



ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

2025 Bristol Bay Finfish

January 13–18, 2026 | Egan Civic & Convention Center, Anchorage

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 (*absent Jan 18*)

Mike Wood

Action ¹	Prop #	Proposal	Audio Tracking Info ²
<i>Nushagak River King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan, Subsistence, and Westside Management (17 proposals)</i>			
<i>Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan (9 proposals)</i>			
F 0-6	68	Adopt an optimal escapement goal for Nushagak River king salmon. <i>Member Wood recused.</i>	02/17/2026 10:07:48 AM
C/A 6-1	61	Repeal provisions allowing commercial fishing, adopt date-specific provisions for opening commercial fisheries based on king salmon in-river projected run size, and prohibit the retention of king salmon in the sport fishery. Amended with substitute language found in RC128.	02/17/2026 10:14:41 AM
N/A	69	Adopt a recovery goal for Nushagak River king salmon. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 61.</i>	02/17/2026 10:58:36 AM
N/A	62	Prohibit commercial fishing in the Nushagak District with drift gillnets and in the Nushagak Section with set gillnets until June 28, unless the king salmon count at the sonar near Portage Creek has exceeded 55,000. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 61.</i>	02/17/2026 10:59:02 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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F 0-7	64	Open the Wood River Special Harvest Area to harvest surplus Wood River sockeye salmon, while the broader Nushagak District would remain closed for king salmon conservation.	02/17/2026 11:21:09 AM
F 0-7	65	Remove Wood River Special Harvest Area from Nushagak District allocation calculations and amend and adopt Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan to include set gillnet-specific provisions.	02/17/2026 11:27:22 AM
N/A	63	Amend the Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the author's withdrawn support and due to the board's action on Proposal 61.</i>	02/17/2026 11:36:49 AM
N/A	66	Modify the sport fishing gear allowed in Nushagak District King Salmon Stock of Concern Management Plan. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the author's withdrawn support and due to the board's action on Proposal 61.</i>	02/17/2026 11:37:23 AM
N/A	67	Modify the sport fishing gear, size restrictions and area open for king salmon in Nushagak River drainage. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the author's withdrawan support and due to the board's action on Proposal 61.</i>	02/17/2026 11:37:55 AM
<i>Subsistence Fisheries (1 proposal)</i>			
C/A 7-0	44	Limit the number of king salmon retained as homepack in the commercial fishery and in the subsistence fishery and report all king salmon harvest. Amended with substitute language found in RC109.	02/17/2026 11:38:28 AM
<i>Westside Management (7 proposals)</i>			
F 0-7	58	Modify the trigger to open the Wood River Special Harvest Area when the total run is estimated to be over 5 million fish.	02/17/2026 01:41:24 PM
F 0-7	59	Ensure drift gillnet fishing opportunity in the Wood River Special Harvest Area, regardless of allocation.	02/17/2026 01:44:57 PM
N/A	60	Increase the length of a set gillnet in the Wood River Special Harvest Area. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the authors request to withdraw support in RC125.</i>	02/17/2026 01:48:17 PM
C 7-0	56	Remove the sunset date and permanently adopt current defined offshore locations in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery.	02/17/2026 01:48:46 PM
C/A 7-0	57	Adopt offshore locations used in the Nushagak District set gillnet fishery for the drift gillnet fishery and prohibit drift gillnet gear from coming into contact with set gillnet gear. Amended with substitute language found in RC126 and further amended to replace "other gear" with "pulley" in paragraph (2).	02/17/2026 01:52:04 PM
F 2-5	55	Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan.	02/17/2026 02:00:32 PM
N/A	54	Repeal the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan. No Action based on the action taken on proposal 55.	02/17/2026 02:15:36 PM



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<i>Fishing Districts, Eastside Management, and Fishing Periods / Seasons / Reporting (18 proposals)</i>			
<i>Fishing Districts (5 proposals)</i>			
F/A 2-5	71	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC75.</i>	2/16/2026 02:23:30 PM
F 0-7	72	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.	2/16/2026 02:52:30 PM
F 0-7	73	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.	2/16/2026 02:56:30 PM
F 1-6	74	Reestablish a General District Salmon Management Plan.	2/16/2026 02:58:22 PM
F 2-5	70	Extend the northern boundary in the Ugashik District.	2/16/2026 03:00:17 PM
<i>Eastside Management (9 proposals)</i>			
F/A 3-4	45	Extend the district registration period in the Naknek-Kvichak District to 9:00 a.m. July 22. <i>Amended with substitute language found in RC100.</i>	2/16/2026 03:09:41 PM
F 0-7	46	Amend the dates described in the Naknek-Kvichak District Commercial Set and Drift Gillnet Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Management and Allocation Plan.	2/16/2026 03:41:20 PM
F 0-7	47	Amend the dates in which commercial fishing may be allowed by emergency order in the Naknek-Kvichak District.	2/16/2026 03:45:08 PM
F 0-7	48	Modify the fishing period ratio between the set gillnet and drift gillnet gear groups, and change the distance in which gear associated with set gillnet fishing must be removed in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area.	2/16/2026 03:47:44 PM
F 0-7	49	Modify the ratio of fishing periods between set gillnet and drift gillnet gear groups, based on gear type-specific participation in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area.	2/16/2026 03:50:33 PM
F 0-7	50	Incorporate fish quality considerations into commercial salmon fishery management decisions in Bristol Bay.	2/16/2026 03:52:19 PM
F 1-6	51	Allow extra drift gillnet to be carried on board the vessel in the Kvichak River Special Harvest Area. <i>Note: this proposal initially passed but subsequently failed following a motion to reconsider.</i>	2/16/2026 04:01:12 PM and 05:28:03
F 0-7	52	Create an Upper Egegik River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan.	2/16/2026 04:07:45 PM
F 0-7	53	Close a portion of the Egegik District to mitigate illegal fishing activity.	2/16/2026 04:35:57 PM
<i>Fishing Periods/Seasons/Reporting (4 proposals)</i>			
F 1-6	95	Modify early season registration requirements.	2/16/2026 04:44:23 PM
F 0-7	92	Close the Naknek-Kvichak District to commercial fishing on July 25.	2/16/2026 04:57:12 PM



