



Fish News

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Recent & Upcoming Fish Meetings

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December 8th through the 11th.

Actions from the Chignik finfish meeting:

- Proposal 38 Open commercial fishing in June in the Western District, excluding the Inner Castle Cape Subsection, concurrently with commercial fishing openings in Chignik Bay, Central, and Eastern districts. **Failed 0-7.**
- Proposal 39 Change management plan to direct department to manage Perryville and Western districts based on abundance of pink, chum, and coho salmon in

Stepovak and Shumagin Islands sections of Southeastern District, including closures in July through August. **Failed 0-7.**

- Proposal 40 Change "shall" to "may" relative to use of emergency orders. **Carried 7-0.**
- Proposal 41 Change seine specification for when seine has stopped fishing. **Carried 7-0.**
- Proposal 42 Increase purse and hand purse seine, and seine lead lengths allowed in Eastern, Central, Western, and Perryville districts. **Failed 0-7.**
- Proposal 368 Change the date agenda change requests (ACRs) are due. Amended by Substitute language in RC 12, **Carried 7-0.**
- Board generated proposal based on RC 15, Enacting revised Chignik in-river escapement goals into regulation, **Carried 7-0.**



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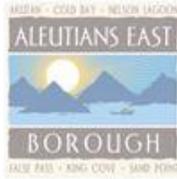
Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet and Kodiak. The Board will take final

public comment and any action on these 3 proposals at the meeting in Kodiak, January 7-11.

- Proposal 43 would establish state-waters groundfish management plans for trawl vessels 58 feet and less in the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas.
- Proposal 44 would establish state-waters walleye pollock fisheries in the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas for vessels 58 feet and less.
- Proposal 45 would require 100% observer coverage for trawl vessels targeting groundfish in state waters of the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas.

Other fisheries meetings this week in Anchorage include the Alaska Young Fishermen's Summit, December 10-12 at the Marriot Hotel; and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting December 11-17 at the Downtown Hilton.





AEB Fishermen's Meeting Teleconference

December 19, 2013 2PM

TELECONFERENCE available to the following sites:

King Cove Harbor House
AEB office Sand Point
City Office False Pass
AEB office Anchorage

Call is planned to be **broadcast live on radio KSDP**, also at apradio.org.

Informational meeting for Sand Point, King Cove and False Pass fishermen
who plan to participate in 2014 winter fisheries.

Presenters to include representatives from USCG, ADFG, NMFS and other agencies.

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