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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: 12-22-08, meeting recessed, then reconvened on 12-31-08

ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME: Elfin Cove Advisory Committee

LOCATION: Community Building Library, Elfin Cove, Alaska

MEMBERS PRESENT: 12-22: Gordy Wrobel, Lane Ply, Michael Nelson, Steve Alexander (alternate), Greg Howe, and Jim Lewis, Travis Lewis.

12-31-08: Greg Howe, Mike Nelson, Travis Lewis, Steve Alexander, Gordy Wrobel, and Lane Ply

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sean Elliott (Alternate), Gerry Harvey (Alternate)

PUBLIC PRESENT: 12-22none, **12-31** Scott Raymer, Jim Wild (elected to 1-year term)

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:30 am

AGENDA:

- Elections
- Discussion & voting on Board of Fish proposals for 08-09 meeting cycle

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Officers and Members: Jim Wild was elected to a 1-year term, replacing Sean Elliott who is now an alternate. Jim Lewis, Lane Ply and Greg Howe were re-elected to three-year terms.
2. Current officer and member roster:
 Greg Howe—Chairman
 Gordon Wrobel—Vice Chairman
 Lane Ply—Secretary

<u>Term</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
3-year	Jim Lewis	2011
3-year	Lane Ply	2011
3-year	Greg Howe	2011
2-year	Gordon Wrobel	2009
2-year	Travis Lewis	2009
2-year	Mike Nelson	2009
1-year	Jim Wild	2010
Alternate	Sean Elliott	
Alternate	Steve Alexander	
Alternate	Gerry Harvey	

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3. Discussion and Voting on Alaska Board of Fish Proposals to be addressed at the January and February 2009 meetings. As this committee's policy has been in the past, we have only acted on proposals that we felt directly relate to our area and activity.

Proposals 133:

Vote: unanimously opposed

Discussion: We felt this proposal was too broad and was not well written.

Proposals 135:

Vote: unanimously opposed

Discussion: Our group felt this was unfair to sport users who might need mechanical assistance to participate.

Proposal 137:

Vote: Passed (Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 1)

Discussion: We support the establishment of bag limits for all species due to changes in the targeting from sport and commercial anglers.

Proposal 139:

Vote:

Discussion: We feel that this proposal is an attempt to limit non-resident sport catch of shrimp but as written it unduly limits resident fishers. The strength of the stocks is not the issue throughout southeast Alaska.

Proposal 147:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support attempts by the department of Public Safety to clarify rules and regulations.

Proposal 160:

Vote: Failed (Yes 0, No 5, Abstain 1)

Discussion: We don't need the reductions in this geographical area and we don't want to see this limit imposed on local users.

Proposal 161, 162, 163:

Vote: unanimously opposed to all three of these proposals

Discussion: This would be very difficult to enforce and the act of catching the fish or crab will have some mortality. People are using the resource and should support its use by purchasing a license.

Proposal 164, 165:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support the efforts of local residents to access the resource.

Proposal 169:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support ADF&G's efforts for enforcement.

Proposal 199:

Vote: Yes-1, No-2, Abstain-3.

Discussion: The yes vote member wanted to go on record as in favor of closing these fisheries because he wants to protect natural prey species for salmon. The abstaining voters did not have enough information to make a decision.

Proposal 200:

Vote: no vote

Discussion: We didn't vote on this proposal because it's out of our area, but we would like to make a statement about our general concern for the herring resource. We are concerned with the sustainability of the herring stocks in Southeast and especially in Sitka Sound. In general our group is in favor of proposals that are pro resource conservation and which enhance sustainability. One possible avenue would be roe harvest in pounds or by other methods that don't kill the herring.

Proposal 218:

Vote: unanimously opposed to proposal.

Discussion: We don't support simultaneous use of permits and gear.

Proposal 221:

Vote: unanimously opposed to proposal.

Discussion: We feel this limits ADF&G's management options.

Proposal 222:

Vote: Passed (Yes-5, No-0, Abs-1).

Discussion: We agree with the proposal.

Proposal 223:

Vote: unanimously opposed to proposal

Discussion: If the king salmon are so abundant, an individual should be able to catch plenty of fish with one rod.

Proposal 224:

Vote: Passed (Yes-5, No-0, Abs-1).

Discussion: We support the Golden North Salmon Derby.

Proposal 230, 231:

Vote: Passed (Yes-5, No-0, Abs-1).

Discussion: We support increased troller access to these areas.

Proposal 243:

Vote: unanimously in favor of proposal.

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Discussion: We feel that rockfish and lingcod should be able to be taken with rod and reel for subsistence use.

Proposal 245:

Vote: Failed (Yes-0, No-5)

Discussion: We feel that if this is such a big problem that a task force should be created to study the problem. This is not a viable solution.

Proposal 252:

Vote: Passed (Yes-6, No-0)

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposals 253, 254:

Vote: Tied (Yes-3, No-3)

Discussion: The yes voters felt this would increase efficiency; the no voters felt increased efficiencies were unnecessary.

Meeting recessed at 1:30 pm on 12-22-08.

Meeting reconvened on at 11:30 am 12-31-08 with additional participants:

Proposal 286, 287:

Vote: Passed (Yes-7, No-1)

Discussion: The No voter feels this issue needs to be addressed but that this is a poorly written proposal.

Proposal 288:

Vote: Passed (Yes-6, No-1, Abs-1)

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposal 289:

Vote: Passed (Yes-7, No-1)

Discussion: The no voter feels this proposal doesn't address the issue.

Proposal 290:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposal 292:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposal 293:

Vote: Passed (Yes-7, No-1)

Discussion: We support this as long as the resource is fully utilized.

Proposal 295:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We are concerned with catch and release mortality in the charter fishery.

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Proposal 296:

Vote: Passed (Yes-6, No-0)

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposal 297, 298:

Vote: Failed (Yes-1, No-5, Abs-1)

Discussion: Most voters opposed use of electric reels because it makes it too easy to fish deep, extending the range of the sport fisher beyond traditional access limits.

