



**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**  
**2026 Statewide Finfish & Supplemental Issues**

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

**PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS** *through 3/21/26*

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**Board Members Present**

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

Action <sup>1</sup>	Prop #	Proposal	Audio Tracking Info <sup>2</sup>
<b><i>Commercial Fisheries and Stock of Concern Action Plans (12 Proposals; 3 Action Plans)</i></b>			
<b><i>Groundfish Gear, Closed Waters, and Fishing Periods (12 proposals)</i></b>			
N/A 7-0	11	Close state waters to commercial groundfish fishing with trawl gear west of 170° W. longitude.	
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.	
N/A 7-0	164	Establish bottom contact monitoring requirements for pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters.	
N/A 7-0	165	Establish salmon excluder requirements for all pelagic trawl gear operated inside state waters.	
C 6-1	166	Amend statewide definition of a mechanical jigging machine.	
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 <a href="#">RC127</a>.</i>	
F 1-6	168	Prohibit vessels from having more than one groundfish gear type onboard when participating in a state-managed groundfish fishery.	

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

<sup>2</sup> Links to the audio recordings can be found at the bottom of the [meeting page](#). Follow the link to the audio for each meeting day and then scroll down and select the time indicated for when the discussion on that proposal or agenda item began.



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C 7-0	169	Create a definition of groundfish coil spring or ‘slinky pot’.	
C 7-0	173	Provide emergency order authority to define fishing boundaries when regulatory markers are lost, destroyed or otherwise absent.	
F 0-7	174	Allow the engine of a purse seine vessel or skiff to be shut off when the purse seine is deployed.	
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 <a href="#">RC161</a>. 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>	
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 <a href="#">RC46</a>.</i>	
<b><i>Dipnet Gear Definition (1 proposal)</i></b>			
F 0-7	175	Modify dipnet mesh-size and configuration.	
<b><i>Stock of Concern Action Plans (3 Action Plans)</i></b>			
C 7-0		Yukon River Chinook Salmon. <i>The board adopted <a href="#">RC162</a> as intent language for management and delisting conditions, although these will not be placed into regulation.</i>	
C 7-0		Yukon River Fall-run Chum Salmon. <i>The board adopted <a href="#">RC163</a> as intent language for management and delisting conditions, although these will not be placed into regulation.</i>	
C 7-0		Kwiniuk River Chinook Salmon. <i>The board selected Option One for management measures and the delisting criteria found in <a href="#">RC6</a>.</i>	
<b><i>Hatcheries (3 proposals)</i></b>			
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.	
F 1-6	171	Amend Prince William Sound hatchery permits to reduce pink salmon egg take capacity.	
N/A 4-3	172	Board-generated regulation that places a moratorium on pink and chum hatchery production.	
<b><i>Subsistence and Sport Fisheries and Gear (10 proposals)</i></b>			
<b><i>Subsistence Fisheries (1 proposal)</i></b>			
F 0-7	162	Prohibit commercial transport services in subsistence fisheries.	
<b><i>Sport Fisheries (9 proposals)</i></b>			
F 0-7	176	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits.	
N/A	177	Allow anglers fishing from the same vessel to pool bag and possession limits.	



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F/A 0-7	178	Modify the definition of bag limit. Amended with substitute language found in <a href="#">RC178</a> .	
F 0-7	179	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of 10 fish.	
F 0-7	180	Establish a statewide annual limit for king salmon of five fish.	
C 7-0	181	Align regulatory and statutory language for sport fishing gear.	
F 0-7	182	Establish bow fishing as lawful sport fishing gear for species without a bag or possession limit.	
C/A 7-0	183	Amend regulations requiring conditions of fish available to inspection while in possession. Amended with substitute language found in <a href="#">RC129</a> .	
C 7-0	184	Align the sport fish definition of rockfish with the statewide definition.	

### Other Board Actions:

**Miscellaneous Business – will update soon!**

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