7-0	104	Repeal the closed water provisions for salmon fishing in Swanson Lagoon within the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area.	2-24-23 9:45:18 AM
South Alaska Peninsula Southeast District Mainland Salmon (2 proposals)			
C 7-0	130	Amend the <i>Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan</i> to allow more commercial salmon fishing time in Orzinski Bay if the escapement objectives into Orzinski Lake are met.	2-27-23 10:49:47 AM
F 0-7	131	Amend the <i>Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan</i> to allow commercial salmon fishing with set gillnet gear, and after July 11, purse seine gear concurrent to open commercial fishing periods for salmon in the Chignik Management Area and would remove the required sockeye salmon harvest thresholds for CMA as described in the <i>Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan</i> .	2-25-23 10:54:06 AM
South Alaska Peninsula Salmon June Management Plan (10 proposals)			
F 3-4	140	Amend the <i>South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan</i> to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.	2-25-23 11:10:32 AM
N/A	139	Amend the <i>South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan</i> to restrict commercial salmon fishing time. <i>The board took no action on this proposal based on the action taken on proposal 136.</i>	2-26-23 10:42:00 AM
N/A	134	Amend the <i>South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan</i> to reduce fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula. <i>The board took no action on this proposal based on the action taken on proposal 136.</i>	2-26-23 10:42:26 AM
N/A	137	Amend the <i>South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan</i> to reduce commercial salmon fishing time. <i>The board took no action on this proposal based on the action taken on proposal 136.</i>	2-26-23 10:42:59 AM
F 1-6	133	Amend the <i>South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan</i> to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area for purse seine gear.	2-26-23 9:27:30 AM



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C/A 4-3	136	Amend the <i>South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan</i> to implement a chum salmon harvest cap to reduce commercial fishing time. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC 190.</i>	2-26-23 10:07:38 AM
N/A	135	Amend the <i>South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan</i> to reduce commercial salmon fishing time in the Shumagin Islands Section. <i>The board took no action on this proposal based on the action taken on proposal 136.</i>	2-26-23 10:43:34 AM
F 0-7	141	Amend the <i>South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan</i> to require the department to manage the June fishery by emergency order to close those areas within the management plan. Amend 5 AAC 09.330. Gear. to allow other gear types to be used in the commercial fishery.	2-26-23 10:43:54 AM
F 0-7	142	Amend <i>South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan</i> and <i>Post-June Salmon Management Plan</i> to allow more fishing time for set gillnet gear only.	2-26-23 10:46:35 AM
F 0-7	138	Amend the <i>South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan</i> to require the department to place observers onboard commercial salmon fishing vessels.	2-26-23 10:49:08 AM
<i>South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Post-June Management Plan (5 proposals)</i>			
F 1-6	143	Amend the <i>Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula</i> to close the set gillnet fishery in response to department immature salmon assessment.	2-26-23 10:57:48 AM
F 0-7	144	Amend the <i>Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula</i> to allow for fishing periods starting August 1 in the Southeastern and South Central Districts.	2-26-23 11:10:16 AM
F 2-5	145	Amend the <i>Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula</i> to increase commercial salmon fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula.	2-26-23 11:14:57 AM
F 0-7	146	Amend the <i>Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula</i> to increase commercial salmon fishing periods.	2-26-23 11:20:41 AM
F 0-7	147	Amend the <i>Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula</i> to increase commercial salmon fishing periods for set gillnet gear.	2-26-23 11:24:27 AM
<i>South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Management (2 proposals)</i>			
F 1-6	148	Amend a suite of management plans to reduce commercial fishing time in the South Alaska Peninsula area.	2-26-23 11:28:21 AM
F 0-7	149	Amend a suite of management plans for the South Alaska Peninsula area to reduce commercial fishing time.	2-26-23 11:31:04 AM



<i>Alaska Peninsula Salmon Gear and Closed Waters and Description of Districts and Sections (3 proposals)</i>			
F 2-5	150	Amend districts and sections, <i>Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan</i> and <i>South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan</i> by including the Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District into the South Central District.	2-26-23 11:34:14 AM
C 4-3	151	Amend gillnet specifications and operations to allow offshore anchoring of the up to 25 fathom seine web lead.	2-26-23 11:54:48 AM
F 0-7	152	Amend the closed water boundary in Stepovak Bay to increase commercial fishing area in the Stepovak Flats Section.	2-26-23 12:02:29 PM
<i>Chignik Area Salmon Management (15 proposals)</i>			
C/A 5-2	105	Amend the <i>Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan</i> to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals. <i>Amended with substitute language in RC 216.</i>	2-27-23 9:19:11 AM
N/A	106	Amend the <i>Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan</i> to increase in-river escapement of sockeye salmon prior to opening a commercial fishery by emergency order. <i>The board took no action on this proposal based on the action taken on proposal 105.</i>	2-27-23 10:00:24 AM
N/A	107	Modify the <i>Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan</i> to allow more commercial fishing time by implementing commercial salmon fishing periods regardless of sockeye salmon escapement. <i>The board took no action on this proposal based on the proposer's request to withdraw support in RC 203.</i>	2-27-23 10:00:54 AM
N/A	108	Amend the <i>Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan</i> to implement commercial salmon fishing periods in June. <i>The board took no action on this proposal based on the proposer's request to withdraw support during committee of the whole.</i>	2-27-23 10:01:28 AM
C 5-2	109	Amend the <i>Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan</i> to apply mandatory closures in the Chignik Management Area, repeal the inriver run goal in August and September and remove the 48 hour maximum weekly fishing period in September.	2-27-23 10:02:09 AM and 2-27-23 3:16:12 PM
F 0-7	110	Amend the <i>Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan</i> to restrict commercial fishing periods in Chignik Lagoon until the escapement goal has been met.	2-27-23 10:07:27 AM
F 2-5	111	Amend the <i>Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan</i> to increase commercial salmon fishing time and area in the Eastern District in August.	2-27-23 10:10:36 AM
N/A	112	Amend the <i>Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan</i> to include a harvest cap in the Eastern District to reduce commercial salmon fishing time. <i>The board took no action on this proposal based on the proposer's request to withdraw support in RC 184.</i>	2-27-23 10:15:59 AM



