



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
2025 Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Finfish

November 18–22, 2025 | Pike’s Waterfront Lodge

PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

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Board Members Present (7 of 7)

Mārit Carlson-Van Dort, Chair Tom Carpenter, Vice-chair
Curt Chamberlain Gerad Godfrey
Olivia Irwin Greg Svendsen
Mike Wood

Action	Prop #	Proposal	Audio Tracking Info ¹
<i>Kuskokwim and Yukon Subsistence and Sport Fisheries (6 Proposals)</i>			
<i>Kuskokwim Subsistence Fisheries (1 proposal)</i>			
C 7-0	12	Add eel sticks as an allowable subsistence gear type for fish other than salmon.	
<i>Kuskokwim Sport Fisheries (2 proposals)</i>			
C 7-0	13	Close king salmon sport fishing in the Kuskokwim River drainage upstream of and including the Holitna River from July 26 through April 30.	
C 7-0	14	Eliminate bag and possession limits for sheefish in the Kanektok, Goodnews, and Arolik Rivers.	
<i>Yukon Subsistence Fisheries (3 proposals)</i>			
C/A 7-0	15	Close harvest of fall chum salmon for 2 years in the mainstem Yukon River. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC43. Further amended to delete paragraph (B).</i>	
F 0-7	16	Prohibit the use of 4-inch or smaller mesh gillnets in the mainstem Yukon River after fall chum salmon are detected in the Lower Yukon Test Fishery project.	

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F 3-4	17	Allow the use of 6-inch or smaller mesh set gillnets in Hamilton Slough, the Anen’eq River (Unuk River), and the Ingricuar River from September 1 to September 30, during times of salmon conservation. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC36.</i>	
Tanana River Drainage Sport Fisheries (10 Proposals)			
Chatanika Pike Sport Fisheries (3 proposals)			
C 7-0	18	Eliminate the provision of the Minto Flats Northern Pike Management Plan to reduce the sport daily bag and possession limit when subsistence harvest is 750 or more northern pike in the Chatanika Harvest Area (CHA) during the period from January 1 until these waters are free of ice. Open season for sport fishing would be changed from June 1 through October 14 to April 15 through October 14.	
N/A	19	Eliminate the provision of the Minto Flats Northern Pike Management Plan to reduce the sport daily bag and possession limit when subsistence harvest is 750 or more northern pike in the Chatanika Harvest Area (CHA) during the period from January 1 until these waters are free of ice. Open season for sport fishing would be changed from June 1 through October 14 to May 1 through October 14. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on Proposal 18.</i>	
N/A	20	Modify the provision of the Minto Flats Northern Pike Management Plan to reduce the sport daily bag and possession limit when subsistence harvest is 750 or more northern pike in the Chatanika Harvest Area (CHA) during the period from January 1 until these waters are free of ice to only include waters of the Chatanika River drainage upstream of and including Goldstream Creek. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on Proposal 18.</i>	
Tanana Drainage Sport Fisheries (7 proposals)			
N/A	21	Allow a catch-and-release fishery for northern pike and prohibit the use of bait and barbed hooks in Harding Lake. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on Proposal 22..</i>	
C 7-0	22	Allow a catch-and-release fishery for northern pike in Harding Lake.	
C 7-0	23	Increase the bag and possession limit for northern pike in Volkmar Lake to match the general regulations of 5 fish of which only 1 fish may be 30 inches or longer.	
C 7-0	24	Eliminate the youth-only fishery for Arctic grayling that occurs during 4 weekends (8 days) in June and July.	
C 5-2	25	Repeal the registration requirement for ice houses that are not removed from the ice daily in the Tanana River Area.	
C 7-0	26	Modify regulations for Arctic grayling in the Shaw Creek drainage and the Tanana River within a 2-mile radius of the Shaw Creek.	
C 7-0	27	Modify management of Rainbow Lake, which is a stocked water, and increase the daily bag and possession in Rainbow Lake for all	



