

Advisory Committee Comments for Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting

February 20-March 5, 2011

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**Seward Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes of December 2, 2010**

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Meeting began at 7:00 pm

Members Present: Jim McCracken, Robin Collman, Dianne Dubuc, Ezra Campbell, WC Casey, Bob White, Carl Locke, Doug McRae, Chris Bolton, Mark Clemens, Jim Hubbard.

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Members Absent Excused: Corey Hetrick, Arne Hatch, Dr. Matt Hall, John Flood

Members Absent Unexcused: Joe Cziglenyi

Public Present: Jim Herbert, Trent Foldager, Jeannette Hanneman, Tom Prochazka

ADF&G Staff: Dan Bosch, Sherry Wright

Minutes of the previous meeting (October 14, 2010) were discussed and will be approved at the next meeting.

Public Comments – none

Dianne Dubuc gave a report on the Statewide finfish meeting last March and some proposals that were passed and then the Lower Cook Inlet meeting that was held in Homer in November.

Dan Bosch gave a sport fishery report.

Sherry Wright reported new rules of funding for attendance at only 2 board meetings per year, due to budgets staying the same level, with costs rising. Also the Board of Game is going to one book per year beginning 2011. Deadline for BOF proposals will be April 8th and the BOG proposal deadline is going to be in May 2012 year, but 2011 it will be later in April. Keep an eye for the Call for Proposals. Also had a discussion of what Board meetings are coming up.

Old Business – none

 **BOF Upper Cook Inlet Proposal comments**

The AC did discuss some of these at their October 14th meeting, but without the benefit of the local area biologist present, so they took them up again tonight.

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Prop 156

0-9-2 Opposed

The early Russian River sockeye run.

Oppose due to harvesting fish before you even know if you have any escapement. 10,000 fish could be taken before they even get out into the river. Educational harvest is an example of what is being discussed. This is a pretty vulnerable fishery - has had a reduced bag limit in the past. More economic benefit to the sport fishery than the few fish the commercial fishery might harvest.

Prop 172

0-11 Opposed

Require users to complete a class and obtain a dipnet education card prior to receiving a dipnet permit. Would be unneeded bureaucracy.

Prop 173

Repeal sport fish license requirement to participate in Cook Inlet personal use fisheries.

Licenses ensure compliance with current regulations.

Prop 174

0-11 Opposed

Allow nonresidents to participate in the Upper Cook Inlet personal use fishery.

This is only allowed for residents. This is in statute.

Prop 175

0-11 Opposed

Establish a July 17 opening date for the Kenai River personal use fishery on runs under 2 million. Dept has this fishery under control and there is proper enforcement. The PU fishery is residents and they should be able to harvest some of this resource. This issue comes up habitually and is a very contentious issue. This allows for home pack. Our recommendation is for status quo.

Prop 176 – 194

0-11 Opposed

All dealing with Kenai and/or Kasilof River personal use fishery

Referenced comments on Prop 175

Prop 206

8-1-2 Support

Align coho salmon bag limit with adjacent waters in the Russian River Sanctuary Area and Russian River.

This will help clarify regulations for bag limits in the area. The current regulations are confusing to the general public. Opposed doesn't think there is anything wrong with the current regulation. Abstention is not familiar enough to decide.

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in for one time on the fish issues and will attend to testify (not charging the state) and was approved to represent the AC at the UCI meeting.

The committee moved to authorize Dianne Dubuc to represent Seward AC for the King/Tanner crab meeting.

The question of whether the AC could split out one day for BOG meeting attendance was brought up. It was the first thing Sherry asked when notified of this funding issue. Dianne Dubuc will write a letter to Paul Seaton regarding the funding problem for AC's that are volunteers, spend a great amount of personal time assisting the Boards by providing local input and providing a local forum, have no costs associated with their regular AC meetings and are now being cut out of ability to be funded for a portion of their attendance at board meetings. Currently they are only funded for five days maximum and many board meetings are much longer than that.

Election of members was held with the following results: WC Casey, Robin Collman, Jim McCracken, Jim Hubbard and Ezra Campbell for three year seats; Trent Foldager and Jim Herbert for one year alternate seats.

Officer elections will be held at the next meeting.

Next meeting will be held January 20th at 7 pm at Seward City Council chambers. Agenda will be election of officer, board of game comment preparation and any other business that may properly come before the AC.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

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Members Present: Keith Gain, Paul Chissus, Warren Brown, Robert Purpura, Walt Sonen, Alvin Swick

Members Absent Excused: Michael Opheim, Dave Chartier, Bryan Chartier,

*AMD - BOF Crab mtg
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Members Absent Unexcused: Tim Dillon

Public Present: Mary Klinger, Robert Rafferty, Layla Pederson, Tim Dillon

ADF&G Staff Present: Sherry Wright

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Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm for the purpose of holding elections and discussion of Upper Cook Inlet proposals.

Elections were held with the following results: Warren Brown, Keith Gain, Mary Klinger for three year terms that expire 12/31/2013; Matt Gallien and Layla Pedersen one year alternates with terms that expire 12/31/2011.

Officer elections were held by unanimous consent with the following results: Robert Purpura as Chair; Walt Sonen as Vice Chair; Mary Klinger as Secretary.

Robert Purpura provided a report on the Lower Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting and how the board voted on each proposal. This information is also available on the BOF website: www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us

Upper Cook Inlet Proposal Comments

Prop 116 0-8 Oppose
Reduce mesh depth in the Central District.

Everybody has 45 mesh nets and having to re-gear for this fishery would cost a lot. You need 45 mesh depth in order to fish in this area and be competitive.

Prop 117 No action
Modify amount of gear used by CFEC permit holder.

Discussed an amendment that an individual could only fish one statistical area.

This would allow a person to fish the east side in one part of the season, then fish the west side in another part of the season. Set net fishermen opposed this. If you put two permits on a boat you are only allowed to fish four shackles of gear, not six (in the drift fishery). If this allowed for four nets, it would be more reasonable. Drift net sites are more difficult to know who is fishing. One person

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could lease 15 sites. It may reduce some cost, but cause other problems. This seems like it would limit new people from entering the fishery. Economically, it makes sense as it cuts down cost. With children growing up, they are not always there to fish. Most people that fish have more than one permit. In Bristol Bay, this has been allowed and what has happened is people have hired deck hands and operate on a larger section of beach. There was concern expressed that the same time of thing would happen here. It goes against what the individual permit holder was established to create to be physically working their permit.

Prop 122 8-0 Support
 Modify Upper Cook Inlet Central District Drift Gillnet Management Plan.
 This is a reasonable conservation method for Upper Cook Inlet stocks.

Prop 123 No action
 Revise the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan.
 The Central Drift fleet is already restricted by regulation.

Prop 125 7-0-1 Support
 Delete references to Areas 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Allows for current protections for fish bound to the Susitna River without unnecessarily restricting the drift fleet, creating over escapement to the Kenai and higher king salmon by-catch by harvesting the Kenai run in front of the Kenai River. Abstention is due to not knowing enough about the fishery.

Prop 179 8-0 Support
 Open Kenai and Kasilof dipnet fisheries only after lower escapement goals will be achieved

The problem of the unregulated dip net fishery with little enforcement needs to be addressed. Degradation of the habitat is another problem faced by focusing the dip net fishery into one area. There are other proposals that try to spread out the effort (Prop 197 - 199) for example. A later start date is a step in the right direction for management. Over-escapement is the place that dipnetters are useful to protect the system from being overfilled.

Prop 193 No action
 Prohibit dipnetting from boats in Kenai River personal use fishery.
 There have been up to 400 boats seen out in the water during this fishery. It's like a 10,000 horse power meat grinder. Unregulated dip net fishery - both bag limit and enforcement issue. There was no environmental impact study done when the dipnet fishery was established. The committee spent some time trying to sort out which dipnet proposal will be the one that gets the most traction for people to discuss.

Prop 223 8-0 Support
 Add a new section to increase emergency order authority flexibility to address invasive northern pike.

AC's have a long history of supporting reduction of pike. Would like to see allowance of commercial sale of pike to promote harvest. This is a step in the right direction.

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Prop 324 no action
Allow for use of dual permits in Cook Inlet set gillnet fishery.

Same comments as on Prop 117.

King & Tanner Crab & Supplemental

Prop 315 – Would allow for enforcement of charter / lodge owners
There have been thousands of charter operators dumping their pots, and having clients pick up a crab permit (free from ADF&G) and giving crab to clients. The resource is being depleted by this practice. There was no personal use fishery several years ago, but the limit has already been reduced due to the amount of harvest. 8-0 Support

Prop 316 – Create a tanner crab season in Cook Inlet
Committee thinks they were told they would open Cook Inlet after a season was opened in Kodiak. That was the justification of keeping the tanner crab closed. There is a season in Kodiak and they doubled their season this year, but Kamishak is still closed.

Prop 317 – Amends the season for personal use
This will eliminate much of the problem of summer charter harvest and the depletion of the resource. A suggestion of changing it to September 1st was made as an alternative to the October 1 date. 8 – 0 Support

The committee approved to send Robert Purpura to represent them at the Upper Cook Inlet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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7:45- Started **Upper Cook Inlet finfish proposal comments**. Bennett brings forward proposal, Bill seconds.

- 265. 11-0-0
- 266. 1-9-2. Minority comment is something has to be done. Precedent has been set for South Central Alaska along the Kenai.
- 268. 11-0-1
- 269. 11-0-1
- 270. 12-0-0
- 271. 12-0-0
- 272. 12-0-0
- 273. 1-8-3
- 223. 12-0-0
- 274. 0-12-0
- 275. 0-12-0
- 276. 0-12-0. See 277 as it is better written.
- 277. 12-0-0
- 278. 12-0-0
- 174. 0-12-0
- 197, 198, and 199. 0-12-0. We still have problems with current escapement.
- 279. 12-0-0
- 280. 12-0-0
- 281. Voted to amend proposal to read "With an established escapement goal, open Matanuska River drainages to king salmon fishing with an established escapement goal". 12-0-0 to amend. 12-0-0 as amended.

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Shannon:
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Meeting began at 7 pm.

Members Present: Tony Jones, Mark Chryson, Giuseppe Rossi, Max Sager, Dan Montgomery, Stephen Bartelli, Eric Beckman, Bill Folsom, Kathy Thompson, Andy Couch arrived during discussion of fisheries proposals.

Jr. Member: Andy Gocke

Visitors: Todd Rinaldi, Loren Karro, John Otcheck

Bill made motion for discussion r/t alternative meeting place.
Bill made motion to consider businesses that may accommodate.
Tony seconded.

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Bill brought up favoritism in using a business, but is in favor.

Discussion about downsided of using a business, it might create impression of favoritism.
Businesses might want meetings so board and visitors might browse.