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F 0-7	113	Amend the <i>Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan</i> to require post-June commercial salmon fishing periods in portions of the Western and Perryville Districts.	2-27-23 10:16:33 AM
F 0-7	114	Amend the <i>Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan</i> to allow post-June commercial salmon fishing periods in portions of the Eastern District.	2-27-23 10:19:49 AM
F 0-7	115	Amend the <i>Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan</i> so that pink, chum and coho salmon stocks in the Western and Perryville Districts of Registration Area L will be managed based on the strength of the pink, chum, and coho salmon stocks in the Stepovak and Shumagin Islands Sections of Registration Area M.	2-27-23 10:21:18 AM
F 0-7	116	Modify the <i>Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan</i> to manage the Western and Perryville Districts of Registration Area L based on the strength of the pink, chum, and coho salmon stocks in the Southeast District Mainland (SEDM) Section of Registration Area M.	2-27-23 10:28:03 AM
F 0-7	117	Amend the fishing districts, sections, and subsections to increase fishing time and area by creating new sections in outside waters of the Chignik Management Area.	2-27-23 10:30:54 AM
C/A 4-3	118	Amend the districts, sections and subsections and the management plan to increase commercial fishing time and area in the Western and Perryville Districts in August. <i>Amended to exclude Devil's Bay.</i>	2-27-23 10:32:24 AM
F 1-6	119	Amend allowable gear in the Chignik Management Area to include troll gear, create a management plan to include a commercial troll fishery and amend regulations in Chapter 29 Salmon Troll Fishery to include the Chignik Management Area.	2-27-23 10:39:38 AM
C/A 6-1	132	(SEDM) Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals. <i>Amended with substitute language from RC 217.</i>	2-27-23 10:45:55 AM
North Alaska Peninsula Salmon Northern District (10 proposals)			
F/A 2-4	120	Modify fishing periods in the Northern District. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC 131.</i>	2-27-23 1:42:30 PM
N/A	121	Amend the fishing season in the Three Hills Section to increase potential fishing time and aligning sections to similar fishing periods. <i>No action was taken on this proposal due to the proposer's request to withdraw support in RC 106.</i>	2-27-23 1:57:27 PM
N/A	122	Amend fishing seasons to allow more commercial fishing time by allowing fishing periods in the Cinder River Section. <i>No action was taken on this proposal due to the proposer's request to withdraw support in RC 107.</i>	2-27-23 1:58:05 PM



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N/A	123	Amend fishing seasons to allow more commercial fishing time by allowing fishing periods in the Cinder River Section. <i>No action was taken on this proposal due to the proposer's request to withdraw support in RC 105.</i>	2-27-23 1:58:52 PM
N/A	124	Amend fishing seasons, fishing periods and gear to allow more commercial fishing time to all Registration Area M gear types in the Cinder River Section. <i>No action was taken on this proposal due to the proposer's request to withdraw support in RC 107.</i>	2-27-23 1:59:31 PM
N/A	125	Amend closed waters to change the boundary line in the Outer Port Heiden Section. <i>No action was taken on this proposal due to the proposer's request to withdraw support in RC 150.</i>	2-27-23 2:00:12 PM
F 0-7	126	Amend closed waters to change the boundary line in the Outer Port Heiden Section.	2-27-23 2:00:41 PM
N/A	127	Amend fishing seasons to allow more commercial fishing time in the Caribou Flats Section. <i>No action was taken on this proposal due to the proposer's request to withdraw support in RC 163.</i>	2-27-23 2:20:58 PM
F 0-7	128	Amend gillnet specifications and operations to reduce commercial salmon harvest in the North Peninsula using gillnet depth reductions	2-27-23 2:21:28 PM
C 6-1	129	Amend gillnet specifications and operations to allow monofilament web in the Northern District commercial salmon set gillnet fishery.	2-27-23 2:26:02 PM

Additional Actions:

- The board cancelled the Hatchery Committee meeting that had been scheduled for March 9, 2023. The board intends to hold a Hatchery Committee meeting during the 2023/2024 meeting cycle. Date and location to be determined.
- The board reviewed the ***Chignik River Sockeye Salmon Action Plan*** ([RC 4](#)) and chose the following options:
 - Commercial Fishery – Action 1
 - Subsistence Fishery – Action 1
 - Sport Fishery – Action 2
 - Delisting Criteria: The board agreed to the criteria but clarified that it should instead reference the Optimal Escapement Goal and its associated numbers, and also say “early run” instead of July 10.
- The board reviewed the ***Chignik River King Salmon Action Plan*** ([RC 5](#)) and chose the following options:
 - Commercial Fishery – Action 2
 - Sport Fishery – Action 1
 - Subsistence Fishery – Action 1
 - Delisting Criteria – The board agreed with all of the delisting criteria.



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Miscellaneous Business:

The board received a brief update from member Mitchell about the new Master's degree program in marine policy at UAF.

The board received an update from Executive Director Nelson about the high volume of public comments received for the board's upcoming March 10-14, 2023 meeting on Statewide Finfish and Supplement Issues. Board members requested the comments be grouped by proposal if that does not present too much additional work for staff.