

C3 Council Motion

2026 Cook Inlet Salmon Harvest Specifications

February 11, 2026

The Council adopts the Preliminary 2026 Cook Inlet Salmon SAFE report.

The Council adopts the 2026 Cook Inlet EEZ Area salmon specifications for OFLs and ABCs as recommended by the SSC, and recommends the TACs as shown below in Table 1.

Table 1: Proposed 2026 harvest specifications for Cook Inlet EEZ Area salmon stocks. The *SSC recommended* minimum stock size threshold (MSST), preseason overfishing level (OFL), acceptable biological catch (ABC), annual catch limit (ACL), and *Council recommended* total allowable catch (TAC) are in numbers of fish.

Stock	Tier	MFMT	MSST	OFL	OFL _{PRE}	ABC Buffer	ABC/ACL	TAC Buffer	TAC
Kenai Sockeye (KNSOCK)	1	0.265	3,030,000	NA	1,284,478	27.0%	937,993	6%	
Kasilof Sockeye (KASOCK)	1	0.538	555,000	NA	617,006	20.6%	489,936	6%	1,487,153 *
Aggregate Sockeye (AOSOCK)	3	NA	NA	906,757	181,351	15%	154,149	6%	
Aggregate Chinook (ACHIN)	3	NA	40,500	2,237	373	30%	261	8%	240
Aggregate Coho (COHO)	3	NA	NA	268,053	67,013	60%	26,805	38%	16,619
Aggregate Chum (CHUM)	3	NA	NA	390,030	97,508	20%	78,006	12%	68,645
Aggregate Pink (PINK)	3	NA	NA	282,813	141,406	10%	127,266	2%	124,721

* Combined sockeye salmon TAC. The sum of KNSOCK, KASOCK, and AOSOCK.