Vote: 9:0:1

Jr 1:0:0

Discussion of Nelchina Caribou Herd letter. Fairbanks A/C asked us to support them in asking for a joint board meeting to take Unit 13 out of subsistence. Dan asked if it was all of Unit 13 or a portion. Stephen said Fairbanks was to send a map, but haven't yet. Discussion of drafting a letter to Fairbanks A/C, BOF and BOG. Bill stated hunters are discriminated against by zip code, age and ethnicity. Stephen said we should ask for the whole of Unit 13.

Dan Montgomery will write above letter.

January Elections: Up for re-election:

Stephen Darilek, Ken Federico, Andy Gocke, Steve Quarta, Eric Beckman, Garrit Dykstra, Bill Folsom, Kathy Thompson, and seat vacated by Troy Vincent

Stephen discussed setting date for elections. Bill suggested separate A/C for fish and for hunting, which could meet separately and/or jointly. Stephen stated we need to attempt to get more fish people to run for board. Kathy Thompson will contact the CPG, who was responsible last year for the big turnout at the election. Stephen suggested we start the process when we have more members present. Stephen assigned Steve the job of putting together a proposal to email the members to start formulating a plan.

Break: 8pm to 8:10 pm

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Upper Cook Inlet BOF proposal comments:

Guiseppe starts with Proposal 123: Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management.

Kathy suggested amending the dates to encompass the chinook run. Stephen suggested we wait until more fish members are in attendance.

Bill moved to table this proposal until next meeting.

Vote to table 6:4:0

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Proposal 121: Vote: 8:0:2

Jr 1:0:0

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Proposal 120: Vote: 0:6:2

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Proposal 119 Vote 0:8:2

Jr 1:0:0

121,120, 119 vote against because of need to control commercial fisheries.

Prop 114 Vote 0:10:0 Poorly worded proposal

Andy Couch arrived at the meeting.

Prop 113 would require all nets out of the water from closing time on Friday until opening time on Monday. Some committee members liked the idea of being able to participate in a Kenai Peninsula personal use fishery without competing with commercial nets over the weekends -- especially considering it is such a long drive to reach the fisheries from the Mat-Su Borough. Andy Couch stated the top end of the Kenai and Kasilof River sockeye salmon goals would likely be surpassed with such a change -- triggering more aggressive commercial fishing later in the season.

Vote: Motion Failed 7:1:3 Jr Vote 0:0:1

#284 Would eliminate pike limit and size limit in Alexander Lake. Committee agrees with proposal as written. Members agreed that aggressive pike control is needed at this time. Passed 11-0-0. Jr Vote 1-0-0.

#285 Moved to amend to no closed season rather than no season. Amendment passed 8-1-2 junior 1-0-0. Motion passed as amended 7-1-3 Jr Vote 1-0-0. Opposed vote preferred Proposal 284.

#286 Would allow 5 lines and bait for pike in Big Lake and also close lake to fishing from March 15 - May 15. Committee believed that the restriction allowing bait fishing to start each day 1.2 hours before sunrise was a typographical error and should have read 1/2 hour before

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sunrise. Motion passed 8-2-1 Opposed vote disagrees with closing entire fishery for 2 months. Another committee member expressed an opinion that it was only the bait portion of the fishery that would close from March 15 - May 15.

#287 Would allow 5 lines for pike and bait in Nancy Lake. Motion passed unanimously 11-0-0 and 1-0-0.

#288 Would allow 5 lines for pike and bait in Nancy Lake and Big Lake. Passed 10 - 0-1, and 1-0-0. It was pointed out that there was a contradiction with this proposal and proposal 286 but AC members expressed interest in doing everything needed to get rid of pike in Big Lake and Nancy Lake.

#290 Would allow use of two lines while fishing still waters from a one person craft. Some members felt the expanded opportunity was not needed, while others expressed the opinion that the bag limit would not change -- so why not allow it. Passed 7-3 -1 and Jr. 1-0-0

#291 Would require stocking more rainbow trout and less silver salmon in lakes. Passed 7-3-1 and Jr. 0--0-1. Some AC members expressed a preference for eating landlocked silver salmon. Disadvantage to silver salmon is they die off at an earlier age than rainbow trout and do not get as large.

#292 Would decrease Limit and shorten season for Arctic Grayling in Symphony Lake. Passed 6-2-3 Opposed did not want to shorten season.

#293 Proposal would prohibit keeping rainbow trout and allow only one unbaited single hook artificial lure year round while fishing Upper and Lower Six Mile Lakes. Motion to table proposal 3-4-4. 1-0-0. Motion to table fails. Motion failed 0-9-2. 0-1-0.

#294 Would establish a spawning closure on Campbell Creek from April 15 - June 14. Motion Passed 9-1-1. Opposed did not want to see water closed -- preferred a season limit of zero rainbow trout.

#295 Would close a portion of Ship Creek from April 15 - June 14 to protect spawning rainbow trout. One member expressed interest in having the fishery stay open with a bag limit of zero during the specified time. Other members expressed little knowledge of the fishery, so they wanted to follow ADF&G recommendation. Motion passed 10-1-0.

#296 Would standardize the opening date for silver salmon fishing throughout the waters open to silver salmon fishing on Campbell Creek. Motion passed 10-0-1.

#297 Would close Bird Creek to all fishing from January 1 - July 14. Rational cited by ADF&G for the proposal was that chinook salmon will continue to be caught with the possibility that some may be illegally kept. Motion passed 8-1-2. Opposed vote preferred a fishery closure starting June 1, or whenever the king salmon start to appear in significant numbers.

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#298 Would prohibit walking up and down the middle of Ship Creek from 1.5 hours before high and low tide. Motion failed 0-6-5. 0-0-1.

#321. Motion Failed unanimously 0-11-0 and -0-1-0. Would increase commercial harvest of silver salmon by allowing increased commercial fishing in August.

#322. Proposal would allow more commercial fishing time, and particularly during August thereby increasing commercial harvest of additional silver salmon. Motion Failed 0-9-2. 0-1-0.

Next Matanuska Valley AC meeting scheduled for Dec. 1, 2010 at 7 p.m. at MTA Building in Palmer. Stephen Darilek asked AC members to be prepared to work on Upper Cook Inlet fisheries proposals.

Minutes taken by Kathy Thompson and Andy Couch

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Members Present: Bill Folsom, , Tony Jones, Jeff Tuttle, Gerrit Dykstra, Mark Chryson, Brian Campbell, Max Sager, Eric Beckman, Dan Montgomery, Kathy Thompson, Bennet Durgeloh, Guiseppe Rossi **Alternates:** Keith Westfall, Ben Allen

Junior members present: None (all excused)

Members excused: Steve Bartelli, Andy Couch, Mel Grove

ADF&G representatives: Tony Kavaloti, Sam Ivey, Len butler, Tim Peltier.

Guests present: Jennifer Ehmann, Pete Zazalinsky, Earl Bragg, Kenny Barber, Pat O'Conner, Tony Russ, Peter Barela,

Call to Order at 7pm

Bill Folsom called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

January 12, 2011 minutes approved with no objections or changes

Acceptance of the Agenda:

Upper Cook Inlet BOF Proposal discussion

We all received a copy of the recommendations of the Kenai River Sportfishing Association. Mark moves that we accept the Kenai River Sportfishing Association recommendations on the proposals on the agenda, except #194. *Motion passed unanimously* to support Kenai Sportsmen's Association recommendations.

Proposal 194. Would prohibit dipnetting from boats in Kenai River personal use fishery from ADF&G regulatory markers located on the Cook Inlet beaches outside the terminus of the river upstream for a distance of one mile. ADF&G (Sam Ivey) states the department's stand is no recommendation, as this is a redundant proposal. *Vote 0-14-0*

Proposal 196. Increase season dates and expand area for Beluga River personal use fishery. ADF&G (Sam Ivey) states the department has no problem expanding the area for handicapped and seniors, as the numbers of fish caught are well below the 500 acceptable, but stated hesitancy in opening season earlier due to increased probability of catching Kings. The FG will be neutral. *We did not vote on this proposal.*

7:15 p.m. Bill calls for a break, to see if ADF&G (Tony Kavalok) can come to the meeting.

7:35 p.m. Bill recalls the meeting to order

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Central / SW BOG Proposal Discussion

Chairmen Bill Folsom entertains motion to drop the game proposals 39-60 from the Glennallen Area Units 11 and 13. *Motion passed.*

Bill states his reason is that, on Feb. 2nd, we can have the area ADF&G biologist Becky Schwanke from Glennallen present. This will give us 2 weeks to prepare for that visit. *No opposition.*

Proposal 94. Open a nonresident moose hunt in Unit 16B. Mark Chryson moves to accept. Bennet 2nds. ADF&G (Tony Kavalok) comments "no recommendation" as this proposal addresses an allocation issue in addition to the fact the moose herd in this unit is still rebuilding with not the desirable numbers of cows. Group discussion, that the first priority is for the moose population to rebuild within this unit. *Vote 0-11-3*

Proposal 95. Delay the moose season for residents in 16B. Change the opening date to September 1 and close it September 20th or 25th. ADF&G (Tony) states FG intends to change the season to coincide with Unit 14 season. 8/25-9/25. Also, they don't feel the pressure on rutting moose will be advantageous. Discussion was that taking 5 days off the season is not desirable. *Vote 0-10-4.*

Proposal 96. Delay the moose season for residents in Unit 16B. Change opening date to Sept 1-30. ADF&G (Tony) states FG does not, again, feel the pressure on rutting moose will be advantageous. *Vote 0-14-0*

Proposal 97. Close all moose hunts in Unit 16B except the Tier II moose hunt. Continue subsistence-Tier II ONLY moose harvest only in area until moose aerial counts supports proper bull/cow ratios and higher animal count. ADF&G (Tony) states the Department will take no action because regulations are explicit for moose harvest for Tier II general and drawing. Moose harvest numbers are 199 for Tier II only, 200-240 is Tier I general, over 240 general season and non-resident. *Vote 0-14-0.*

Proposal 98. Change the season for moose in Unit 16B. Open dates- September 1 to September. ADF&G (Tony) suggests the Departments strong desire to change seasons to coincide with Unit 14 in order that all dates are aligned. *Vote 0-14-0.*

Additionally ADF&G (Tony) states more moose in 16B than earlier thought. Cow/calf component is flat, less than 20 calf survival per 100. Calf survival increased during wolf control, but is now dropping.

Proposal 99. *Tabled*

Proposal 93. Delay the moose season date for residents in Unit 16B. Postpone opening date; shorter season will work. Motion to amend to coincide with ADF&G recommendation 8/25-9/25. *Vote 14-0-0.*

Vote on 93 as amended: 14-0-0.