Proposal 299:

Vote: unanimously opposed

Discussion: We oppose this because if an inexperienced fisher was allowed to fish this way, the possibility of catching and killing way more fish than needed for the bait supply is highly probable. This method is too efficient for the bait needs of the charter fisher.

Proposal 300:

Vote: Unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support the proposal as written

Proposal 301:

Vote: Passed (Yes-4, No-1, Abs-1)

Discussion: Yes voters felt mortality is a big problem, no and abstain voters took issue with the wording of the proposal.

Proposal 302:

Vote: Failed (Yes-0, No-5, Abs-1)

Discussion: We felt this proposal was too restrictive.

Proposal 303:

Vote: unanimously opposed

Discussion: Without a definition of the herring jig, we felt this method might lead to a single fisherman being able to use 2 poles.

Proposal 305, 306:

Vote: Unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support the proposal as written

Proposal 308:

Vote: Failed (Yes-1, No-5, Abs-1)

Discussion: We recognize that issue is a problem, but this unfairly penalized those who live aboard their boats.

Proposal 309:

Vote: Failed (Yes-2, No-4)

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Discussion: We support establishment of allocation of coho salmon, but this proposal isn't worded specifically or clearly enough.

Proposal 310:

Vote: Passed (Yes-6, No-0, Abs-1)

Discussion: The abstaining voter wondered if this would replace the log book?

Proposal 311:

Vote: Passed (Yes-5, No-1, Abs-1)

Discussion: Most supported because we see this as a problem locally and had heard of it as an issue in other places so we welcomed this as a beginning to address the issue.

Proposal 312:

Vote: Passed (Yes-6, No-1)

Discussion: We support efforts to insure legal fishing practice throughout the charter fishing industry.

Proposal 320, 321:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support the proposal because it allows more access in the winter season when the fish are worth more money. It also helps trollers meet their allocations.

Proposal 323:

Vote: unanimously opposed

Discussion: We strongly disagree because this penalizes trollers in the Cross Sound area that have previously participated in this fishery. The Elfin Cove troll fleet is revitalizing this fishery that was negatively impacted by the low prices of 1999-2002. At that time processor interest waned as the pink price fell. Processor interest is on the increase at this time and prices have doubled. Regardless of what happens to the king salmon resource, if this proposal passes the opportunity to fish pink and chum in Cross Sound in June is lost. Please see Elfin Cove Advisory Committee's proposal 324 regarding this same fishery. We don't think troll managers should eliminate existing fisheries because they are too busy to manage.

Proposal 324:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: This proposal allows better access to a fishery that has a solid economic history that needs to be developed for today's markets.

Proposal 325:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support the proposal as written

Proposal 326:

Vote: Failed (Yes-0, No-6, Abs-1)

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Discussion: We support the existing management plan and not further restrictions on the number of days commercial trollers are allowed to fish.

Proposal 328, 329:

Vote: unanimously opposed

Discussion: We feel that if an individual wants to power troll, they should buy a power troll permit.

Proposal 333:

Vote: Passed (Yes-6, No-0, Abs-1)

Discussion: We support the use of good science in allocation efforts.

Proposal 334:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposal 336:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support this because it would result in better utilization of bicatch.

Proposal 337:

Vote: Passed (Yes-6, No-1)

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposal 339:

Vote: Passed (Yes-6, No-1)

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposal 340:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposal 341:

Vote: Failed (Yes-1, No-6)

Discussion: We are concerned with the increased effort by sport charter on rockfish. Because of biological consequences we oppose this reallocation to the sport charter fleet.

Proposal 342:

Vote: Passed (Yes-5, No-2)

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposal 343:

Vote: Failed (Yes-1, No-6)

Discussion: We are concerned for the rockfish stocks.

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Proposal 344:

Vote: unanimously opposed

Discussion: We feel this would result in over-fishing yelloweye stocks.

Proposal 349:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposal 351:

Vote: Failed (Yes-1, No-5, Abs-1)

Discussion: The no voters feel that with current technology this is non-workable in a commercial setting.

Proposal 353:

Vote: unanimously opposed

Discussion: We feel this proposal would result in increased mortality in all rockfish stocks.

Proposal 354:

Vote: Passed (Yes-7, No-1)

Discussion: We support ADF&G.

Proposal 355:

Vote: unanimously opposed

Discussion: We do not support new fisheries directed toward rockfish.

Proposal 367:

Vote: unanimously opposed

Discussion: We do not support proxy fishing for shrimp and crab.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Lane Ply, Secretary ECAC

Lane Ply
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Prop 354 13-0-0 Support

Prop 355 0-13-0 Oppose

Prop 357 13-0-0 Support

Committee addressed prop 357 due to the public interest in this statewide crab proposal.

Prop 368

Note: This Committee was not aware of this proposal and took no action.

* Comment for Statewide Meeting submitted with Finfish Comments from Petersburg AC

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Proposals #348 NO ACTION
Comments: This is a housekeeping proposal.

Proposal #349, 350 & 351 NO ACTION- COMMENTS ONLY
Motion to adopt by: Mike Second by: Brennon
Number in favor: No vote
Number opposed: No Vote
Number abstaining: No Vote
Comments: This proposal would require the use of a decompression device for releasing rockfish. It is accepted that it is a waste of the fish to surface release a rockfish and see them floating belly up. It was reported that the puncture method is not recommended for rockfish release. A weighted hook to the fishes lip could be used to get the fish down in the water.
NOTE: The Wrangell AC would like the sported guided charter fleet and ADF&G to develop a technique minimize mortality on rockfish returned alive to the sea.

Proposals #352, 353, 354, 355 & 356 NO ACTION
No Comments

Proposal #357 SUPPORT
Motion to adopt by: Brennon Second by: Alan
Number in favor: 11
Number opposed: 0
Number abstaining: 0
Comments: This proposal would increase the allowable thread size for shellfish pot escapement mechanism. Pot fisherman on the AC agree this is a valid problem and favor 90 rot string; but note the pots must be rigged correctly to allow escapement. The pots must be rigged so they will come undone when the rot string breaks. It was reported that currently rot strings need to be replaced once during the harvest season. The proposal would be labor saving in that rot strings on dungee pots could last the entire season.