		stocked finfish species combined from 5 to 10, of which only 1 may be 18 inches or greater in length.	
<i>Norton Sound and Kotzebue Area Subsistence, Commercial and Sport Fisheries (16 Proposals)</i>			
<i>Norton Sound Subsistence and Commercial Fisheries (9 proposals)</i>			
C 7-0	28	Establish beach seine specifications for subsistence fisheries in the Norton Sound-Port Clarence District.	
F 2-5	29	Establish an annual household limit of 25 sockeye salmon for the Sinuk River subsistence fishery in Subdistrict 1 of the Norton Sound District.	
F 0-7	30	Move the subsistence net fishing closed waters boundary in the Sinuk River from the confluence of Boulder Creek, approximately 7 miles downstream, to Camp Creek.	
N/A	31	Move the subsistence net fishing closed waters boundary in the Sinuk River from the confluence of Boulder Creek, approximately 7 miles downstream to Camp Creek. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 30.</i>	
F 0-7	32	Rescind the subsistence gillnet fishing schedule for Subdistrict 1 of the Norton Sound District in marine waters West of Cape Nome.	
F 2-5	33	Prohibit the retention of king salmon by subsistence users when using beach seine gear in the Pilgrim River.	
F 2-5	34	Reduce the Pilgrim River subsistence permit annual household limit to one king salmon.	
F/A 0-7	35	Remove the requirement for subsistence users fishing with hook and line attached to a rod or pole to follow sport fish daily bag and possession limits while fishing for salmon in northern Norton Sound. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC44.</i>	
F 0-7	36	Allow for catch and release sport fishing for king salmon when the subsistence fishery is closed to the retention of king salmon in the marine waters of Subdistrict 5 and 6 or in the Unalakleet River Drainage.	
<i>Norton Sound Sport Fisheries (2 proposals)</i>			
C 6-1	37	Close the Pilgrim River drainage to sport fishing for king salmon.	
F 0-7	38	Increase the maximum allowable hook size for multiple hooks when fishing for salmon to a gap between point and shank of up to 19/32 inch in the Northwestern Management Area.	
<i>Kotzebue Sound Sport Fisheries (1 proposal)</i>			
F 1-6	39	Reduce the daily background bag and possession limit for sheefish from 10 fish with no size limit to 5 fish with no size limit in the Northwestern Management Area.	
<i>Kotzebue Sound Subsistence and Commercial Fisheries (4 proposals)</i>			
F 2-5	40	Require a sheefish subsistence permit for fishing through the ice in the Arctic-Kotzebue Area.	



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F 0-7	41	Add bow and arrow as a legal subsistence gear type in the Arctic-Kotzebue area for nonsalmon species and eliminate the closed season in the Noatak River sport fishery for northern pike.	
C 6-1	42	Close marine waters of Subdistrict 1 in the Kotzebue District to subsistence and commercial fishing adjacent to the runway in Kotzebue.	
F 2-5	43	Eliminate commercial fishing for sheefish in the Kotzebue District.	

NOTE: Draft Action Plans for stocks of concern whose status changed at the Oct 2025 Work Session (Yukon king and fall chum salmon stocks) will come before the board for consideration at the March 17–21, 2026 meeting on [Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues](#), to be held in Anchorage.

Miscellaneous Business:

The board generated a proposal from [RC 26](#) to increase the GHL for the Dutch Harbor food and bait fishery. This new proposal will be heard at both the Bristol Bay and will AK Peninsula/Aleutian Islands/Chignik meetings and will be deliberated/voted on it at the AK Peninsula/Aleutian Islands/Chignik meeting.

The board approved a draft call for proposals and proposal form to implement AO 360 found in [RC 42](#).

The board voted to designate Kwiniuk River king salmon as a stock of management concern and will consider an Action Plan at the March 2026 Statewide Finfish & Supplemental Issues meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:49 pm on Saturday November 22.