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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
2026 Statewide Finfish & Supplemental Issues

March 17–21, 2026 | Egan Civic & Convention Center, Anchorage

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

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Board Members Present

Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair Tom Carpenter, Vice-chair
Curt Chamberlain Gerad Godfrey (absent 3/17)
Olivia Irwin Greg Svendsen
Mike Wood

Action ¹	Prop #	Proposal	Audio Tracking Info ²
<i>Commercial Fisheries and Stock of Concern Action Plans (12 Proposals; 3 Action Plans)</i>			
<i>Groundfish Gear, Closed Waters, and Fishing Periods (12 proposals)</i>			
N/A 7-0	11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude.	3/20/2026 10:48:19 AM
N/A 7-0	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.	3/20/2026 11:09:33 AM
N/A 7-0	164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters.	3/20/2026 11:09:46 AM
N/A 7-0	165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters.	3/20/2026 11:10:24 AM
C 6-1	166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine.	3/20/2026 11:10:33 AM
N/A 7-0	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. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the author's request for no action found in RC127.</i>	3/20/2026 11:20:24 AM
F 1-6	168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery.	3/20/2026 11:20:49 AM

¹ Notations: C=Carried, C/A=Carried as Amended, F=Failed, F/A=Failed as Amended, N/A=No Action.

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C 7-0	169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or ‘slinky pot’.	3/20/2026 11:44:23 AM
C 7-0	173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent.	3/20/2026 11:48:38 AM
F 0-7	174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed.	3/20/2026 11:55:52 AM
C/A 4-2	186	Reduce commercial salmon fishing opportunity with drift gillnet gear in the Central District of the Cook Inlet Area. <i>The board amended this proposal with substitute language found in RC161. Further amended section (d)(1) on page 1 of RC161 to make the regular fishing periods from 7am to 7pm on Mondays and Thursdays.</i>	3/20/2026 12:01:30 PM
N/A	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. <i>The board took no action due to the authors request to withdraw support found in RC46.</i>	3/20/2026 12:57:59 PM
<i>Dipnet Gear Definition (1 proposal)</i>			
F 0-7	175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration.	3/20/2026 12:58:39 PM
<i>Stock of Concern Action Plans (3 Action Plans)</i>			
C 7-0		Yukon River Chinook Salmon. <i>The board adopted RC162 as non-regulatory intent for management and delisting conditions.</i>	3/20/2026 02:42:49 PM
C 7-0		Yukon River Fall-run Chum Salmon. <i>The board adopted RC163 as non-regulatory intent for management and delisting conditions, although these will not be placed into regulation.</i>	3/20/2026 02:56:37 PM
C 7-0		Kwiniuk River Chinook Salmon. <i>The board selected Option One for management measures and the delisting criteria found in RC6.</i>	3/20/2026 03:08:56 PM
<i>Hatcheries (3 proposals)</i>			
F 1-6	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.	3/21/2026 09:33:20 AM
F 1-6	171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity.	3/21/2026 10:24:16 AM
N/A 4-3	172	Board-generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production.	3/21/2026 10:45:35 AM
<i>Subsistence and Sport Fisheries and Gear (10 proposals)</i>			
<i>Subsistence Fisheries (1 proposal)</i>			
F 0-7	162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries.	3/21/2026 11:53:02 AM
<i>Sport Fisheries (9 proposals)</i>			
F 0-7	176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits.	3/21/2026 12:04:43 PM
N/A	177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits.	3/21/2026 12:16:04 PM



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F/A 0-7	178	Modify the definition of bag limit. Amended with substitute language found in RC178 .	3/21/2026 12:16:34 PM
F 0-7	179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish.	3/21/2026 12:23:54 PM
F 0-7	180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish.	3/21/2026 12:33:26 PM
C 7-0	181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear.	3/21/2026 12:39:04 PM
F 0-7	182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit.	3/21/2026 12:42:21 PM
C/A 7-0	183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession. Amended with substitute language found in RC129 .	3/21/2026 12:48:59 PM
C 7-0	184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition.	3/21/2026 12:57:32 PM

Miscellaneous Business:

The board authorized a rotenone use request from ADFG in [RC151](#) to suppress invasive northern pike in Sucker Lake (Alexander Creek drainage). Discussion began at 01:34:06 PM on [03/21/2026](#).

The board created four board-generated proposals (BGP) and scheduled those for consideration for at a special BOF meeting on May 1 (note: this date is tentative, based on when the meeting notice can be published and distributed).

1. Proposal to adopt the board's Policy on Traditional Knowledge into regulation, based on the language found in [RC182](#). Discussion began at 01:42:30 PM on [03/21/2026](#). This will become Proposal 188.
2. Proposal to adopt management measures and delisting criteria in to regulation for the Yukon River king salmon Stock of Concern Action Plan, based on the language in [RC162](#). Discussion began at 01:50:49 PM on [03/21/2026](#). This BGP will become Proposal 189.
3. Proposal to adopt management measures and delisting criteria in to regulation for the Yukon River fall-run chum salmon Stock of Concern Action Plan, based on the language in [RC163](#). Discussion began at 01:50:49 PM on [03/21/2026](#). This BGP will become Proposal 190.
4. Proposal to replace commercial set gillnet opportunity in the Kenai River Late-run King Salmon Stock of Concern Action Plan with newly established set beach seine gear based on the language found on pages 2-5 of [RC177](#). Discussion began at 02:08:57 on [03/21/2026](#). This BGP will become Proposal 191.

The board was asked to clarify their intent of their action on Proposal 127 during their Feb 18-25, 2026 meeting. This clarification changes "40 hours" in section (d)(1)(B) on page 1 of [RC183](#) to "64 hours". Discussion began at 01:54:37 PM on [03/21/2026](#).

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm on Saturday, March 21, 2026.