Proposals #358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366 & 367 NO ACTION
No Comments

Proposal #368 OPPOSE
Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Marlin
Number in favor: 0
Number opposed: 11
Number abstaining: 0
Comments: This proposal would establish possession limits for nonresidents as one daily bag limit for all species. This action could put sport charter industry out of business. The problem described is dealt with much better, and more sensible, in other proposals. The Wrangell AC would like to see the BOF take actions to develop reasonable regulations on possession and bag limits at this meeting. The BOF should not appoint a task force taken which would delay any other direct action.

***Tom Announces next Wrangell Advisory Committee meeting will be in one week on January 19, 2009.
Meeting adjourned about 11 PM***

The Wrangell AC meeting on January 19, 2009 started at 7 PM.

Eight members were present attend the meeting which was called to order by Tom Sims, Committee Chair at about 7 PM. Tom made several announcements including Otto will represent the Wrangell Ac at the BOF shellfish meeting in Petersburg, and news from a recent SSRAA Board meeting. Tom is president of the new SSRAA Board. SSRAA will move forward with restructuring the Burnett Hatchery, which should increase chum production in District 6. The story is different for coho where there is resistance to change from summer to fall coho. The survival of summer coho from Neck Lake has been consistently poor. Tom presented the AC with a report by species of where SSRAA produced fish were caught in 2008. The report is available on the Internet. The SSRAA Board has passed a new seven year strategic plan for SSRAA

Comments for Statewide Meeting Submitted By Wrangell AC w/ Finfish Minutes.

Craig Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes February 2, 2009

Call to order: 7pm

Roll Call:

- Karl Demmert
- Bill Farmer
- Steve Stumpf
- Steve Merritt
- Fred Hamilton
- Brian Castle
- Matt Peavey
- William Russell
- Corky Timpe

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Stu Merchant and Ellen Hannon are absent

Doug Rhodes is an alternate sitting in for Ellen Hannon.

Public turnout: James Dennis, Michael Douville, Dennis Watson, Kathy Peavey, Kurt Agnisch, Chuck Haydu,

Determined there is a quorum. Call to order
Minutes from last meeting:

Doug Rhodes makes a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Brian Castle seconded, no discussion. No opposition.

Steve Merritt discussed the procedure for going through the proposal book.

Fred Hamilton discussed that the alternate sit up with the group. Stu Merchant arrived and joined the group.

Steve Merritt mentioned that he will be conducting the meeting with Roberts Rules of order and would like to conduct a civil and fair meeting.

Steve Merritt went through the proposal book and narrowed down the field to address certain proposal unless someone has an issue with a proposal that is not listed to talk about.

3 minute time limit for talking.

S.Merritt entertained a motion to accept his agenda and time limits.

FH moved to accept the motion. BC seconded, No opposition.

Chuck Haydu wanted to know about speaking about proposals now or later.

Douville- wants to let people know to when to comment. Merritt says board first then public.

FH wants to clarify when the public speaks. Wants public input.

FH makes a motion to let the public speak during a proposal. Bill Farmer seconded the motion... all in favor. No opposition. Motion passed.

Dennis Watson gave suggestions for running the meeting.

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(Submitted w/ Craig AC comments for Finfish)
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Vote yes 0 No 11
opposed

Proposal 330

Doug Rhodes adopts, Stu Merchant seconded
MP says you have to write it down.

Vote yes 11 no 0
Support

→ Proposal 361

DR adopts 361 SM seconded.

Merritt opposes this.
FHamilton said subsistence is for helping. In favor of this.

Vote yes 6 abstain 3 no 2
support

Proposal 223

DR moved SMerchant seconded
BC two rods ok, SMerritt says this does not say resident only. Would not like to see a charter fishery in the winter. Bill Farmer says no, proposed by the Charter boat association. Steve Stumpf opposes as well.

Vote yes 1 no 10

Failed

Merritt nominated to go to Sitka, concerned about being able to speak personally as well.
Jim Dennis suggests to accept the position now

Doug Made a motion to accept Steve going, Stu Merchant seconded.

No opposition.

Next meeting dates-
Wait until Ellen comes back.

Doug Rhodes makes a comment to have a meeting after the board of fish meeting. Bill Farmer said within 2 days you can find out from Rhonda... next BOF Dungeness crab coming up March 16-20th. Have to meet 2 weeks prior.

Doug Rhodes said this may not be part of our area.

Merritt asked Fred if we need to have a meeting. FH said to look into later.

Carl Timpe made a motion to adjourn 10:48pm Doug Rhodes seconded.

From: *Matt Peaver* secretary

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Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee 2.4.09

AC Members

- Jack Lorrigan- Subsistence
- Jerry Barber- Hunting (Vice Chair)
- Tad Fujioka- Trapping (Chair)
- Mike Baines- Sport fish
- Mo Johnson- Seine
- Joel Hanson- (Fishing) Guide
- Floyd Tomkins- Conservation
- Eric Bahnsen- Charter
- Dick Curran- Longline
- Tory O'Connell- Alternate (Secretary)

Public

- Brad Shaffer
- Harvey Kitka

JL looking for help in tagging fish at SSSC Hatchery next week

Shellfish Statewide

357- increase biodegradable twine from 60 to 90

No Action

363- reduce statewide personal use limit for razor clam limit to 30 clams per day

No Action

367 – Require annual written permission to pull another’s shellfish pot

JB – the criminals will do it anyway – kind of cumbersome.

JH MTA, JB 2nd

JH- curious what the regs now?

FT – Don’t you have to have the clients on board to set and pull gear.

HK – another regulation would require person to pull their own pots

BS – handicapped?

TO – read logic for report; I'm worried that this proposal might help circumvent the charter regs that now require that the client be on board when gear is set or retrieved.

JH MTT, MB 2nd

JB – we could vote it down with language to say it opens the wrong doors

JH – if we vote no, it makes it more of a challenge to have somebody pull your pot when you have a legitimate reason for doing so. For example if you have a medical emergency and can't get back out to your gear. There are good reasons to have this but the language is too vague in the proposal.

