

**Guide to Meeting Documents from the  
February 1-12, 2008 Board of Fisheries Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting**

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This is a quick reference guide to the 3,366 pages of written materials from the Board of Fisheries (board) meeting on Upper Cook Inlet Finfish issues held in Anchorage February 1-12, 2008. It provides a very brief description of the types of information presented to the board; however, it does not attempt to summarize the information given the large number of issues considered. During the 12 day meeting the board acted on 286 regulatory proposals, many of which addressed various aspects of the management plans established by the board for the Upper Cook Inlet fisheries.

The complete set of written materials submitted to the board for the record is available on the Board of Fisheries website under the link to meeting document archives: <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us/archive/bof/farch.php> (or see "Document Archives" link on left side of the Board of Fisheries main webpage). All the files are in PDF format and can be downloaded. The larger sections such as public comments or department reports were broken into multiple PDF files. Still, the files are up to 10MB so a high speed internet connection will shorten downloading time. Many of these materials were available to the board and public weeks or months in advance of the meeting. Table 1 provides a reference guide to the materials.

**Table 1. Description of meeting documents (February 2008 meeting)**

<b>Link</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">Agenda/Roadmap</a> (4 pages)	The <b>agenda</b> describes the basic schedule for staff reports, public testimony, committee work, and deliberations. The "roadmap" shows the tentative committee structure, that is the thematic grouping of the 286 proposals into seven board committees.
<a href="#">Legal Notice</a> (4 pages)	This is the formal <b>legal notice</b> as required by the Alaska Administrative Procedures Act. (The notice was also posted on the state's legal notice page.)
<a href="#">Board of Fisheries</a> (3 pages)	<b>Board membership roster</b> , contact info for Boards Support Section, and meeting schedule for the 2007/2008 meeting cycle.
<a href="#">Findings/Policies</a> (24 pages)	Selected <b>findings and policies</b> of the board pertinent to this particular meeting, including a description of the board's committee process. (The complete set of all 260 findings and policies is available on the board's website.)
<a href="#">Dept. of Law</a> (11 pages)	This <b>Department of Law memo</b> to the board is a succinct overview of board procedures and an explanation of guiding statutes and policies. It notes requirements relative to ethics, open meetings, sustained yield, allocation criteria, subsistence priority, and Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy (SSFP). It also included a checklist for applying the SSFP.

<p><a href="#">Proposals</a></p> <p>(505 pages)</p>	<p><b>Proposals.</b> These are the 286 proposals scheduled for consideration during the Upper Cook Inlet meeting. All were received by the April 10, 2007 proposal deadline and were available for public review starting July 2007. This format as presented during the meeting shows a cross-reference to the relevant timely public comment and indicates support or opposition. Comments are numbered by "AC#" or "PC#" (AC refers to advisory committee comment, PC refers to public comment).</p>
<p><a href="#">AC Comments1-7</a> <a href="#">AC Comments8</a> <a href="#">AC Comments9-12</a></p> <p>(107 pages)</p>	<p><b>Advisory committee comments (AC#).</b> Included here are comments received before the two-week written comment deadline (1/18/08). A committee's support or opposition to specific proposals is shown along with the rationale for the position. Page 1 of the first file provides a <b>list</b>. Eight of the 11 advisory committees in the Cook Inlet area submitted timely comments. Comments from the remaining 3 area committees were included as record copies (see below).</p>
<p><a href="#">Public Comments 1-5</a> <a href="#">Public Comments 6-20</a> <a href="#">Public Comments 21-26</a> <a href="#">Public Comments 27</a> <a href="#">Public Comments 28-31</a> <a href="#">Public Comment 32</a> <a href="#">Public Comments 33-45</a> <a href="#">Public Comments 46-52</a></p> <p>(396 pages)</p>	<p><b>Public comments (PC#)</b> included here are those received prior to the two-week written comment deadline. These came from wide variety of stakeholder groups, associations, and individuals. These show support or opposition to specific proposals and offer other information to the board. Page 1 of the first file provides a <b>list</b> of comment sources.</p>
<p><a href="#">RC Index</a></p> <p>(6 pages)</p>	<p>This handy reference is an <b>index</b> of the 225 various documents submitted to the board during the course of the meeting from all sources. Each <b>Record Copy</b> (or "RC") is numbered. Documents include late advisory committee comments, other public comments, background on specific proposals, deliberation materials, the seven committee reports, and draft regulatory wording.</p>
<p><a href="#">RC 2.1</a> <a href="#">RC 2.2</a></p> <p>(382 pages)</p>	<p><b>Staff Comments (RC 2)</b> explain the department's preliminary position on each proposal. See pages 14-20 of the first PDF file for a summary. Positions indicate support, opposition, neutral, or a recommendation for no action. Department positions are neutral on the allocation aspects of proposals.</p> <p>For each proposal there is a description of 1) what the proposal is asking, 2) the current regulations, 3) the effect of the proposal, 4) background, 5) department position, and 6) potential cost to private persons.</p>
<p><a href="#">RC 3.1</a> <a href="#">RC 3.2</a> <a href="#">RC 3.3</a></p> <p>(775 pages)</p>	<p><b>Department Written Reports (RC 3)</b> contain all seven written reports. See Page 2 of the first file for a list of report titles. Included are topics such as fishery overviews, escapement goal reviews, and stock composition analysis. The last section (third file, pages 166-191) is a collection of useful maps.</p>

