



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Special Meeting Proposed Changes on Southeastern Alaska Commercial Salmon Fishing
(Proposal 276) and setting the 2021/2022 Meeting Schedule
March 8, 2021

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

This summary is informational only. All references to meeting materials, including this summary, may be located on the Board of Fisheries meeting website at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=03-08-2021&meeting=tele>.

Board Members

Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair
 John Jensen, Vice-chair
 John Wood
 McKenzie Mitchell

Israel Payton
 Abe Williams
 Gerad Godfrey

The meeting was called to order at 1:01pm.

C=Carried, C/A=Carried as amended, F=Failed, F/A=Failed as amended, N/A=No Action

Action	#	Proposal	Audio Tracking Info**
C (7-0)	276	Extend sunset provision dates in several Southeastern commercial salmon enhancement allocation and management plans.	<i>Meeting 03-08-21 (2): 1:21:17pm</i>

* The audio tracking information correlates with the meeting audio available at the bottom of each meeting page. The entry "Meeting 03-08-21 (2)" indicates the meeting day. The start time indicates when board discussion on the proposal began according to the meeting audio.

Setting the Schedule for 2021/2022 Meeting Cycle

The Board of Fisheries (board) heard from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) on a recommended schedule for the 2021/2022 meeting cycle if it doubled up on two years of meetings. This included a report that adequate budget for the work was not in the Governor's Amended FY22 budget. The board voted to hold only the originally scheduled 2020/2021 meetings in 2021/2022 with the following dates.

Meeting	Dates	Location
Work Session	October 20-21, 2021	Anchorage
Prince William Sound Finfish and Shellfish (except Shrimp)	Nov. 30-Dec. 6, 2021	Cordova



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Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish	January 4-15, 2022	Ketchikan
Hatchery Committee	March 10, 2022	Anchorage
Statewide Shellfish (except PWS and SE/Yak) and PWS Shrimp	March 11-16, 2022	Anchorage

In amending its meeting schedule the board clarified that the current call for proposals will be for Bristol Bay Finfish; Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish; Alaska Peninsula, Chignik, Aleutian Islands, and Bering Sea Pacific cod; Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik Finfish; and statewide general provisions for finfish, and that this call would be further postponed to April 11, 2022. Similarly, the board’s agenda change request process for the 2021/2022 cycle will accept requests only for out-of-cycle issues. In-cycle subjects include Prince William Sound Finfish, Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish, and shellfish general provisions for all other regions.

For the remaining board cycles, the cycles will move down in future years. The Bristol Bay Finfish, Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish, Alaska Peninsula/Chignik/Aleutian Islands/Bering Sea Pacific Cod; Alaska Peninsula/Chignik/Aleutian Islands Finfish, and Statewide Finfish meetings will be held 2022/2023, and the Kodiak Finfish and Cook Inlet Finfish meetings will occur 2023/2024. The board directed attention to a tentative schedule provided in the department’s January 22, 2021 [Recommendations and Impact Analysis on Board of Fisheries Meeting Scenarios for 2020/2021](#) memo.

Meeting	Proposed Schedule	Location/Days
Meeting Cycle 2022/2023		
Work Session	October 20-21, 2022	Anchorage/2 days
Pacific cod – Alaska Peninsula, etc.	October 22-23, 2022	Anchorage/2 days
Bristol Bay Finfish	Nov. 29-Dec. 3, 2022	Anchorage/5 days
Arctic, Yukon, and Kuskokwim Finfish	January 14-18, 2023	Anchorage/5 days
Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, Chignik Finfish	February 17-22, 2023	Anchorage/6 days
Statewide Finfish	March 10-13, 2023	Anchorage/4 days
Meeting Cycle 2023/2024		
Work Session	October 12-13, 2023	Anchorage/2 days
Lower Cook Inlet Finfish	Nov. 28-Dec. 1, 2023	Homer/4 days
Kodiak Finfish	January 9-12, 2024	Kodiak/4 days
Upper Cook Inlet Finfish	Feb. 23-March 7, 2024	Anchorage/14 days

Miscellaneous Business

- Northern Pike Eradication Request:** In accordance with AS 16.35.200, the board approved the department’s request to use the poison rotenone in the northern pike eradication work in the Miller Creek Drainage located in the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.
- Emergency Petition Meeting Scheduled:** The board received an emergency petition from the Northern Norton Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee regarding conservation concerns with Norton Sound red king crab. After receiving the department’s initial finding of



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no emergency, the board called for a special meeting to review the finding further. The emergency petition meeting is set for March 16, 2021 at 1:00 pm, and will be held through web conference.

3. **Special Committee Discussion:** Given the delays in meetings caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the board agreed to postpone its work on its special committees created at the 2020 Work Session. The committees are the Special Committee to Review the Naknek River Sport Commercial Services/Guide Fisheries, established under 2018-293-FB, the Special Committee to Review Fisheries Research Needs and Funding Sources, established under 2020-301-FB, and the Special Committee to Review Board Process, established under 2020-300-FB.

Meeting adjourned at 2:22pm.