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C/A 7-0	93	Increase commercial fishing time in the Togiak District. Amended with substitute language found in RC107.	2/16/2026 05:13:21 PM
C 7-0	94	Remove the 48-hour maximum extension time for Togiak River Section in regulation.	2/16/2026 05:23:43 PM
<i>Sport Fisheries (11 proposals)</i>			
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F 0-6	105	Establish a Bristol Bay King Salmon Management Plan. <i>Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 09:30:01 AM
F 1-5	185	Adopt a Naknek River King Salmon Management Plan. <i>Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 09:43:01 AM
F 0-6	96	Prohibit the use of bait and multiple hooks in the Naknek River drainage. <i>Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 09:53:52 AM
F 0-6	97	Prohibit barbed hooks, the use of bait, and multiple hooks while sport fishing for rainbow trout and char and prohibit fish from being removed from the water prior to release in the Naknek River drainage. <i>Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 10:00:00 AM
C/A 6-0	98	Lower the annual limit of king salmon over 28 inches in length in the Naknek River. Amended to lower the annual limit to two fish over 28". Board member Svendsen absent.	2/18/2026 10:06:04 AM
F 0-6	99	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River. <i>Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 10:27:29 AM
N/A	100	Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 99. Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 10:33:29 AM
F 0-6	101	Prohibit the use of bait and multiple hooks in the Egegik and Ugashik drainages. <i>Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 10:34:19 AM
F 0-6	102	Increase the area open to sport fishing for king salmon and modify the dates that bait is allowed in the Togiak River drainage. <i>Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 10:40:20 AM
F 0-6	103	Prohibit the placing of any substance in the water by guides and guided anglers for the purpose of attracting fish by scent (chumming). <i>Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 10:58:37 AM
F 0-6	104	Prohibit barbed hooks in Moraine, Kulik, American, and Brooks drainages from June 8 to October 31. <i>Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 11:02:29 AM
<i>Vessel Specifications, Gear Specifications, and Miscellaneous (18 proposals)</i>			
<i>Vessel Specifications (10 proposals)</i>			
C/A 6-0	85	Remove vessel length and include in a separate regulation. Amended with substitute language found in RC137. Board member Svendsen absent.	2/18/2026 11:35:33AM
N/A	82	Amend multiple vessel specifications and adopt additional vessel specifications. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 85. Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 12:03:28 PM
N/A	83	Extend the overall length of a vessel registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay and modify multiple vessel specifications. <i>The board</i>	2/18/2026 12:03:51 PM



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		<i>took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 85. Board member Svendsen absent</i>	
N/A	84	Increase the overall length of vessels registered for salmon net fishing in Bristol Bay. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 85. Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 12:04:10 PM
N/A	86	Include a reference to overall vessel length in the definition of trim tabs. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 85. Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 12:04:27 PM
N/A	87	Define refrigerated seawater transom cooler and include in vessel specification and operations. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 85. Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 12:04:51 PM
N/A	88	Remove anchor roller specifications. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 85. Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 12:05:14 PM
N/A	89	Increase the allowable size of an anchor roller. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 85. Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 12:05:35 PM
N/A	90	Add gillnet roller specifications. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 85. Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 12:05:59 PM
N/A	91	Amend the definition of an outdrive guard. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 85. Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 12:06:19 PM
<i>Gear Specifications (7 proposals)</i>			
F 0-6	75	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery. <i>Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 12:06:41 PM
N/A	76	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 75. Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 12:17:17 PM
F 0-6	77	Create a new permit category “E” to permanently allow permit stacking and limit the number of these “E” permits to 300. <i>Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 12:17:35 PM
N/A	78	Allow permit stacking in the Bristol Bay commercial salmon drift gillnet fishery. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 75. Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 12:21:03 PM
C/A 6-0	79	Repeal the maximum offshore operation distance for commercial set gillnets in the Ugashik River. Amended with substitute language found in RC74. Board member Svendsen absent.	2/18/2026 12:21:34 PM
F 2-4	80	Allow joint venture set gillnet fishing operations in Bristol Bay. <i>Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 12:29:31 PM
N/A	81	Allow the use of stationary, non-entanglement nets to harvest salmon in the Bristol Bay Management Area. The board took no action on this proposal due to the author’s request to withdraw found in RC146 . <i>Board member Svendsen absent.</i>	2/18/2026 12:38:05 PM
<i>Miscellaneous (1 proposal)</i>			



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<i>Will be deliberated at the Feb 2026 AK Pen-AI-Chignik meeting</i>	188	Allocate 15% of the unharvested Togiak sac roe herring guideline harvest level to the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery. <u><i>This proposal will be deliberated (voted on) at the February 2026 AK Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, and Chignik Areas meeting.</i></u>	
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Other Board Actions:

- There were no items for discussion under Miscellaneous Business.
- The meeting adjourned at 12:46 PM on Sunday, January 18, 2026.