<a href="#">RC 4</a> (147 pages)	<b>Department Oral Reports</b> (RC 4) contain the PowerPoint slides from all 11 staff presentations. See Page 2 for report titles.
<a href="#">RC 5-37</a> <a href="#">RC 38-51</a> <a href="#">RC 52-76</a> <a href="#">RC 77-114</a> <a href="#">RC 115-132</a> <a href="#">RC 133-255</a>  (1,002 pages)	Other <b>Record Copies</b> submitted during the meeting. See <a href="#">RC Index</a> above for the complete list. Selected documents of general interest include the following:  RC 8 - " <b>Options Memo</b> " from ADF&G summarizing potential management options facing the board for Upper Cook Inlet.  RC 12 - Memo from ADF&G discussing <b>stock of concern status</b> for Yentna River sockeye.  RC 33, RC 34, RC 35, RC 36, RC 48, RC 83 - <b>Deliberation materials</b> presented by ADF&G for proposals in each of the seven board committees.  RC 72 - <b>List of oral public testimony</b> identifies the 125 individuals, organizations, and advisory committees that signed up to testify before the board.  RC 101, RC 102, RC 103, RC 104, RC 105, RC 106, RC 107 - <b>Committee Reports</b> are the written product from the seven board committees. Listed for each proposal is 1) a summary of key points in support and opposition, 2) a cross-reference to pertinent documents in the record, 3) a consensus if any among board committee members or among public panel members, and 4) suggested substitute language.  RC 154 - Preliminary draft <b>action plan</b> to address Susitna River sockeye salmon stock developed in response to the stock of concern finding.  RC 224 - Draft <b>board finding</b> on Upper Cook Inlet salmon management plans. (See 2008-259-FB for final version.)

Note: references to page numbers listed above refer to the page of the PDF file and not the page listed on the original document.

### Other background information available

Board of Fisheries website main page:  
<http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us/fishinfo/index.php>

Audio files of the meeting are available. Please submit requests to Boards Support Section, Department of Fish and Game (465-4110).

A list of the actions taken on the 286 proposals is available on the Board of Fisheries website (see: <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us/fishinfo/meetsum/meetsum.php> or follow links to "Summary of Actions" for the 2007/2008 cycle).

Board finding on Upper Cook Inlet salmon management (2008-259-FB):  
<http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us/fishinfo/regs/2008/2008-259-FB.pdf>

Also available on the board's website is a map depicting the general location of the 11 local fish and game advisory committees in the Cook Inlet portion of the Southcentral Region. All 11 were active participants of the 2008 Upper Cook Inlet meeting.  
Link: <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us/advisory/listac/acreq.php>

The Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy (SSFP) can be found in 5 AAC 39.222.  
Link: <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us/fishinfo/regs/ssfptext.pdf>

The Board of Fisheries allocation criteria can be found in AS 16.05.251(e) and Board Finding #91-121-FB.  
Link: <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us/fishinfo/regs/ff91129x.pdf>

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