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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Upper Cook Inlet Finfish

February 23–March 5, 2024, Egan Convention Center, Anchorage

TENTATIVE AGENDA
Updated 2/14/24

NOTE: This tentative agenda is subject to change throughout the course of the meeting.

This Tentative Agenda is provided to give a general idea to the public of the board's anticipated schedule. The board will attempt to hold to this schedule; however, the board is not constrained by this Tentative Agenda.

Final deadline to SIGN-UP TO TESTIFY will be Saturday, February 24, at 10:00 a.m. However, individuals seeking to provide their testimony during a scheduled time block on Sunday, February 25 must do so prior to 3:00 p.m. at the meeting on February 23. See detailed instructions at the end of this agenda.

Parties who would like to present a TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE REPORT must fill out and return the [SIGN UP FORM](#) to the Board of Fisheries Executive Director, Art Nelson, by email to art.nelson@alaska.gov or by fax to (907) 465-6094 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

Friday, February 23, 8:30 a.m. 2024.

Morning

OPENING BUSINESS

Call to Order; Introductions of Board Members and Staff
Board Member Ethics Disclosures

STAFF REPORTS

(Including a discussion about NMFS Proposed Rule regarding the EEZ fishery in Upper Cook Inlet)

Afternoon

Continue staff reports

Saturday, February 24, 8:30 a.m.

Morning

TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE REPORTS (*Deadline to sign up for Traditional Knowledge reports is 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 19th—see note at the top of the agenda*)

INVITED PRESENTATION(S)

Kintama Research



Afternoon

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Oral Public Testimony, including Advisory Committee Reports

Sign up for designated time slots closes at 3:00 p.m. Friday February 23rd. Sign up for undesignated times closes 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 24th.

Public testimony will continue until those who are present at the meeting are heard; the board will continue working through its agenda immediately upon conclusion of public testimony.

Sunday, February 25, 8:30 a.m.

Continue public testimony

Monday, February 26, 8:30 a.m.

Continue public testimony

Tuesday, February 27, 8:30 a.m.

COMMENCE COMMITTEE WORK (see Agenda Note #5 regarding committee sessions and when those will be deliberated)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Group 1: Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Action Plan

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Group 2: Northern Cook Inlet Subsistence, Northern District Commercial Salmon, Smelt, and Susitna River Sport and Personal Use Fisheries (29 Proposals)

Northern Cook Inlet Subsistence, Proposal 204; Northern District Commercial Salmon, Proposals 205–215 and 131; Cook Inlet Smelt, Proposals 216–217; Susitna River Sport Fisheries, Proposals 218–227; Susitna River Personal Use Fisheries, Proposals 228–231

Wednesday, February 28, 8:30 a.m.

COMMENCE FIRST DELIBERATIONS

BOARD DELIBERATIONS on Group 1

BOARD DELIBERATIONS on Group 2



Thursday, February 29, 8:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Group 3: Cook Inlet Areawide Sport Fisheries, Knik River Area Sport Fisheries, and Anchorage Area Sport and Personal Use Fisheries (24 Proposals)

Cook Inlet Areawide Sport Fisheries, Proposals 232–233; Knik River Area Sport Fisheries, Proposals 234–249; Anchorage Area Sport and Personal Use Fisheries, Proposals 250–255

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Group 4: Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon, Kenai River King Salmon, and Upper Cook Inlet Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Plan (46 proposals)

Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon, Proposals 75-110, 116-117; Kenai River King Salmon, Proposals 146-149; Upper Cook Inlet Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Plan, Proposals 1-4

Friday, March 1, 8:30 a.m.

BOARD DELIBERATIONS on Group 3

BOARD DELIBERATIONS on Group 4

Saturday, March 2, 8:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Group 5: Sockeye Salmon Management Plans (8 proposals)

Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan, Proposals 111-115; Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan, Proposals 118-120

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Group 6: Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan, Fishing Districts and Gillnet Specifications and Operations, Pink Salmon Management Plan, Hatchery Production, Upper Cook Inlet Management Plan, West Cook Inlet Salmon (25 Proposals)

Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan, Proposals 121-127; Fishing Seasons, Weekly Periods, Set Gillnet Gear, and Registration, Proposals 128-130 and 132-143; Hatchery Production, Proposal 43; Pink Salmon Management Plan, Proposals 144-145

Sunday, March 3, 8:30 a.m.