Proposal 99: Eliminate the winter moose hunts in Unit 16B. Eliminate these hunts entirely. Tony says there is harvestable moose that are harvested as Tier II moose. He states changing the Tier II season to coincide with general hunt would cause extensive pressure. ADF&G (Tony) suggests to not adopt this

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proposal as Tier II winter draw permits were established for subsistence and the Department is opposed to moving this hunt to a different time of year in order to prevent different hunts (Tier I & II) occurring simultaneously.

Discussion : Dan feels winter harassment of moose is unhealthy, at a time when moose need to feed and survive. Dan states he used to see many moose along the river corridor while flying, but now sees none. Bennet feels shortening the hunt and moving it earlier would help. Tony suggests the AC make recommendation to change the season dates. *Vote 1-12-1*

Proposal 101. Reduce the bag limit for wolves in Unit 16A and close the nonresident season. ADF&G (Len Butler) states hunters never take 10 wolves daily. *Vote 0-14-0*

Proposal 102. Modify the amount necessary for subsistence for wolves in unit 16. ADF&G (Len) states current take of wolves are 12-20, so no biological concerns at this time. *Vote 0-14-0*

Proposal 103: Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 16 in regards to predator control. ADF&G (Len) states the Department recommends to adopt. *Vote 14-0-0*

*End of Board agenda.

Bill asks for member comments.

Brian would like to review the newly added proposals for Region IV 228,229 and 231, at next meeting's agenda. Bill states we will add those.

Guisepppe asks that Bill contact Sherry Wright in regards to using Wasilla City Hall as a meeting place.

Dan informed the group on total moose harvest data suggesting no impact for nonresident drawings in Unit 13, 2009 50 permits, 12 moose killed. 2008 100 permits, 12 kills.

Eric asks FG to provide specific data about the wolf population. He also states Sweden and Norway have a larger population of moose and take a lot more moose. He discussed resource management in terms of Forestry (harvest, burning etc...) in order to maximize browse.

Tony states the Matsu borough has been an impediment to management. For example, timber sales have been challenged.

Bennet states he found Div. Of Forestry has also been an impediment.

Eric asks if FG is considering brown bear over bait in Unit 16. Tony states that is being considered.

Bill states at the next meeting we will have Becky from Glennallen. Bill encourages the AC to read all the proposals starting with #39.

Bill states AC members can amend the agenda, but the changes must be on the agenda when it's mailed out.

Patrick states there will be a meeting at the Spenard Sports Center on 1/26 from 6:30 to 8:30,

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discussing the government taking a large portion of Unit 13 for a bombing range. He encourages attendance at this meeting. Bill requests that someone ask, at that meeting, if fly-overs can be eliminated during hunting season. ADF&G (Tim Peltier) states there are some changes of concern by military aircraft, that in some areas they will be flying as low as 500 feet. ADF&G (Tony) states this will cause considerable concerns for FG flying to do their job in the area, not to mention small planes. Kenny states the military is looking for input from the public at the meeting.

Dan will attend the meeting as a representative of the AC. Kenny says there will be meetings also in Fairbanks, Talkeetna, Healy and other areas.

***Next meeting of the AC to be 2/2/2011. at the VFW Post 9. *Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.**

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Members Present: Bill Folsom, Andy Couch, Tony Jones, Jeff Tuttle, Gerrit Dykstra, Keith Westfall, Mark Chryson, Brian Campbell, Ben Allen, Max Sager, Eric Beckman, Dan Montgomery, Steve Bartelli, Kathy Thompson, Mel Grove, Bennet Durgeloh

Jr. Members Present: Daniel Warta, Andy Goeke,

Members Excused: Giuseppe Rossi, and Jr. member Stephen Warta,

ADF&G Staff Present: Tony Kavalok

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Jan 5, 2002 Minutes were approved with no objections or changes,

Chairman Bill Folsom passed out a list of procedures for how he would like to run the AC meetings to make more efficient use of our meeting times. Bill mentioned possibly having a timer to limit amount of time individuals would speak at meetings. Mel Grove and Jennifer Ehmann both mentioned they had timers with them tonight.

Bill mentioned he would like to have a two minute limit at the start of the meeting for the public to give the Committee information. In addition while discussing proposals members of the public may have an opportunity to provide new information not considered by Committee members after all the AC members have had an opportunity to speak to proposals. Bill would like to use voice votes as much as possible.

Max Sager mentioned to the Committee that even though he lives in Wasilla if the committee was to go back to MTA in Palmer that would be fine with him.

Bill Folsom mentioned that he would be making a trip and would miss the next (Jan. 26) meeting -- unless the AC were to decide to meet next week.

Steve Bartelli mentioned that he would like to have reasons why proposals were supported in the minutes. A discussion followed focusing on using a proposal that best matches the AC's wishes rather than modifying a proposal with an amendment, and that the Advisory Committee's action on some proposals may be to take no action.

Sherry Ehmann wanted to be notified of what will be on meeting agendas. Bill said that in the future the Advisory Committee would be e-mailing our agenda to Board Support, and it would be available through that mailing / e-mailing list.

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UCI → Andy Couch made a motion to approve the fisheries subcommittee positions. 2nd by Tony Jones. Approved Unanimously 15-0-0 and Jr Vote 2-0-0.

Mark Chryson mentioned other fisheries proposals that the AC and subcommittee had not considered. Bill mentioned the fisheries subcommittee could meet again before the next meeting and / or individuals could develop a list of fisheries proposals to be added to next meeting's agenda.

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Cindy Neubauer wanted to discuss proposal 72 concerning closing an area near Reflections Lake on the Palmer Hay Flats to trapping. She would like to see trapping closed within 1/4 mile of the trail around Reflections Lake.

Tony Jones made all motions second. 2nd by Jeff Tuttle.

BOG
Proposal 71 would eliminate sealing of marten, lynx, beaver, otter, wolf, and wolverine. ADF&G supports except the Department would like to continue with the sealing of Maritn pelts. Motion passed 12-1-2 Jr Vote 2-0-0.

Proposal 72 Would close trapping within and area (one quarter mile of the trail) around Reflections Lake on the Palmer Hay Flats. Motion failed 2-13 -0. Jr Vote 1-0-1. Minority in favor felt it was a small area heavily used by the public and trapping within it could give trappers a bad name. Majority opposed did not want to see a continued expansion of areas closed to trapping, and at least one person felt that the beavers could be destructive, and trapping is one way to deal with problems they may create. ADF&G did not have a final position, but mentioned that the Hay Flats was created partly to provide hunting and trapping opportunities.

73. Would raise the limit to 3 bears yearly in Unit 14A. ADF&G feels there is no reason to provide additional harvest in Unit 14A, and that it might take harvest away from areas where significantly more harvest can be provided, and where predator / prey numbers may need adjustment. Motion failed 0-15-0 Jr Vote 0-2-0

74. Would allow guide - outfitters to have up to ten bait stations in Unit 16 for black bears. ADF&G position is take no action. Stephen Bartelli wanted to know if there could be a perception problem with providing hunting opportunities in a predator control area. Motion failed 3 - 1 - 11. Jr Vote 2-0-0.

75. Asks for a positive Customary & Traditional finding for bears and moose in Unit 16A and specific numbers for each. Motion failed 0-15-0 and Jr Vote 0-2-0.

76. Would open a year long brown bear season in Unit 16. ADF&G supports. Motion passed unanimously 15-0-0 and JR vote 2-0-0.

77. Would expand the predator control plan to include brown bear in Unit 16. ADF&G supports with an amendment to adopt within the Shirleyville area of 16B south. Bill Folsom suggested the Advisory Committee leave the amendment issue to ADF&G providing the specific input it might want. Eric Beckman feels this proposal is not fair chase, and he does not like it -- he believes in predator control, but feels other methods could be used. Dan Montgomery felt that the program should not be for all of Unit 16, but more specific to the calving ground. Tony Kavalok with ADF&G mentioned that predator control programs are not fair chase hunting opportunities, and in the specific area the Department would like to see the plan expanded to include brown bears, ADF&G was seeing a 50% predation rate on Moose calves by brown bears, even after reductions in black bears to partially address the issue. ADF&G believe that only removing adult bears from the population would likely stimulate the brown bear population

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further. Others would like to give ADF&G the tools to accomplish their predator / prey objectives. Motion passed 14 - 1 - 0 and Jr Vote 1 - 1 - 0.

Group took a 10 minute break at 8:30.

78. Would remove brown and black bear harvest from Unit 16 intensive management plan. ADF&G opposed. The Advisory Committee had previously worked for a long time to include both brown bear and black bear in intensive management efforts in Unit 16. Motion failed 0-15-0 and jr vote 2-0-0.

79. Goat hunting proposal. Take no Action see preferred proposal 81. 15 - 0 - 0 and jr vote 2 - 0- 0 on Take No Action.

80. Take no Action see preferred proposal 81. All goat pressure currently occurs in a small easier to access area. Dividing the hunt into two areas as proposed in 81 would spread out the harvest and effort. No Action 15-0-0 and Jr Vote 2-0-0.

81. ADF&G could work off this goat proposal which more specifically matches the registration option the Advisory Committee prefers. Motion passed Unanimously 15-0-0 and 2-0-0.

82. Was proposed by this Advisory Committee and would restrict Unit 14 antler less moose drawing permit winners to harvesting only an antler less moose in that same year. The drawing success rate for Unit 14 antler less moose permits is very low because of the popularity of these hunts. Motion passed 15-0-0 and Jr. Vote 1-1-0.

83. Would create an additional 14A moose season for spike / fork bulls of Oct. 1 - 15. ADF&G opposed for lack of sufficient surplus bull moose. Motion failed 1 - 13 - 1 and Jr. vote 0-1-1. Minority vote wanted additional opportunity to hunt for moose.

84. Would require successful bull moose hunters to submit antler and teeth specimens to ADF&G from bull moose harvested in Unit 14A. ADF&G was opposed to the increased work load this would require of the Department. One member specifically mentioned not wanting to bring in specimens, and believed that outlaws would be outlaws and illegal hunting would occur no matter what a regulation said. Motion passed 11 - 3 - 1 and Jr Vote 2-0-0.

85. Would provide some Unit 14A antler less moose permits for an archery hunt with the hope of increasing opportunity and drawing success rates for all moose hunters participating in the drawing permit program. ADF&G comment: neutral on proposal because of allocative nature. Opposed comment: there is already an archery hunt before the gun hunt starts and believes no permits should be taken away from general hunt and given to special interest. Supporting comment mentioned although the Unit 14A drawing hunt allows for up to 500 permits to be issued, that number had never historically be given. Providing some permits specifically for the archery hunt (with its lower success rate) could expand the number of permits issued on a yearly basis and make permit winners of more hunters providing greater benefit for a greater number of hunters. Motion passed 10 - 4 - 1 and Jr vote 1 - 0 - 1.