FT- What happens if you line up 5 or 10 one year proxies and fish a long string of pots?

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5 Y 5 N –

Back to main motion

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0 Y, 10 N- Proposal Opposed

(Note that there was some uncertainty as to what the current regulations are, and thus whether this proposal made thing more stringent or more liberal.)

Game

224 – Prohibit take of cream color bears in Unit 1D

JH – MTA, FT 2ⁿ

JH – I am in support of this one. Spirit Bears are important.

JB – I agree with JH. Protecting for sacred or tour operators, they are very rare.

TF- Is this regulation obsolete? Hasn't this bear already been shot?

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7 Y, 2 A Supported

225- reauthorize Berner’s Bay Antlerless Moose Hunt

No Action

226- reauthorize Yakutat Antlerless Moose Hunt

No Action

240 – increase the number of drawing hunts that you can apply for from 3/species

6/species – Board of Game

BS – hard to get a big game ticket

FT – the Dept gets more revenue

No Action

241 – set up a bonus point system from drawing hunts

JL MTA, JB 2nd

JL – I put in for these hunts and I don’t feel like I have access to the resources here – this is what they do in Colorado. People feed their families that way.

JB – I like the idea but per 7(e) this only applies to Bison Drawing permits.

BS – the Delta hunt is a less than 1% draw – very popular.

JL – MT Amend 2nd DC

To apply for all drawing species, not just Bison.

JL – the one time I got a hunt I couldn’t access the location

JB 2nd

? on amendment

10 Y 0 N

? on amended motion

10 Y 0 N Supported as amended to include all species

242 – specialty hunts for each big game species on all military and some state lands for disabled veterans

JB – 243 is a lot more specific, 242 is very vague; Let's support 243 instead.

243 – similar to 242 but submitted by the Dept.

JL MTA DC 2nd

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10 Y 0 N Supported**244 – Prohibit use of full metal jacket bullets in .223 caliber for big game in units 1-4.****JB MTA 2nd EB**

JB – The Board wanted this to go statewide and for all calibers.

BS (Original Proposer)– The Board has a “phantom” proposal for statewide all calibers, I am going to vote against the statewide version. The difference is people who know what they are doing with a firearm. In Sitka we have an economic advantage over more rural places. If you live in Sitka you can afford to buy hunting ammo instead of FMJ rounds. In other areas they need FMJ to hunt caribou etc – and they are skilled enough to use guns correctly. Here people use boats and often shoot from the boat and make bad shots. A good marksman can kill efficiently with FMJ, but too many people here that aren't that skilled use them anyway. At this point, I regret submitting the original proposal because implementing it statewide will have an adverse impact on other people that I never intended.

JB – I want to support it for units 1-4.

TF – Do we want to address 244 as written and take up the "phantom" proposal separately?

JH – Please make the notes reflect that the vote is specific to the original proposal and not about other amendments.

JL – 223 FMJ is a perfect round for seals and otters for subsistence hunting. We don't want a round that will tear up the fur so we use a small FMJ. With seal and otter all you get a shot at is their heads. Often we are hunting for deer on the same trip – so you would need two clips. This could be an enforcement issue with the native community. Just having a dead deer and a clip with FMJ bullets shouldn't be a violation.

BS – I think this is taking a natural resource conservation issue and it is getting turned into a political situation – other (more rural) communities don't hunt for sport, they hunt for food. One shot one kill. I don't want to see hunting rights get tied up around bullets, when it is ethics really.

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6Y 30 1A Original Motion is Supported.**245 – Require IBEP bowhunter certification for people hunting black bear over bait****JB MTA JH 2nd**

JB – It's required for most other bow hunting situations and this is one of the few areas it is not. Education is helpful for bowhunting.

FT – what is IBEP?

JB – it has been around for a lot of years- it's a bow hunter safety course.

FT – is there a marksmanship requirement?

JB – yes; a reasonable one- not too stringent.

HK – I think there should be some education on how to hunt with a bow – if they hit it in the wrong place it is a problem. Using bait to hunt at all is a problem. If this is supposed to be sport hunting, hunting over bait isn't sport hunting.

BS – Is there any regulation on this already in Alaska? Why would there be a distinction here?

TF – If someone is electing to use a bow but they could use a gun for that hunt they don't have to be certified. You currently only have to be certified if it is a bow-only hunt.

BS – I think it is important to require hunter safety for bow hunting, you can harm a lot of wildlife

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246 – require black bear harvest ticket before you go hunting.

No action

TF: This bear sausage (points to table with food) is 3 years old but it is the last meat I have from the last big game hunt of my friend, Toby Coate who died after this hunt. He was a lifelong waterfowl hunter and sportfisherman. He hunted bear, moose and deer. He seined and trolled in Southeast and longlined in Southeast and the Bering Sea. He also worked as a charter guide. His interests are well represented at this table. I brought this sausage tonight because Toby would have wanted this meat to be shared with people who deeply care about fishing and hunting.

BOF meeting in town in 2 weeks. Other than that we will probably not meet again until elections next December. We will have representatives at the BOF meeting to explain the AC position: Eric Bahnsen/Eric Jordan/Tory O'Connell/Joel Hanson

HK – I enjoy coming to these meetings, I sit on the SE RAC and I would like to be more involved. The next RAC is February 23-26 in Petersburg

Proposal 376 – possession limit equal to daily limit.

JB – This proposal was sent via separate mailing. It wasn't in the green book. We dealt with this topic via separate proposals. I just wanted to point out that mailings like this occur frequently.

No Action

MB – MT Adjourn. 2nd MB

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Proposal # 377

Vote: 5-0, the committee is in support

By giving settnetters another 10 Fathoms,
when Fishing IN RIVER it would help
Eliminate part of the over escapement
Issue.