BOARD DELIBERATIONS on Group 5

BOARD DELIBERATIONS on Group 6



Monday, March 4, 8:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Group 7: Kasilof River King Salmon Sport Fisheries, Vessel and Habitat Restrictions, and Guides (15 proposals)
Kasilof River King Salmon Sport Fisheries, Proposal 150; Kenai River Vessels and Habitat Restrictions, Proposals 151 and 152; Guides – Kenai and Kasilof Rivers, Proposals 153-164

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Group 8: Kenai, Kasilof and Russian Rivers Sport and Personal Use Fisheries (39 proposals)
Kenai, Kasilof and Russian River Sport Fisheries, Proposals 165-188; Kenai and Kasilof Personal Use Fisheries, Proposals 189-203

Tuesday, March 5, 8:30 a.m.

BOARD DELIBERATIONS on Group 7

BOARD DELIBERATIONS on Group 8

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

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AGENDA NOTES:

- 1) This agenda is TENTATIVE and subject to change during the meeting. A list of staff reports and roadmap will be available at the meeting. Schedule updates will be posted at the meeting. An audio of the meeting should be available at the Board of Fisheries webpage (<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.main>) during periods when the board is on the record.
- 2) Testimony is expected to be limited to three (3) minutes for individuals and groups and ten (10) minutes for advisory committee representatives and regional advisory council representatives. These times may be changed by the chair in order to manage the volume of the workload. Advisory committee and regional advisory council representatives may present reports either at the beginning or end of public testimony. The representative should notify the board secretary whether he or she prefers the beginning or end of public testimony.
- 3) NEW PUBLIC TESTIMONY PROCESS: The board is setting aside its first weekend, February 24–25, for scheduled public testimony. Scheduled public testimony will be in “time blocks” of the morning or afternoon on either Saturday or Sunday.
 - a. Individuals seeking to sign up for a time block must do so by 3:00p.m. Friday, February 23, at the meeting. If you do not wish to sign up for a time block, the deadline to sign up for public testimony is 10:00a.m. Saturday, February 24.
 - b. Individuals signing up for scheduled public testimony may do so through another individual who is at the meeting facility on Day 1.



- c. Each morning or afternoon time block will allow for between 40-50 testimonies. The blocks will be filled on a first come basis.
 - d. If the board does not complete testimonies by everyone signed up for a morning block, it will complete those testimonies after the lunch break of that day. The board will complete all testimony in the afternoon blocks before adjourning for the day.
 - e. Individuals scheduled in a time block who miss their first call will be called a second and final time at the end of the day they are signed up to testify.
 - f. Individuals who do not sign-up for a time certain slot will be listed separately and called as time remains during the time blocks or once all scheduled testimony is complete. These individuals who receive and miss their first call during scheduled testimony, will receive a second call after all scheduled testimony is complete.
 - g. Boards Support will post the lists of the scheduled public testimony time blocks at the meeting hall by 5:00p.m. on Friday, February 23 and on the Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting page website at <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=02-23-2024&meeting=anchorage>
- 4) **BOARD COMMITTEES AND PUBLIC PANELS:** Committee of the Whole will serve as the committee structure for this entire meeting. Under Committee of the Whole, all board members will join and full audience participation is encouraged. Advisory committee representatives are ex-officio advisors to all board committees. The purpose of the committee process is to: 1) broaden public participation in the regulatory process; 2) provide another forum for stakeholders to discuss resolution of contentious issues; and 3) provide additional detailed information relative to proposals.
- 5) **COMMITTEE WORK AND DELIBERATIONS:** unless time limitations become a constraining factor, the board does not intend to deliberate the proposals from any committee session on the same day the committee session is held. This gives board members and the public more time to develop amendments or additional written comment. The board plans to conduct the deliberations as the first item of business on the following day.