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86. Would create a drawing moose hunt for any antlered bull moose in Unit 14A running from Sept. 26 - 30. ADF&G opposed, at least partially because the Department had not been able to fly their moose survey this fall / winter. Andy Couch mentioned that since the drawing permit opportunity had already occurred for the fall of 2011 this hunt would not occur next fall, anyway, and if ADF&G felt there were insufficient bull moose for a future drawing hunt the Department could always issue very few or no permits. Language within the proposal mentions a specific intent that permits only be issued for portions of Unit 14A with a bull to cow ratio greater than the Unit objective. If adopted this proposal could provide additional moose hunting opportunity in a manner where competition with general season moose hunters and biological risk would both be minimized. Motion passed 14-0-1 and Jr Vote 2-0-0.
87. Would create a winter registration hot-spot moose hunt in Unit 14A. This proposal seeks to provide an opportunity to harvest moose through hunting very specific areas and reducing the amount of moose killed by motor vehicles. ADF&G's proposal and support. The Advisory Committee had previously discussed this type opportunity in detail with the Area Wildlife Manager. Motion passed Unanimously 15-0-0 and 2-0-0.
88. Would reauthorize the Unit 14A antler less moose hunt. ADF&G supports. Although fall moose census was not conducted general season and permit harvest rates remained stable and moose vehicle interactions seem to be occurring at a normal frequency this winter so ADF&G is comfortable with continuing a conservative drawing permit hunt for antler less moose in the unit. Motion passed 15-0-0 and Jr Vote 2-0-0.
89. Would establish a winter drawing hunt for antler less moose in Unit 14A. ADF&G proposal and support. Previously discussed by Advisory Committee before submission by the Area Wildlife Manager. Intent is to harvest specific moose through hunting and reduce the number of moose / vehicle accidents. Motion passed 15-0-0 and Jr Vote 2-0-0.
90. Would close the 14A antler less moose season and open a spring brown bear hunt that specifically allowed baiting brown bears in Unit 14A. ADF&G opposed and mentioned the Unit 14 moose population provides one of the largest reported hunter harvests in the state for an area of its size. ADF&G does not see brown bear predation on moose calves as a significant problem limiting moose production in Unit 14A. Advisory Committee had previously voted to support antler less moose hunts in the Unit. Motion failed 0-15-0 and Jr Vote 0-1-1.
91. Would create a winter registration antlerless moose hunt in 14A and 14B. See proposals 87 and 89. No Action vote 14-1-0 and Jr vote 2-0-0. Opposed vote felt moose population in Unit 14B did not justify a winter antler less moose hunt.
92. Would create a Unit 14B drawing hunt for any antlered bull moose from September 26 - Sept. 30. ADF&G data shows a surplus of harvestable bull moose and the Department supports this proposal, but may offer an amended season. Motion passed 15-0-0 and 2-0-0.
93. Would change the moose season to September 1-25 in Unit 16B. Motion for No Action on Proposals 93, 95, 98 see 96. School opening date already overlaps the current season opening date -- prefers a season that runs later for a full 30 days through the end of September could

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better match hunter needs. ADF&G prefers that season dates align when possible. There was discussion as to whether there were enough moose in Unit 16B to provide a season of Sept. 1-30. One member expressed an opinion that there certainly should be enough moose for all hunters to hunt from Sept. 1 - 30, if the long 16B winter hunt Tier II hunt was closed or significantly reduced. Motion Tabled until next meeting.

Member Comments:

Andy Couch will not be able to attend remaining Advisory Committee meetings during the rest of January. He also announced:

Upper Cook Inlet Fisheries Informational Meeting

a meeting for Advisory Committee members and the public to get new fisheries research information from ADF&G staff in preparation for the upcoming Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries Meeting. The informational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. January 24, 2011 at the Public Safety Building / Fire Station off Lucille Street in Wasilla. For more information people may call Bruce Knowles at 495-4965.

Kathy Thompson wanted to know exact time and places for the upcoming Board of Fisheries and Board of Game Meetings:

Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries Meeting runs Feb. 20 -- March 5 at the Egan Convention Center in Anchorage.

Central / Southwest Region 4 Board of Game meeting runs March 4 - 10 at the Lake Lucille Inn in Wasilla.

Mel Grove wanted to know if he should plan on chairing the next meeting and also wanted to know where to start with next meeting's agenda. Was thinking Unit 14, 16, and 13.

Other committee members wanted to be sure AC covers Unit 13 Game proposals.

Mark Chryson wanted to be sure the AC covers additional fish proposals that were not already dealt with -- specifically some of the proposals 172-199.

Mark also announced Donnie Darilek's funeral is set for 3 p.m. Saturday Jan. 15, 2010 at her dog grooming shop in Meadow Lakes Mall

Bill scheduled next meeting for Pandemonium on Jan. 26 -- but asked if group would want to meet next week at American Veterans meeting place. Some members expressed interest in meeting on Jan. 19. Possible meeting Jan 19 with a 7 p.m. start at American Veterans building out of Wasilla. -- Bill Folsom will check on meeting time and place and get back to AC members with a schedule and agenda which will also be passed on to Sherry Wright with ADF&G Board Support.

Meeting adjourned 9:58 p.m.

Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee December 15, 2010
7 p.m. at MTA Building in Palmer

Members present: Andy Gocke, Stephen Warta, Daniel Warta, Mel Grove, Steve Bartelli, Max Sager, Dan Montgomery, Tony Jones, Stephen Darilek, Kathy Thompson, Eric Beckman, Brian Campbell, Gerrit Dykstra, Mark Chryson, Bill Folsom, Andy Couch, Guiseppe Rossi,

Excused members: Bennet Durgeloh and Ken Federico

Motion made to approve minutes. Corrections to be made:
Mispelling - Mark Chryson and Corrections from Stephen Warta handed in written form.
With above mentioned changes minutes for October 6, October 20, November 3, and November 11 approved unanimously,

Tom Vania, Jim Hasbrouk, and Sam Ivey for ADF&G and Terry Orlek and John Seare from Fish and Wildlife protection.

The Committee took up Upper Cook Inlet Fisheries Proposals.

267. Would place several restrictions on boat use on Lake Creek for safety issues. Sam Ivey mentioned that the proposal could not be passed as written by the Board of Fisheries. A Coast Guard member in the audience said that if safety problems were occurring the Coast Guard could and would come in if called. John Seare mentioned that too high of speed occurs on the rivers and that if boat size and motor size were restricted the situation would or could be safer. Eric mentioned that too large of boats because of the amount of water they draft have to go fast or they will run aground, and that larger boats can cause problems on smaller rivers. Mel did not want to see restrictions. Speed was offered as a different rule, but Tory Orlek explained it would be very difficult for him to get convictions, especially since most boaters do not have speedometers or means to measure speed. Sam Ivey said that the reason you see so many larger motors on Lake Creek is the distance from Deshka Landing is approximately 60 miles.
Motion failed 0-10-4 Jr. 1-2-0. One AC member wanted to add that all the conditions were just too much at one time for one proposal.

Reconsidering proposal 272 passed 13-1. Question would the Little Susitna River coho salmon escapement goal be lost if this proposal was adopted? According to Sam Ivey it would not. Andy Couch also asked Jim Hasbrouk and Tom Vania if the knew anything about the possibility of moving the Little Susitna River weir back down to the lower river location. Tom and Jim both said they had not seen anything from the director of Sport Fish.

Passed unanimously 14-0-0 and jr 3-0-0.

282 Issue is contradicting motor boat restrictions for Wasilla Creek. This ADF&G proposal would eliminate one set of regulations.
Motion passed 9-3- 1 Jr. 3-0-0.

283 Proposal would restrict a portion of Little Willow Creek to catch and release fishing for rainbow trout. Sam Ivey said rainbow trout fishing is popular on Susitna River tributaries, but with current low harvest rates he did not see a necessity of going to catch and release. Little

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Willow access above the highway is already limited compared to other Parks Highway streams.

Motion failed 0-14-0 and jr vote 0-3-0.

Motion to reconsider 278. 12 -1-1. A problem mentioned was that with low sockeye escapements the Fish Creek fishery which now mostly targets coho would be delayed even further in August. Sam Ivey related history of the Fish Creek sockeye fishery dip net fishery starting in July when the escapement goal could be projected to be achieved then surpassed. A phrase in proposal 278 stipulates no retention of sockeye. Some members felt that the no retention only applied when the sockeye escapement could not be achieved.

A motion to amend the proposal with the coho fishery starting on the current regulation date of the second weekend in August even if the sockeye goal was already obtained.

The amendment passed 8-2-4 Jr. 1-2-0.

Motion passed as amended 10- 0- 4 and 1-0-2.

195 Would open the Fish Creek dipnet fishery from July 1 - 31, rather than when the sockeye salmon escapement exceeded the 70,000 top of the escapement goal range. Sam Ivey said the weir does not go in until about July 4, but there are few fish through July 10, sometimes it isn't until July 20 before ADF&G has reached the 20th percentile of sockeye salmon through the weir. Mark Chryson mentioned other personal use fisheries open on set dates, and ADF&G can restrict or close the fishery by Emergency Order. Bill did not feel comfortable with an opening on July 1 considering potential of overharvest. Kathy asked if there were any regulations restricting the harvest of Fish Creek sockeye by the commercial fisheries. Tom Vania answered that there are regulations governing the mixed stock commercial fishery in Upper Cook Inlet. Kathy wanted to know if commercial users are being restricted when Fish Creek sockeye escapements are not being met. Tom Vania said the Department managed with general regulations aimed at Upper Cook Inlet sockeye, but not specifically with regulations to achieve Fish Creek sockeye escapement. Eric Beckman wanted to know if the Hatchery program. Andy Couch wanted to know why the fishery could not be allowed at a lower level where the fishery could be managed to achieve the goal. Answer was that it could be. Andy asked at what level ADF&G would be comfortable opening the fishery assuming the dipnet fishery would proceed uninterrupted through the end of July. ADF&G answer from Tom Vania was when 50,000 could be projected past the weir.

Motion made to amend the proposal to start the fishery when 50,000 sockeye salmon could be projected past the weir by ADF&G. Bill wanted to know why we couldn't open the fishery at say 20,000 past the weir. Answer from ADF&G was that the dipnet fishery was extremely efficient and ADF&G is tasked by the Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy of managing for escapement numbers throughout the established escapement goal range.

Amendment passed 13-0-1 Jr. Vote 3-0-0.

Amended motion passes unanimously 14-0-0 and 3-0-0.

Stephen Darilek asked which AC members would be interested in serving on a fishing subcommittee. AC members willing to participate included Mark Chryson, Eric Beckman, Andy Couch, Kathy Thompson, Mel Grove, (Ken Federico, and Bennett Durgeloh - if they wanted to participate) -- Jr member Stephen Warta. Subcommittee was appointed by Stephen Darilek and tasked with continuing to work on Upper Cook Inlet Fisheries proposals. The subcommittee's purpose is to speed up the process of going through and recording comments for the remaining fishery proposals.