A/C COMMENT # 6



Kodiak Fish & Game Advisory Committee February 4th 2009-KNWRVC

Oliver Holm Chairman

7:00pm

(Minutes represent a paraphrased summary of the KAC, department staff and public comments and are not a verbatim transcript of the meeting. Tapes of the meeting are available for review by contacting the committee secretary)

- Committee elections and selection of officers**
- Discussion and action on herring work group proposal**
- Wrap up of 2008 commercial salmon fishery by department staff**
- Discussion and action on shellfish proposals**
- Selection of KAC member to attend the BOF finfish and shellfish meetings**
- February 17th set as next KAC meeting date to discuss and take action on game proposals**

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Call to order: 7:10pm at the KNWR Visitors Center

Roll call: A quorum was achieved with the following members present: Oliver Holm, Don Fox, Kip Thomet, Julie Kavanaugh, Mike Clark(for Ron Kavanaugh), Rolan Ruoss, Layne Wilde, Alexis Kwachka, Pete Kendricks(for Curt Rivers), Pete Hannah, Mike Horstman(for Paul Chervenak), Bob Mc Garry(for Lou Dochterman) and Dave Hilty(for Al Cratty).

ADF&G Staff: From the finfish division Jeff Wadle, Joe Dinnocenzo and Iris Caldenty and from Shellfish were Wayne Donaldson, Mark Stichert and Nick Sagalkin.

Audience: (2) Bruce Schactler(seiner) and Harvey Goodell(gillnetter).

Approve Agenda: Motion to adopt agenda passed unanimously.

Approve Minutes of previous meeting: Motion to approve minutes of our meeting of December 4th 2008 passed unanimously.

Correspondence: None.

Chair Announcements: Possible to get a sea otter person(USFWS) from Anchorage to update the committee and public on their status in the Kodiak Area

Election of committee members and officers:

- 1) Nominations were opened and closed for committee seats. As all candidates were unopposed the KAC voted unanimously to seat the full slate. Don Fox and Alexis Kwachka were elected to the (2) one year Alternate Seats and elected to the three year seats were Kip Thomet(Salmon Gillnet Westside) and Paul Chervenak(Big Game Guide/Outfitter).
- 2) The current officers were nominated and reseated Chairman Oliver Holm, Vice Chair Paul Chervenak and Secretary Don Fox.

Kodiak Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2009

Old Business:

- 1) Iris Caldentey gave an wrap up of the 2008 commercial salmon season and presented a handout on the preseason preliminary preseason forecast for 2009.

2)Herring work group recommendations:

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Pertaining to the Kodiak Area herring gillnet allocation.

A agenda change request submitted by Bruce Schactler concerning the Kodiak Area gillnet allocation would: rescind the current allocations and return to equal fishing time for each fleet separated by time, but not area. The ACR further requests that the current harvest strategy be re-instated when needed or justified. This request was submitted because in recent years lack of effort by the gillnet fleet left large amounts of available herring quota un-harvested(**stranded**).

Staff comments: If allocation rescinded the department is unclear what criteria would be used to justify re-instating the current allocation. Department neutral on allocation aspects. Whatever is done should be black and white the simpler it is the easier to manage.

Committee comments: The advisory committee met and discussed this issue at great length at our December 4th 2009 meeting. The measure was tabled and a work group formed composed of the various stakeholders and department staff to discuss this issue and present their recommendations at the KAC,s February 4th 2009 meeting. Wallace Fields was selected to chair a meeting to be held at 7:00pm January 8th at the ADF&G conference room. The work group was composed of Mr Fields , Peter Allen, Harvey Goodell, Dave Hilty and Oliver Holm and would be facilitated by department staff. KAC members all agreed that participation by gillnetters was dependent by price in any given year and that if the gillnetters had a few weeks of fishing at the beginning of the season a permit holder would be able to fish the **old allocation** also giving the department some time to assess the participation of the gillnet fleet. Committee members felt that the **work group proposal** needed to be **amended** by striking the language after (e)(8) **After May 7th (deleted language) >>>> if fewer than five gillnet permit holders have made deliveries in the Kodiak Management Area-----**from the work group recommendations. The committee felt that with out the change the likelihood of un-harvested GHL would still be high. The three weeks at the beginning of the season with the allocation plan in place still allows gillnetters a significant opportunity to catch if the price should rise and effort increase their allocation. This is needed for gillnetters planning to risk re-entering the fishery.

MOTION: moved and 2nd to adopt work group proposal with amended language.

ACTION: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 13-0.(proposal on next page).

(Herring proposal continued):

5 AAC 27.510 FISHING SEASONS AND PERIODS FOR KODIAK AREA.

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(4) [TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SAC ROE HERRING FISHERY, A CFEC PERMIT HOLDER MUST REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT FROM APRIL 1 THROUGH APRIL 14.] **before participation in the sac roe herring fishery after May 7, a CFEC permit holder must be registered with the department.**

5 AAC 27.535. HARVEST STRATEGIES FOR KODIAK AREA.

(e)(10)((C) HARVEST OR EFFORT, OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH HARVEST AN EFFORT, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW ONE GEAR TYPE TO OPERATE IN AN AREA DURING ANY OPEN PERIOD WITHOUT REGARD TO THE ALOCATION SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION;]

(e)(8) **After May 7 the department may open any section that hasn't been previously closed by EO to both gear types. The provisions of this subsection do not apply after December 31, 2010.**

New Business:

1)Shell fish proposals:

Proposal 356

5 AAC 32.033 TENDERS FOR DUNGENESS CRAB.

Allow vessels registered to harvest Dungeness crab to also tender Dungeness crab in the Kodiak District.

Staff comments: NEUTRAL. Department does not anticipate significant changes in effort or harvest if passed although this proposal should not be used as a basis for adopting similar regulations outside of the Kodiak district. Ownership of the crab would transfer once possession transfers to the tender.

MOTION: Moved and 2nd to adopt proposal #356.

Committee comments: Agreed with and support department comments. Committee members felt that this proposal would benefit small boat owners fuel costs especially those who fish Dungeness crab at the south end of Kodiak Island. It would also provide more income for tender operators. KAC members Mr. Clark and Mr. Hannah who both fish Dungeness crab supported the proposal but stated that they wouldn't tender crab for other fisherman.

ACTION: MOTION PASSES, 11-2.