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Election meeting is scheduled for January 5 at Wasilla High School with 7 committee seats available. Stephen talked with Sam Ivey and members of the AC about the concept of splitting into a fish committee and a game committee. Stephen was wondering if we would get enough fish people to run for seats. Guiseppe wanted to know if we had talked with Board Support about whether we split into separate groups. Not Yet. Stephen Darilek also mentioned the need for additional trapper(s) on the AC.

Steve Bartelli had written a letter for the AC requesting a splitting of the Committee into separate entities one to consider fisheries issues and the other to consider game issues. Members had an opportunity to read copies provided at the meeting, but no action has been taken on the letter, yet.

Stephen Darilek mentioned that the Chairman's work load was taking a toll, and he would like to pass the position to another Committee member at the election meeting. He encouraged members to consider if they would be willing to serve in that capacity.

We were quickly running out of meeting time, so it was mentioned that Dan Montgomery's letter to the joint Board of Fish and Game requesting Unit 13 designation as a non subsistence area for both fish and game should be taken home and read by AC members for action at the upcoming Jan 5 meeting.

Stephen mentioned businesses with other potential meeting places for the AC wanted money to use their facilities, unless we wanted to meet at Sportsman's Warehouse on Saturdays. Stephen also mentioned the possibility of meeting at the Meadow Creek Mall near Big Lake. Bill Folsom mentioned that there had to be a business that would provide a place if a representative for the AC would keep asking around. Stephen asked Bill Folsom to find an alternate meeting place, if he wanted something different.

Mel Grove report on 40 mile caribou meeting: Some advisory committee representatives from interior Alaska were uncertain about allowing Matanuska Valley AC and Anchorage AC to participate in the decision making process on the 40 mile caribou herd. AC reps agreed to go back and ask their groups if they would allow Matanuska Valley and Anchorage ACs to participate.

Next Meeting time and place January 5, at 7p.m. at Wasilla High School for annual Advisory Committee's election meeting.

Meeting recessed a few minutes after 10 p.m. Minutes Taken by
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Roll call: Crawford, Shadura II, Brandt, Corr, Payne, Bucy, Foust, Joseph, Maher, VanDevere, Carmichael and Darch Excused: Tappan, Bernecker, Ermold, Darby and Dykema.

Department: Jason Pawluk

Attn: Shannon
Kodiak AC
BOF Kodiak
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Report by Corr and Co-Chair Shadura II on Kasilof dunes project. Access in and around the dune was the biggest concern, PU fishery. Kasilof River Special use area. Shadura II made a motion to support the fence for protection of the dunes and wetlands, bathrooms, and dumpsters. Brandt seconded. Discussion on the amount of area that will be protected. Public comments were in regards to the letter that the groups signed onto (Maw), extended area up to 4 miles (Tarbox), and area for subsistence (?). Comment to include AC does not want to restrict access to the resource for the users in the fishery. Chair Crawford asked for unanimous consent, seeing no objections motion passed. Shadura II will write the letter.

UCI Proposals

215 – Corr moved to support, Brandt seconded. Motion fails, 0/10/0 No Biological concern.

216 - Corr moved to support, Brandt seconded. Motion fails, 0/10/0, waiting for 2011 assessment

217 - Corr moved to support, Brandt seconded. Motion passes, 7/2/1, support; reasonable to set limits, opposition; enforcement is concerned about number of lines so make it 2 lines, abstain; incomplete information.

8:10PM Carmichael arrived

218 - Corr moved to support, Brandt seconded. Motion passes, 11/0/0, consistent regulation, protects small stocks of fish.

219 - Corr moved to support, Brandt seconded. Motion passes, 11/0/0, housekeeping, reclassify stocks in the Kenai River drainage separating it from Kenai Peninsula Borough.

220 - Corr moved to support, Brandt seconded. Motion passes, 11/0/0, corrects and reclassifies stocks in Kenai River Drainage.

221 - Corr moved to support, Brandt seconded. Motion passes, 11/0/0, corrects and reclassifies stocks in Kenai River Drainage.

222 – Corr moved to support, Brandt seconded. Motion passes, 11/0/0, reclassifying lakes, with no pike present.

223 - Corr moved to support, Brandt seconded. Corr made a motion to amendment to change verbiage from water to non-flowing water. Brandt seconded. Amendment fails 3/7/1. Original

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motion passes, 10/1/1, support; flexibility to liberalize lakes with invasive Northern Pike, oppose; to broad to address the issue.

Break 8:50PM – 9:10PM



Kodiak Proposals

Proposal 53, Corr moved to adopt, Brandt seconded. Maw discussed the impact and options on bycatch Chinook salmon in the Pollock and Cod fisheries. Information that is available but not accessed, genetic sampling has been done. Bucy made a motion to amend proposal to include the area in proposal 52, Corr seconded. Amended motion 11/0/0. Proposal 53 as amended 11/0/0.

Shadura II made a motion to write a letter to NMFS and North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, addressing the bycatch of Chinook salmon in State and Federal waters by the Pollock fisheries, seconded by Brandt.

Next meeting November 23, 2010

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November 23, 2010 6:30PM

Roll call: Crawford, Brandt, Corr, Bucy, Foust, Maher, VanDevere, Carmichael, Tappan, Bernecker, Dykema, Eggemeyer and Darch Excused: Ermold, Darby, and Dykema.

Department: Robert Begich

Chair Crawford asked if everyone had looked at the KARSUA letter.

Update on LCI BOF meeting by Eggemeyer and Brandt.

UCI Proposals: 207-214, 245-253

Tappan moved to approve minutes from November 10, 2011, Darch seconded. Chair Crawford asked for unanimous consent with correction, seeing no objection motion passed.

Next November 30, 2010

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November 30, 2010 6:30PM

Roll call: Crawford, Brandt, Corr, Bucy, Maher, Carmichael, Tappan, Bernecker, Eggemeyer, Shadura II, Ermold, Mandarone and Darch Excused: VanDevere, Payne, Joseph, Foust, Darby, and Dykema.

Department: Robert Begich

UCI Proposals: 254 - 263

Next December 13, 2010

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December 13, 2010 6:30PM

Roll call: Crawford, Brandt, Corr, Bucy, Maher, Carmichael, VanDevere, Bernecker, Joseph, Shadura II, Ermold, Payne, Foust, Darby, Dykema and Darch Excused: Tappan, and Eggemeyer,

Department: Robert Begich

UCI Proposals: 172 – 185

Shadura II gave update on Council meeting in Anchorage. Brandt read letter from AC as public testimony.

Next December 20, 2010

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December 20, 2010 6:30PM

Roll call: Crawford, Corr, Bucy, Maher, Carmichael, VanDevere, Bernecker, Joseph, Shadura II, Ermold, Tappan, Foust, Darby, Dykema, Eggemeyer and Darch Excused: Brandt and Payne.

Department: Robert Begich, Jason Pawluck

Tommy Thompson talked about PU.

Shadura II discussed Federal fisheries management.

UCI Proposals: 186 – 194, 328, 155

328 – Corr moved to adopt, VanDevere Seconded. S/ provision already in regulation, enfolds this into management plan when lower OEG not going to be met. O/ allocative, social issue: difficult to turn off with 20,000 users, harvest issues. Tabled proposal 328. N/A taken due to action taken on 155. Primary difference with 155 and 328 is option to open back up if assessment and situation changes. 328 already in statue/flexibility. 155 more restrictive/difficult.

Shadura II gave update on Council meeting in Anchorage. Brandt read letter from AC as public testimony.

Tappan moved to adjourn

Next January 05, 2011

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January 05, 2011 6:30PM

Roll call: Crawford, Brandt, Shadura II, Corr, Bucy, Carmichael, VanDevere, Bernecker, Joseph, Ermold, Tappan, Payne, Dykema, Eggemeyer and Darch Excused: Darby, Maher and Foust.

Department: Robert Begich, Jeff Fox

Proposals: 102 – 116, 167, 321, 322, 323

116 Tabled, waiting for study from KRSA per Bucy.

Tappan, interesting article in December National Geographic magazine on Pebble Mine.

Chair reminder of future meetings.

Next January 12, 2011

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January 12, 2011 6:30PM

Roll call: Crawford, Brandt, Payne, Corr, Bucy, Maher, Carmichael, VanDevere, Bernecker, Joseph, Ermold, Tappan, Foust, Darby, Dykema, Eggemeyer and Darch Excused: Shadura II.

Department: Robert Begich, Jason Pawluck

UCI Proposals: 224 - 234

231 Tappan moved to adopt proposal, VanDevere seconded. Discussion to amend to optimal escapement goal, pre 2005 levels. 13/1/1 S/ to provide information to BOF if they review management plan. O/ more information from Didson, unknown variables and too many unknowns, manages for conservation. A/ too many unknowns. 8/5/2 Bucy moved to take N/A Foust seconded.

Minutes were tabled for review at next meeting. Secretary Brandt informed everyone that the minutes for 11.23.10 had been sent out as well as the matrix for 11.30.10.

Ermold made a motion to write a letter in support of Ted Spraker for reappointment to the Board of Game, Corr seconded. Unanimous consent. Ermold will write the letter and it will be forwarded to the Governor and legislatures.

Darby was acknowledged by Chair Crawford on an award he had won.