Minority opinion: Would open new fisheries and get more people into the fishery to compete against a long established fleet.

Proposal #357

5 AAC 39.143(1) ESCAPE MECHANISM FOR SHELLFISH AND BOTTOM FISH.

Change the statewide biodegradable twine requirements in commercial, personal use, subsistence and sport Dungeness pots from 60 thread to 90 thread.

Staff comments: Department opposed to this proposal. Current requirements of 60 thread was not intended to remain intact for the entire season and reflects BOF intent for

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a 30 day failure rate. Anecdotal information from Kodiak Dungeness fisherman indicates 60 thread lasts 4-6 weeks and 90 day thread could last 50-60 days or longer. Department believe holding crab for longer periods of time will result in injury/mortality for Dungeness crab as well as king and Tanner crab caught as by catch.

MOTION: Moved and 2nd to adopt proposal #357.

Committee comments: Agree with and support department comments for conservation reasons.

ACTION: MOTION FAILS, 4-9.

Minority opinion: Felt that adoption would save labor, expense and pollution(old twine thrown overboard).

Proposal #358

5 AAC 38.425. CLOSED WATERS FOR SCALLOPS IN REGISTRATION AREA J. Open an area south and west of Kodiak Island to weathervane scallop fishing and increase the Kodiak Area GHR of 0-300,000 pounds of shucked meats to a GHR of 0-400,000 pounds of shucked meats annually.

Staff comments: Department opposed. A similar proposal addressed at the 2000 BOF meeting and not adopted. ADF&G does not have adequate directed scallop assessment data to prosecute a fishery consistent with sustainable practices. The 100,000 pound GHR increase would need to be reallocated to Kodiak from a different scallop area. Proposed areas have been closed since 1969 due to crab by catch concerns. King and Tanner crab in the proposed area currently below threshold for commercial crab fisheries.

Motion: Moved and 2nd to adopt proposal #358.

Committee comments: Agreed with and support staff comments and also felt that it wasn't prudent to open an area to scallop dredging which according to data supplied by the department that the crab stocks were slowing rebuilding.

ACTION: MOTION FAILS UNANIMOUSLY, 0-13.

- 2) KAC selected Oliver Holm to represent the committee at the finfish meeting in Sitka and Don Fox to attend the Anchorage shell fish meeting.
- 3) February 17th 2009 -7:00pm at the KNWRVC was selected as the date for the next advisory committee meeting to discuss and take action on Unit 8 game proposals.

ADJOURN-9:37pm

**NAKNEK KUTCHAK FISH AND GAME ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

**7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 3, 2009
Bristol Bay Borough Assembly Chambers
Naknek, Alaska**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 5. INTRODUCE STAFF AND GUESTS**
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. ELECT AND SEAT NEW MEMBERS**
 - B. ACT ON BOARD OF GAME PROPOSALS**
 - C. OTHER**
- 7. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A.**
 - B.**
- 8. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**

#69 Predator Control Areas Implementation Plans. Motion to approve was made by Sonny Regan, seconded by Marc Watson. It is strongly felt by committee members and the majority of the audience that we must reduce the number of predators in our region.

Motion passed: 7-0

#206 Establish an archery moose season. Motion to approve was made by Sonny Regan, seconded by Ryan Willson. We have avoided moving the season back for firearms because this gets into the rut and meat is of little value. Subsistence is very important to the area villages where game animals are relied upon for basic food.

Motion failed: 0-7

#207 Establish a youth only moose season. Motion to approve was made by Fred Pike, seconded by Sonny Regan. It was felt that the drawing would be saturated by urban names. We presently take youths out under the direction of their parents or supervising adults and this seems to work well.

Motion failed: 0-7

#221 Modify the same day airborne restriction. Motion to approve was made by Ryan Willson, seconded by Kevin Cossairt. Protection Officer Justin Lindell stated that this would be unenforceable.

Motion failed: 0-7

#244 Big game animals may not be taken with 223 caliber full metal jacket bullets. Motion to approve was made by Fred Pike, seconded by Sonny Regan. This may come up as a statewide proposal and the committee wanted to let the BOG know that they are opposed to this proposal. Difficult to enforce.

Motion failed: 0-7

Lem Butler stated that he had taken a new position in Juneau and would help out his replacement with the projects he had ongoing in our region. We wish him well.

Other:

ADFG commercial fish biologist, Slim Morstad, stated that there is only one proposal to be taken up by the BOP in March.

#377 Increase the Set Net Gill Net aggregate in the NRSIA to 35 fms. Motion to approve was made by Russell Phelps, seconded by Marc Watson. This proposal had been put in at the last Bristol Bay cycle. When fishing in the NRSIA the department wants to harvest as many fish as possible. Since we have had over-escapement in the Naknek River recently we do not see where this will hurt.

Motion passed: 7-0

All Bristol Bay fish proposals are due by April 10, 2009.

East Prince Of Wales (EPOW) Fish and Game Advisory Committee

EPOW Advisory Committee:

The East Prince of Wales AC met on January 21, 2009 to discuss Board of Fisheries Proposals for the March meeting in Anchorage. Not all members were present at the meeting, but a quorum was present. No members of the Public attended the meeting, and one ADF&G staff biologist participated via teleconference. The meeting started around 6:00 p.m. and ended at 7:45 p.m. The meeting was held at the conference room at the USFS Office in Thorne Bay.

EPOW Members:

- Jim Beard, Thorne Bay, Sport Fisherman and Hunter, USFS Fish Biologist
- Doug Black, Thorne Bay, Trapper and Commercial Fisherman
- Jana Carpenter, Thorne Bay, Sport Fisherwoman and Hunter, B&B Owner
- Raymond Slayton, Thorne Bay, Subsistence Hunter and Fisherman, Trapper, USFS Wildlife Technician
- Jim McFarland, Thorne Bay, Sport Fisherman, Retail Store owner

Public Present:

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ADF&G Present:

Steve McCurdy, ADF&G Craig, Sports Fish Division (via teleconference)

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Proposal details at a Glance

East Prince Of Wales (EPOW) Advisory Committee (AC)

Table 1. Final EPOWAC vote tally on Board of Fisheries proposals

Proposal	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Chair calls...	Date of vote
356				No Action	01/21/09
357	0	5	0	Opposition carries	01/21/09
358				No Action	01/21/09
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367	0	5	0	Opposition carries	01/21/09

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to take No Action

Date: 21 Jan 09

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
356	Allow Dungeness crab fishing vessels to simultaneously tender Dungeness crab for other fishing vessels.	Rick Ellingson	No Action

No Action—Outside of Area

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VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose

Date: 21 Jan 09

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
357	Increase allowable twine size on Dungeness pots from 60 to 90.	Dick Gregg	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: All were strongly opposed, and in fact thought the time it takes for #60 to rot gives insufficient time for crabs to escape pot before mortality.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to take No Action

Date: 21 Jan 09

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed By	EPOW AC Vote
358	Open a closed-water area to scallop fishing under an exploratory scallop fishing permit.	Alaska Scallop Association	No action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to take No Action

Date: 21 Jan 09

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
359	Clarify reporting requirements for statewide scallop fisheries.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to take No Action

Date: 21 Jan 09

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
360	Repeal Commissioner's permit for Kamishak District scallop fishery and put into effect management elements previously stipulated in permit.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to take No Action

Date: 21 Jan 09

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
361	Allow subsistence fishing by proxy in Alaska Peninsula shellfish fishery.	Melanie Ludvick Rotter	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

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Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to take No Action

Date: 21 Jan 09

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
362	Allow subsistence crab pots in Alaska Peninsula shellfish fishery.	Melanie Ludvick Rotter	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support

Date: 21 Jan 09

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
363	Limit razor clams to 30 per day	John McCombs	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: Assumed this is for Southeast Alaska. The AC felt that the current regulation of no bag and possession limits would allow for overharvest. A daily bag limit of 30 clams is sufficient to meet the needs of users. Sitka Sound Special Use area can stay the same, assuming ADF&G feels the current regulation for this area is OK—closed to the taking of razor clams.

Oppose: None

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Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to take No Action

Date: 21 Jan 09

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
364	Reduce razor clam limit in Clam Gulch to the first 15 dug.	Gary Simmons	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to take No Action

Date: 21 Jan 09

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
365	Reduce razor clam limit to 25 (Cook Inlet).	John McCombs	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to take No Action

Date: 21 Jan 09

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
366	Close commercial, sport, and personal use shellfish harvest in Kachemak Bay (Shipwreck Cove and Otter Rock) from April 15 through September 15.	Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies, Inc.	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

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Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose

Date: 21 Jan 09

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
367	Allow for written permission to use another person's shrimp or crab gear.	Lawrence Hirai	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Assume for Southeast Alaska. Keep regulation as it is – prior permission is fine. Potential for misuse, anybody could write a note, and one year time frame for permission is too long. A notarized signature would be the only way to assume permission was from owner was legal—kind of a hassle to do this...

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BOG - Anchorage mtg

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Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2009 9:47 AM

To: Bob Shavelson; Donald Mike; Kenbdra Zamzow Ph. D.; Larry & Judy Heilman; Lindsey Bismark; Randy Standifer; Robert E. Moran Ph. D.; Wright, Sherry (DFG)

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**Tyonek Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Resolution 08-01**

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WHEREAS, The Tyonek Advisory Committee (TAC) was formed to provide a local forum on fish and game management issues;

WHEREAS, the TAC members are year round residence of Tyonek-Beluga and have years of experience in the 12 areas of interest, and over the years have witnessed the decline of resources, habitat, destruction, and pollution:

WHEREAS, the introduction of pike into Upper Cook Inlet (UCI) decade's ago all which pose an immanent threat to extinction of all salmon species in the fresh waters of West Cook Inlet (WCI) and the UCI area:

WHEREAS, and now the threat of extinction of a sensitive eco-system by strip mining:

WHEREAS, We the people are also threatened by the extinction of a way of life:

NOW THERE FOR IT BE RESOLVED, We stand firm that , decisive and immediate action must be taken now with the well known problem of the pike and ramifications:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that WE OPPOSE any permitting process to be awarded to PacRim coal or any corporation with WCI coal development:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, WE OPPOSE reports indicated in coal mining areas fish and wildlife will not be adversely affected:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, WE OPPOSE any information to indicate the area eco-system, long term health and sustainability of the Fish and wildlife in the WVI and greater UCI will not be affected.

ADOPTED THIS 5TH DAY OF November 2008.

(sign) Lindsay J. Bismark, Secretary

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your comment and input is needed

Tyonek fish and game Advisory Committee
 Al Goozmer, Chair. John Standifer, V-Chair. Lindsey Bismark, Secretary.
 Members
 "Chad" Chickalusion, Randy Standifer..
 Aaron Jones. Larry Heilamn. Donald Standifer Jr Peter Merryman

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Re: endorsement of our resolution

Dear Chair and AC members, Native Councils, Native corporations and other native organization, any Cook Inlet salmon user group.

As the complete report on the *Management Plan for Invasive Northern Pike in Alaska* Prepared by: South central Alaska Northern Pike Control Committee. And other reports indicate, all salmon will soon be just food for this *Cancer*. The Cook Inlet will be extinct of all natural species in the aqua culture. Reports indicate they will eventually eat themselves. From now until then, many of us may never see any results. We do not want the settlement process as we seen in the Exxon oil spill,

The technology is there. The trained personal is there. The delivery apparatus is there.

For the past twenty years the Department has been sending out a single recon squad to identify the problem. The time is now to turn loose the commanders of the armored division, and kill the problem. We believe the time is now. All lab tests were in a long time ago; put the surgeon to work to remove this cancer.

We believe that we can advance the proposal for the total eradication of the pike. As we do the call for public announcements on the problem. We are calling for public comments, we are calling for action, and we believe you are also.

The Chuit River, *the Kenai River of west Cook Inlet*. For many years the river was and continues be a favorite to many. This pristine wilderness and abundance of salmon, rainbow, Dolly Varden has been visited and enjoyed the thrill of the river by many races from many nations, Many of you have fond memories of the salmon at the end of your line. Or witnessing first hand the eagle on a limb only a short distance from you. We believe that you were even startled by the bear or marveled at the sight of the moose.