Next January 19, 2011

Prop #	Description	AC Vote (Support/O ppose/Abst ain)	Amendments, if any	AC Comments (include minority view)
102	Modify set gillnet to 10 fathoms in length, eight and one half inch mesh and 29 mesh depth gear for subsistence fishing in the Tyonek Subdistrict.	0/11/2		O/ Chuitna Stock of Concern A/ Problem is not clear
103	Modify the amount necessary for subsistence (ANS) for the Skwentna River to no more than 500 salmon harvested.	4/5/4		S/ Under 500 harvested O/ Concerns of abuse, but not information A/ Not enough infromation
104	Create a salmon escapement corridor in the Central District from the southern end of 245-40 to 245-60, to mirror the east side in the Central District.	0/11/2		O/ Not accomplishing anything A/ Not cleat what the issue is
105	Allow for earlier harvest of Kasilof sockeye in Statistical Area 244-32.	0/13/0		O/ Already enough opportunity
106	Allow for earlier harvest of Kasilof sockeye.	13/0/0		N/A based on 105
107	Allow for earlier harvest of Kasilof sockeye.	13/0/0		N/A based on 105
108	Extend the commercial fishing season.	0/13/0		O/ Too vague
109	Revise opening and closing dates for the Upper Subdistrict of the Kenai River.	13/0/0		N/A based on 105
110	Amend setnet fishing to close by emergency order.	3/10/0		S/ Harvest surplus of pinks. O/ Cohos will be caught.
Fishing periods (5 AAC 21.320)				
111	Extend closure time by three hours in the Central District.	8/5/0		S/ Efficency in fishing. O/ Adds more time
112	Modify the weekly fishing periods in Upper Cook Inlet.	1/10/2		S/ Opportunity O/ Protects coho A/ Fish when fish are there
113	Require removal of gear during closures.	0/12/1		O/ Unable to manage A/ likes windows
114	Close fishing on Saturdays and Sundays in Upper Cook Inlet.	13/0/0		N/A based on action taken on 113
Gillnet specifications and operations (5 AAC 21.331)				
115	Ban use of monofilament salmon web in Cook Inlet.	8/4/1		S/ Wastes fish, poor quality and conservation concerns O/ Cost to replace
116	Reduce mesh depth in the Central District.	10/3/0		Tabled

117	Modify amount of gear used by CFEC permit holder.	11/0/1		N/A based on action taken on 118
118	Revise gear limitations when fishing two permits in Cook Inlet.	9/3/2		S- Allows set net permit holders with two fish both permits without putting the second permit at risk by signing it over to another party. No additional permits, but allows easier ability to fish existing permits without the current liability for the permit. O - Concern the proposal will add nets to the water, thus effecting King salmon escapement. A- Not enough information
138	Remove gear restrictions in the Northern District after July 30.	5/5/2		S/ Conservation concern for sockeye is lifted O/ Concerned about Coho A/ support the increased harvest opportunity for set netters, concerned about coho.
139	Establish a terminal fishery for Fish Creek Area.	4/8/0		S/ sharing the harvest opportunity O/ Concerned about Coho
149	Revise the Kenai River Late-run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan.	9/0/3		N/A BOF cannot set a BEG
155	Add language that all fisheries will be closed if the OEG will not be achieved.	as amended 14/0/1	With 24 hours notice and will reopen when the Department projects the lower end of the OEG will be achieved. 14/0/1	See minutes 12.20.10. O/ opposed to prescriptive management and with limiting Department tools to manage.
Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 21.365)				
161	Revise Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan.	3/9/0		S/ Back to managing to MSY, and creates harvest for all users. O/ Eliminates the current management plan.
167	Expand the fishing area in the North Kalifornsky Beach Subsection.	13/0/0		N/A based on 105
171	Revise the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan.	3/9/0	When the kasilof special harvest area is open then 244-31 will be open to 600 ft. of mean high tide mark. 11/1/0	S/ Allows opportunity to fish a historical fishery. O/ Department already has the authority to open this area.
UPPER COOK INLET PERSONAL USE SALMON				

172	Require users to complete a class and obtain a dipnet education card prior to receiving a dipnet permit.	0/10/1		O/ Unnecessary regulation, difficulty in understanding how to participate.
173	Repeal sport fish license requirement to participate in Cook Inlet personal use fisheries.	0/13/0		O/ Most users of personal use also participate in sport fishery, adds cost and confusion in understanding
174	Allow nonresidents to participate in the Upper Cook Inlet personal use fishery.	0/13/0		O/ no need to add non-residents, too crowded already.
175	Establish a July 17 opening date for the Kenai River personal use fishery on runs under 2 million.	0/13/1		O/ Delaying the opener will not achieve desired effect
176	Open Kenai River personal use fishery after 350,000 sockeye pass the sonar.	1/12/0		O/ Unnecessary restricted access to resource
177	Close fishing on the south bank of the Kenai River until minimum inriver goals are met.	0/13/0		O/ Unnecessary restricted access to resource
178	Open dipnet fisheries in Cook Inlet only after over escapement goals are met.	0/13/0		O/ Unmanageable and not enforceable
179	Open Kenai and Kasilof dipnet fisheries only after lower escapement goals will be achieved.	0/14/1		O/ No reason to allow access to resource and creates overcrowding.
180	Close Kenai River personal use fishery on Tuesdays and Fridays until 450,000 sockeye pass the sonar.	0/15/0		O/ No reason to limit access to resource
181	Establish a harvest cap of 150,000 for the Kenai River personal use fishery.	0/13/2		O/ Escapement goals weren't met in 2008. A/ likes the concept, reasonable limits for all fisheries but not reasonable numbers.
182	Set allocation of 100,000 - 150,000 sockeye in Kenai River personal use fishery.	0/12/3		O/ Allocative proposal, habitat concerns, based on action taken on 181
183	Establish a guideline harvest for Cook Inlet personal use fisheries based upon run size.	5/7/3		S/ Predictable and orderly harvests. O/ Unfair, allocative. A/ Burden of conservation, not sure this addresses the problem, enforcement is a problem
184	Establish GHL for sport and personal use harvest in the Kenai and Kasilof rivers.	1/11/2		O/ Don't like the idea of GHL
186	Establish a bag limit of 15 per family in the Kenai River personal use fishery and no fishing until escapement goal will be achieved.	1/11/1		O/ Not to restrict user group when no biological concern. A/ Merit to some aspects
187	Reduce household limit to 10 fish in Cook Inlet personal use salmon fishery.	0/12/1		O/ Not to restrict user group when no biological concern. A/ A little low number for limit, some merit

188	Reduce bag limit or delay opening of the Kenai River dipnet fishery.	2/12/1		O/ Reduction of bag limit. A/ Orderly fishery, appropriate based on sized of run.
189	Prohibit retention of king salmon in Cook Inlet dipnet fisheries.	8/6/1		S/ Want to manage for abundance, conservation, growing number of Kings caught in PU, already fully allocated resource. O/ Access and opportunity
191	Reduce allowable mesh size in Cook Inlet dipnet fisheries or prohibit release of fish.	0/14/1		O/ Concerns with sport fishing, harms gillplate, already consistent with state gear use. A/ believe 2" mesh good, option to not sort a problem
192	Prohibit possession of sport and personal use caught salmon on the same day.	1/13/1		S/ Support way written
194	Prohibit dipnetting from boats in Kenai River personal use fishery.	15/0/0		N/A already in regulation in PU, already closed
Guides – Kenai and Kasilof Rivers				
207	Repeal the provision that allows a charitable or educational event to fish from guide vessels on the first Sunday in June on Lower Kenai River.	0/13/0		Chari will write letter regarding opposition
208	Prohibit guided sport fishing just above the king salmon sonar station downstream to Cunningham Park.	0/13/0		Already restricted for guides, more nonguide hours than guide hours
209	Modify existing Kenai River guide hours from 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., to 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	0/13/0		Not necessary, 6:00pm is a more convenient time for the working person
210	Allow fishing from a registered guide vessel on the Kenai River 24 hours per day during May.	36684		S/Not a lot of exploitation, more accessible to Alaskans that want to go on a guided trip on weekends. O/Balance of hours are good, no preference over other fishing seasons. Brandt objected to recount, original was 6/6/1 and failed, Chair addressed individual that abstained, and asked if they were sure they wanted to abstain after vote was called.
211	Allow fishing from a registered guide vessel on the Kenai River on Sundays during May.	36684		S/Sunday opener for Alaskans on weekends. O/Due to liberzation in 211, would have supported had 210 failed. Note: Eggemeyer would rather have seen this supported than 210.
212	Allow fishing from a registered guide vessel on the Kenai River on Sundays during June.	36567		O/ Not necessary to open on Sunday's protects current status of run

213	Allow fishing from a registered guide vessel for coho salmon on Mondays during August – November.	37077	to September 01, 6/6/1 fails	S/ no stock of concern, plenty of coho surplus. O/ Needs to be one unguided day.
214	Allow fishing from a registered guide vessel for coho salmon on Mondays during August and September.	13/0/0		N/A based on action taken on 213
Resident Species – Kenai and Kasilof Rivers				
215	Prohibit barbed hooks when using beads in the Kenai River.	0/10/0		O/ No Biological concern
216	Increase the allowable size limit of rainbow trout in the lower Kenai River.	0/10/0		O/ Waiting for 2011 assessment
217	Establish a bag limit for burbot in the Kenai Peninsula Area.	7/2/1		S/ Reasonable to set limits. O/ Enforcement is concerned about number of lines so make it 2 lines. A/ Incomplete information
218	Establish a steelhead/rainbow trout spawning closure for all tributaries of Tustumena Lake.	11/0/0		S/ Consistent regulations, protects small stocks of fish.
219	Correct list of Kenai River Drainage Area rainbow trout stocked lakes.	11/0/0		S/ Housekeeping, reclassify stocks in the Kenai River drainage seperating it from Kenai Peninsula Borough.
220	Add Rainbow Lake to the list of Upper Kenai River drainage stocked lakes.	11/0/0		S/ Corrects and reclassifes stocks in Kenai River Drainage.
221	Correct list of Kenai River Drainage Area and Kenai Peninsula Area king salmon stocked lakes.	11/0/0		S/ Corrects and reclassifes stocks in Kenai River Drainage.
222	Repeal the special sport fishing gear regulations that apply to Arc Lake, Cisca Lake and Scout Lake.	11/0/0		S/ Reclassifying lakes, with no pike present
223	Add a new section to increase emergency order authority flexibility to address invasive northern pike.	10/1/0	Change verbiage from water to non-flowing water 3/7/1	S/ Flexibility to liberalize lakes with invasive Northern Pike. O/ To broad to address the issue.
Kenai River Sport Fisheries				
224	Reduce effective dates for fly-fishing-only waters in Killey River Sanctuary Area from July 31 to July 15.	0/15/0		O/ Protects Chinook
225	Reduce Killey River king salmon sanctuary closure date from July 31 to July 15.	0/15/0		N/A based on 24

226	Reduce Killey River king salmon sanctuary closure date to June 25 - July 14.	0/15/0		N/A based on 24
227	Reduce Killey River King Salmon Sanctuary Area to allow fishing at 3rd Hole.	0/15/0		O/ Significant number of Chinook sit in 3rd hole, protects these Chinooks
228	Repeal the seasonal boating restriction at the confluence of the Moose River.	0/15/0		O/ Chinook hold in this area. Conservation concerns
229	Increase Slikok Creek King Salmon Sanctuary Area.	2/12/1	To close upper .25 miles above Slikok Creek. 2/13/0	S/ Protects small stock of Kings. O/ increased restrictions, have not seen data to warrant further closures, Current closure is adequate. A/ Not enough information
230	Revise the Kenai River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan.	12/3/0		S/ Management plan should be reviewed. O/ Premature due to Chinook being caught in GOA.
231	Return early-run Kenai River king salmon escapement goal to pre-2005 level.	8/5/2		N/A, see notes in minutes
232	Allow use of bait on May 1 or June 1 in the Kenai River early-run king salmon fishery.	14/0/1		O/ Current regulation is sufficient. Abstaining was that it would be prudent to prohibit use of bait until run strength is determined.
233	Repeal slot limit for Kenai River early-run king salmon.	0/14/1		O/ Conservaiton concerns on 4 and 5 ocean fish
234	Repeal slot limit for Kenai River early-run king salmon.	15/0/0		N/A based on 233
235	Extend king salmon slot limit through the end of July.	9/3/2 as amended	Extention of the slot limit would continue from July 15 - July 31 above the Soldotna Bridge 10/3/1	S/ Conservation, protects larger fish. O/ This may not take care of the problem, no scientific basis to this, doesn't split the conservation burden amongst users. A/ Other solutions to be considered, valid concerns, not enough data from Department, precautionary measures taken.
236	Modify size and annual limits for Kenai River king salmon.	0/10/5	Delete 1 & 4, 2/ anglers may retain one fish 28" - 46", delete brackets, 3/ anglers may retain total fish 20" or longer, delete brackets. 7/8/0	O/ Addressed in 235 & 237. A/ Likes parts of bag limit in proposal, good points can't agree to all of it.