Support us. Let's not see this system destroyed. Say NO to PacRim coal or any corporate interest in WCI. Coal development. Remember in the 80's a fish only the size of your finger stopped the army corp. of engineers from building a dam? What happened to our values?

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Tyonek fish and game Advisory Committee

News letter

The Tyonek Advisory Committee (TAC) was first formed here in the village during the early 80's. The purpose of TAC was, as it is today. To create a public forum on the management of fish and game issues, and propose change that will benefit all user groups.

Most of the obstacles we faced during the early days remain with us today, but at a much more direct threat. The past few years we have seen the threat become more evident.

The Northern Pike; was first detected in streams on the West Cook Inlet (WCI) during the mid-1980's. For the past twenty years the State of Alaska Dept. of fish and game has been sending out a single recon squad to identify the problem. We feel that time has long time pasted to eliminate the problem,

Attachment is the list of streams and affects on WCI.

Chuit River, the Kenai River of west Cook Inlet. During the 80's proposals were introduced to manage, protect, maintain and improve the fisheries.

The Chuit River has long been a favorite to many, was visited by people from many nation and continue to be a favorite for many.

Proposals never funded:

- A fish hatchery or nursery for a better return of the king salmon, red and silver
- Access ways to the upper and lower part of the river.
- Vehicles, trash receptacles maintain the fishery
- Camping and resting areas
- Expansion and improvement of parking areas northern part of airstrip

People from both Tyonek and Beluga of depend on this fishery for seasonal income.

Many people make seasonal employment part of their income by guiding on the river; or transporting people and gear.

The proposed PACrim coal company, if permitted to develop will destroy the stream; if allowed will *kill* the river and the entire eco-system, the moose, the bear, the beaver, and every single animal and bird that inhabit the area. 60 sq miles will be a dead zone. *See attachment.*

Your TAC presented a resolution to the KPBA (Kenai Borough Assembly) for endorsement. We were treated as if we were asking for some used chairs & desks for the school, as if we were asking for some equipment for the fire dept we will never receive or as if we were asking for a free plane ticked to use Tyonek's swimming pool located in Nikiski. We were asking for endorsement to save the fish in Cook Inlet, save a whole eco-system,

Commercial fishing: the industry is now in decline, as well as the return of salmon. This area was also proposed for improvement of the equal distribution of the resources. This was never address by the board of fisheries and today, we still see the evidence of special interest that control the industry of Cook Inlet.

The commercial fisheries management report; 1980-2007

1986 there were 135 commercial limited entry permits held by individuals fishing the waters of Cook Inlet, 2007 there are only 62 remaining.

The average total number of fish caught within the Cook Inlet: 1980-2007

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Central district driftnet fleet	2,829,280
Northern district Tyonek district	41,481

We propose to open the west side of Cook Inlet, a corridor that would mirror the escapement corridor for the Kenai and Kasilof River on the east side of the central district, with the boundaries being the southern tip of Keligan Island to the eastern most point of Kuskatan.

We reject the proposal by the board of fisheries, because of its ambiguity. Other proposal will be submitted for a better return and the equal distribution of resources from Cook Inlet. (Update) All proposals for Cook Inlet will not be considered until a later date. Our proposals will have to be in the form of a petition.

Subsistence fishing; Also the TAC proposed legal gear allowed changed.

1983. The gear at that time was 60' x 4.5" mesh, x 45 meshes deep.

The fish and game *ground personal* noticed that the fishing gear was killing the big king salmon, after many complaints from the users, mainly us

Many viewed this required regulations past by the board of fisheries as the influence of special interest groups.

Our proposal for the coming season is to double the required gear to the size that will not be the demise of the much larger king salmon and to receive our allotted quota to sustain our needs for that season.

Tyonek sub district; allotted 4,500- never reached this total.

Individual allotted - 70 kings 25 other species - never reached this total

Many other discrepancies remain today

Subsistence clams- a two-mile stretch of beach, from the terminus of Polly Creek north. Was designated as Tyonek subsistence clam area prior to the 1980's. For the past few years our people have been down there and the return trip was always far from what was needed. The area was and is being ignored as *a designated area* by all who take these resources for personal gain, the use of dredges was prohibited, but the damage was done.

As to when the area will again be productive for calms is unknown. The last reports, was that they were still very small and not harvestable.

Hooligans; this resource is also slated for commercial use proposed by the board of fisheries. They proposed to allow for commercial sale of this fish, 100,000 lbs. during the next few years. Some comments from you were to take another look at this as supplemental to commercial fishery in our district.

Moose, bear, wolf. The TAC is also working to better the management of land animals. The present regulations for the moose season need to be revised, and the present season opening and closing need to be amended. At present we have no proposal, the state biologist working on the whole game management in unit 16b (moose, bear, wolf etc.) report is not available

As reported to the TAC meeting.

The estimated population in our unit. 1983-84, 1220 animals. The following years, there was a decline in numbers. The highest count was taken 1995-96, 1080 animals. The estimates remain at 750-850 from 2000. The last survey was, 2004 estimated to be at 960

2007 report: 82 cows observed 70 gave birth (Pregnancy rate 85%)

of those 70, 38 were twins (twinning rate 54%)

Leaving 108 calves on the ground by July 1

The median calving date was May 20

Nov. 1st 25 were still alive including one set of twins (survival rate 23%, compared to 15-17 last year, and 10-11% for 2005)

Adult mortality remains stable and low, and only observed mortality were due to bears not wolves.

The moose population is increasing, when the herd will reach a healthy number is unknown.

And please note that the coal mine can displace the herd, as to where they will be displaced to, is unknown.

The TAC can and should be an affective instrument for the management of fish and game in our area.

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The TAC need your support, your comments, suggestions and engagement to the decision making process that will affect us and our people for years to come.

More young people should be involved with management issuers of fish and game in our area.

Contact: Lindsey Bismark, Secretary.

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