237	Increase size and bag limits for jack kings in the late-run on the Kenai River.	7/5/3		S/ Allows utilization of an under utilized resource, targets small % of run. O/ Conservation. A/ 60% under 28" ESSN, effects bag limit on river unreasonable expectation by the public.
238	Allow the use of two hooks or treble hooks for Kenai River king salmon fishing.	0/15/0		O/ Not necessary
239	Allow anglers to continue fishing after daily bag limits are met on the Kenai River.	0/15/0		O/ Against management practice.
240	Prohibit anglers that are going to release fish from taking them out of the water.	1/12/2		S/ Concerned about mortality of sport caught fish, not everyone knows how to handle fish.O/ Continued education on handling of fish should be encouraged, feel vast majority know how to handle them, regulation in place for mishandling. A/ Agree with both support and opposition.
241	Close Kenai River to sport fishing on Tuesdays and Fridays.	0/15/0		O/ Unpopular, no reason.
242	Close large sections of the Kenai River to king salmon fishing on a annual rotational cycle.	0/13/1		O/ Unspecific restriction, no biological basis, confusing, crowding in other areas, don't know if it accomplishes anything.
243	Harvested fish must be closely attended in the Russian River Area.	10/0/5		S/ Addresses valid concern in bear safety, parallel to Federal regulation. A/ as long as someone is attending fish.
244	Establish a tax for pike to sport fishing licenses and a bounty for pike turned in.	0/15/0		O/ Board cannot address.
Kenai River Vessel Restrictions				
245	Add an additional drift boat only day (Wednesdays) on the Kenai River.	4/8/1	Make 2 days only on Kenai R. from Skilak Lake to Soldotna Bridge. 5/7/1	S/ Less traffic on River. O/ No reason to do it, crowds lower river.
246	Add an additional drift boat only day (Thursdays) on the Kenai River.	2/10/1		S/ Less traffic on River. O/ No reason to do it, crowds lower river.
247	Allow the use of a motor downstream of Cunningham Park to exit the fishery on drift-only Mondays	0/13/0		O/ User conflicts, works good as it is, enforcement issues
248	Prohibit drift boats from using motors to travel upstream in the lower Kenai River.	0/12/1		O/ Unfair to restrict access to the resource.

249	Prohibit drift boats from using motors to travel upstream in the lower Kenai River.	N/A		N/A due to action taken on 248
250	Establish 3 areas in the lower Kenai River for drift fishing during July.	2/11/0		S/ Helps alleviate conflict on river. O/ No biological or habitat issues.
251	Prohibit boats on the Kenai & Russian River confluence back channel.	0/10/3	To close area to fishing from a boat from Dept. markers located at entrance of the Russian River to downstream to southend of the island. 11/2/0	As amended. O/ No areas should be closed. A/ Social issue that needs to be addressed.
252	Allow fishing for resident species from a motorized vessel on Mondays downstream of Skilak Lake.	0/13/0		O/ Enforcement issues, works good as it is.
253	Allow fishing for sockeye salmon from a boat in the Funny River King Salmon Sanctuary Area.	0/13/0		O/ Issue was fishing from a boat not opposed to fishing from shore or a boat moored to a dock or land, concern about King's being caught and released.
Kasilof River Sport Fisheries				
254	Allow fishing from power boats during the king salmon season on the Kasilof River.	0/12/1		O/ Mixed access, unintended consequences
255	Prohibit fishing from a boat in the "People's Hole" area adjacent to Crooked Creek .	0/13/0		O/ Social issue that doesn't exist, unnecessary restriction to boat users
256	Allow boat anglers to land a fish while anchored across from the "People's Hole" area adjacent to Crooked Creek.	12/1/0 as amended	To anchor within 10ft of the northside of the river. Amend to land a hooked fish 13/0/0	O/ Question about anchoring is an issue
257	Change boundary marker location for seasonal motor use on lower Kasilof River.	0/13/0		O/ People still are fishing in this area and drifting, water level isn't deep enough when the tide is out. Note: that it is at/or below Trijullo's landing
258	Rename boundary marker for seasonal motor use on lower Kasilof River.	13/0/0		
259	Reduce bag limit for king salmon on the Kasilof River.	11/1/1		S/ AC concerned about stocks and congestion O/ Takes away opportunity A/ Still confused about the numbers
260	Repeal August 1 - 15 fishing closure on Kasilof River above Sterling Highway Bridge.	0/13/0		O/ The current regulation in place protects the King Salmon
261	Allow the use of bait in the Kasilof River for an additional two weeks in September.	13/0/0		S/ Consistency in regulation, more opportunity

262	Allow guides to take more than one group of clients per day on the Kasilof River.	4/8/1		S/ More opportunity O/ Concern about escapement of Chinook, opportunity to take 2nd trip on Kenai
263	Limit guided sport fishing hours and days on the Kasilof River.	0/12/0		O/ Drift boats depend on tides, this is a one guided trip only, would increase congestion on River
ADDITIONAL UPPER COOK INLET PROPOSALS				
321	Extend the season in the Kenai, Kasilof and East Forelands sections.	6/6/1		S/ New Opportunity O/ Does not benefit that area. A/ Support Opportunity for resource, concern for Coho, concern for unknown impact for harvest
322	Reinstate the July 1 season opening in the Kenai and East Forelands section.	1/11/1		S/ New Opportunity O/ Does not benefit that area
323	Revise closing date in the Kenai, Kasilof and East Forelands sections.	4/8/1		S/ Serves a purpose O/ Protects coho A/ not enough information
324	Allow for use of dual permits in Cook Inlet set gillnet fishery.	11/0/1		N/A based on action taken on 118
325	Revise management plan.	4/5/2		S/ Gives the Department the ability to manage for a more orderly fishery. O/ Support the discussion between the Board and all users. A/ one side orderly fishery, and discussion with the biological management, don't understand it well enough.
326	Revise escapement goal for the Kenai River Late-Run Salmon Management Plan.	3/8/0		S/ Gives the Department the ability to manage for a more orderly fishery. O/ Support the discussion between the Board and all users. A/ one side orderly fishery, and discussion with the biological management, it doesn't address the King Salmon.
327	Remove windows from the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan.	3/7/1		S/ The Department isn't forced to use windows and manages for abundance based. O/ Tension between the biological and social issue.
328	Revise closure time for the Kenai River personal use fishery.	11/2/1		See Minutes 12.20.10 N/A based on action taken on 155.

329	Provide clarification of the BEG in the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan.	3/1/6		S/ Harvest on the best biological data available, Biological escapement goal should be within the management plan. O/ Don't see where it would help. A/ Ignores the OEG.
330	Open the Kasilof Section within one-half mile when the KRSHA is open by EO.	6/0/4		S/ Reduces congestion in the KRSHA, and gives management to use in a historical.
331	Expand the set gillnet area in the terminal harvest area of the Kasilof Special Harvest Area.	5/1/4		S/ More orderly fishery. O/ Reduces drift area.

**Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for
February 2, 2011**

Members Present: Mike Crawford Paul Shadura, II, Norm Darch, , Rik Bucy, Dick Dykema, John Joseph, ,Dyer Van Devere, Bill Tappan, , Andrew Carmichael, Michelle Maher, Tom Corr, Greg Anderson, Nate Corr, Pegge Bernecker, Chris Brandt, Gene Darby

Jeff Fox, ADF&G present

Members Absent Excused: Reubin Payne, Bob Ermold

Public Present: N/A

Meeting called to order by Chairman Crawford at 6:40 PM.

Old Business: Minutes from 1-19-2011 and 1-24-2011 meetings approved.

New Business: Unanimous selection of Chairman Crawford to represent the Kenai/Soldotna AC at the upcoming Board of Fish and Board of Game meetings. Travel Paid.

Upper Cook Inlet Fish Board Proposals:

#284 - Repeal the size and bag limits and liberalize methods and means for Northern Pike in Alexander Lake. Dyer Van Devere motioned to bring forward, Bill Tappan second:

Unanimous - Support Pike continue to expand their range and are a significant, if not the most significant threat to salmon stocks in the Susitna River Drainage. Virtually anything that will remove pike from this watershed should be utilized.

#285 -- Liberalize bag limits and gear allowed for Northern Pike fishing in Alexander Lake and eliminate salvage requirement. Rik Bucy motioned forward, Bill Tappan second.

11 - Support Provides for gill and pond nets to be utilized in the taking of pike from October 15 - May 31 in the Alexander Creek Drainage and Alexander Lake. Broadens the ability to reduce/eliminate pike in this drainage. Present methods and means have been ineffective in reducing the pike population and it appears appropriate to become more aggressive in approaching this problem

4 - Oppose Concern for by-catch of birds and furbearers when utilizing gill or pond nets.

#286 - Allows for 5 lines and bait fish for Northern Pike in Big Lake. Rik Bucy motioned forward, Dyer Van Devere second.

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14 - Support Pike are invasive to Big Lake and the population is growing. A more aggressive approach is necessary to prevent pike from taking over yet another body of south central Alaska water.

1 - Abstain Not enough information.

#287 – Allows for 5 lines to fish for Northern Pike in Nancy Lake. Rik Bucy motioned forward, Dyer Van Devere second.

14 – Support, Pike are invasive to Nancy Lake and the population is growing. A more aggressive approach is necessary to prevent pike from taking over yet another body of south central Alaska water. Essentially the same concerns in virtually every body of water containing northern pike in South Central Alaska.

1 - Abstain Not enough information.

116 - Reduces mesh depth in gill nets used in the east coast of the Central District. Rik Bucy motioned forward, Bill Tappan second.

4 – Support, Allows another approach to minimizing the incidental catch of King Salmon and promotes additional escapement opportunities, particularly for the Kenai River.

7 – Oppose, Data collected thus far calls into question that this method will be effective in enhancing escapement and it will reduce effectiveness in the commercial sockeye harvest.

4 – Abstain, not enough information has been provided to make an accurate assessment.

#168 – Revises the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Motioned forward by Nate Corr, second by Greg Anderson

Motion to amend to state 340,000 instead of 300,000 and to remove the word “King” from the 3rd line in paragraph one. 14 – Support, 1 Abstain.

13 – Support as amended, the primary intent of the proposal is to enhance King Salmon escapement into the Kasilof River by minimizing the opportunity for a terminal fishery. The proposal appears to accomplish this without undue hardship on any of the user groups.

2 – Oppose – possible reduction of sockeye harvest opportunity

#117 – Modify the amount of gear used by CFEC set gillnet permit holders. Paul Shadura motioned forward, Bill Tappan second.

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9 – Support, Allows set net permit holders with two fish both permits without putting the second permit at risk by signing it over to another party. No additional permits, but allows easier ability to fish existing permits.

3 – Opposed, Concern the proposal will put more nets in the water, thus effecting King salmon escapement.

2 – Abstain, Not enough information

#128 – Create a single optimal escapement goal to eliminate confusion of regulations. Motioned forward by Paul Shadura, second by Bill Tappan.

1 – Support, simplifies management.

9 – Opposed, the three tier systems and the abandonment of same are unclear and while a change of this type may be in order, there is a lack of understanding as to what that really should be.

5 – Abstained, not enough information.

#129 - Establish a management plan for pink salmon bound for the Kenai River. Motioned forward by Paul Shadura, second by Bill Tappan.

4 – Support, the pink salmon run to the Kenai River is essentially not harvested. Millions of pink salmon go to waste and stink up the river when they could be harvested. There is a viable market in East, thus providing an economic base for a commercial pink harvest that did not always exist. The original management plan for pink salmon was for the drift fleet and was unsuccessful due pinks running the shore. It is a prime opportunity for east side set net fisherman to enhance their season without undue impact on other species.

9 – Oppose, the primary concern with this proposal is the potential incidental harvest of Coho salmon. The sport fishing of Coho provides a significant economic boost to the state and should be protected for the majority who utilize this resource. The pink harvest would provide a minimal economic gain for a few while potentially hurting a very viable sport fishery.

1 – Abstain, not enough information.

#126 – Revise Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan to minimize interception of northern district salmon and Kenai coho. Motioned forward by Rik Bucy, second by Nate Corr.

3 – Support, the change would restrict the commercial harvest of coho and enhance escapement to the Susitna River Drainage and the Kenai River.

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9 – Oppose, under current plan 90% of the northern district fish are reaching the Susitna River Drainage. The regulation is unlikely to improve that and it would make management for the current escapement goals difficult.

2 – Abstain, not familiar with the areas and concerns.

Additional business:

Mike Crawford outlined the upcoming Fish Board and Game Board meetings. Encouraged all who would like to attend to sign up if they would like to present something to the board. Mike will represent the Kenai/Soldotna AC however others who attend will be able to enhance the AC position by speaking at meetings that are simultaneous and impossible for one person to cover.

Next meeting will be 2-3-2011, to finish fish proposals. All comments for the Board of Fish must be in by 5:00 PM on 2-4-2011. Several members won't be able to attend and Chairman Crawford has another engagement that will cause him to be late.

The next meeting for game proposals will be on Monday, 2-7-2011 at 6:30 PM at the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Building.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Prop#	Description	AC Vote Support/ Oppose/ Abstain	Amendments if any	AC comments (include minority view)
284	Repeal the size and bag limits and liberalize methods and means for Northern Pike in Alexander Lake	S/15 O/0 A/0	N/A	Pike continue to expand their range and are a significant, if not the most significant threat to salmon stocks in the Susitna River Drainage. Virtually anything that will remove pike from this watershed should be utilized.
285	Liberalize bag limits and gear allowed for Northern Pike fishing in Alexander Lake and eliminate salvage requirement	S/11 O/4 A/0	N/A	S - Provides for gill and pond nets to be utilized in the taking of pike from October 15 – May 31 in the Alexander Creek Drainage and Alexander Lake. Broadens the ability to reduce/eliminate pike in this drainage. Present methods and means have been ineffective in reducing the pike population and it appears appropriate to become more aggressive in approaching this problem. Concern of by catch of birds and furbearers when utilizing gill or pond nets.
286	Allows for 5 lines and bait fish for Northern Pike in Big Lake.	S/14 O/0 A/1	N/A	S - Pike are invasive to Big Lake and the population is growing. A more aggressive approach is necessary to prevent pike from taking over yet another body of south central Alaska water. A - More information
287	Allows for 5 lines to fish for Northern Pike in Nancy Lake.	S/14 O/0 A/1	N/A	S - Pike are invasive to Nancy Lake and the population is growing. A more aggressive approach is necessary to prevent pike from taking over yet another body of south central Alaska water. A - More information

116	Reduces mesh depth in gill nets used in the east coast of the Central District	S/4 O/7 A/4	N/A	<p>S - Allows another approach to minimizing the incidental catch of King Salmon and promotes additional escapement opportunities, particularly for the Kenai River. O - Data collected thus far calls into question that this method will be effective in enhancing escapement and it will reduce effectiveness in the commercial sockeye harvest.</p> <p>A - not enough information has been provided to make an accurate assessment.</p>
168	Revises the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan.	S/13 O/2 A/0	Amend to state 340,000 instead of 300,000 and to remove the word "King" from the 3rd line in paragraph one.	<p>S - As amended, The primary intent of the proposal is to enhance King Salmon escapement into the Kasilof River by minimizing the opportunity for a terminal fishery. The proposal appears to accomplish this without undue hardship on any of the user groups.</p> <p>Oppose – possible reduction of sockeye harvest opportunity</p>
117	Modify the amount of gear used by CFEC set gillnet permit holders	S/9 O/3 A/2	N/A	<p>S- Allows set net permit holders with two fish both permits without putting the second permit at risk by signing it over to another party. No additional permits, but allows easier ability to fish existing permits without the current liability for the permit.</p> <p>O - Concern the proposal will add nets to the water, thus effecting King salmon escapement.</p> <p>A- Not enough information</p>
128	Create a single optimal escapement goal to eliminate confusion of regulations	S/1 O/9 A/5	N/A	<p>S - simplifies management.</p> <p>O - the three tier systems and the abandonment of same are unclear and while a change of this type may be in order, there is a lack of understanding as to what that really should be.</p> <p>A - not enough information</p>

129	Establish a management plan for pink salmon bound for the Kenai River	S/4 O/9 A/1	N/A	<p>S - the pink salmon run to the Kenai River is essentially not harvested. Millions of pink salmon go to waste and stink up the river when they could be harvested. There is a viable market in East, thus providing an economic base for a commercial pink harvest that did not always exist. The original management plan for pink salmon was for the drift fleet and was unsuccessful due pinks running the shore. It is a prime opportunity for east side set net fisherman to enhance their season without undue impact on other species.</p> <p>O - the primary concern with this proposal is the potential incidental harvest of Coho salmon. The sport fishing of Coho provides a significant economic boost to the state and should be protected for the majority who utilize this resource. The pink harvest would provide a minimal economic gain for a few while potentially hurting a very viable sport fishery.</p> <p>A- not enough information.</p>
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Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee;

Alaska Board of Fisheries 2010/2011 Proposed Changes in the Upper Cook Inlet

AC Attendance; Jim Stubbs, AC Fish Chair, Kevin Sparrowgrove, Joel Doner, Zach Stubbs, Bruce Morgan, Erika Wolter, Grant Klotz

ADF&G Department attendants; Tom Vania, Sport Fishery Biologist IV and Dan Bosch, Fishery Biologist III
Jeff Fox Commercial Fishery, and Jim Hasbrouck, South Central Regional Supervisor

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Important Minutes concerning general consensus of the entire Anchorage Advisory Committee;

There is a feeling of distrust between the public and the ADF&G management personnel. During the review of these proposals our committee has been lead to believe that "all is good" in the world of fish from the department. When clearly to the public all is not good. Our salmon fishery in the Upper Cook Inlet is being decimated by the non-discriminant commercial sockeye fishery. The department's "PLAN" appears to only react to the fishery once fish enter the river and not in the salt.

WE NEED ACTIONS TAKEN IN THE SALT TO PRESERVE OTHER FISH STOCKS THAN THE SOCKEYE HEADED TO THE KENAI AND KASILOF RIVERS!

Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Comments
21	0	3	0	Dept think off road system fisheries can have 3 Coho limit, Coho's are a mystery to track. Coho's are all one-ociean fish.
22	3	0	0	Upper limit is good
23	0	3	0	On road system hold off adding n more harvest as 60% are now being harvested
102	0	3	0	Stock of concern for Lewis, Theodore and Chuit Rivers Tyonek fishery needed to be cut back or eliminated until King run is biologically out of trouble
103	0	3	0	Subsistence issue-State will set C&T
104	0	3	0	Unsure what the author wants, would not help kings return

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105 same				as comm fish not open then see 106 & 107
106 same				Need more information on all 3, is ADF&G going to
107 same	0	3	0	change BEG or escapement goals
109	0	3	0	Would impact first run kings&Russian River sockeye
108	0	3	0	unsure of what author wants No biological data to back up proposal
110	2	8	0	<u>Need a set date to close each year</u>
111	1	2	0	Gives all set netters up and down the beach a full 12 hours Would gain 3 more hours / additional fish period and not be counted against Emergency Order hours supporter comment; Fairness in opportunity down the beach as slack tide at one end of of the inlet is mid tide at the other end.
112	1	2	0	This would impact Northern Bound Coho
113	0	10	0	Nets are pulled at each closure
114 same	0	10	0	See 113
115	0	3	0	Hard to tell user what type of net to use
116	5	4	1	This proposal helps get more kings into the river. We need to find a way to keep kings out of set nets and into our rivers. Kings are a huge economic value in the river. opposition; this proposal was submitted before, don't want to replace nets
117	3	0	0	Would not change harvest, used in Kodiak and Bristol Bay
118 same	3	0	0	See 117
119	3	0	0	Drift; efficiency of effort
120	0	3	0	In corridor, new fishery

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121	2	1	0	Set nets-restricted to 5 miles away from mouth of Theodore, Chulitna, Need to do something as these once healthy streams now have returns that are in trouble. Lewis River was deemed a "STOCK OF CONCERN" (opposer say's it's too restrictive)
122	BOARD ISSUE TAKE NO ACTION			
123 same	3	0	0	More fish north, Anchorage AC Proposal
124	3	0	0	Anchorage AC proposal w/Mat-Su AC
125	0	3	0	Possible re-allocation of fish, this proposal will impact sockeye & coho returns to Northern Cook Inlet streams
126	2	1	0	Need more info but if it will move more fish north, we would approve
127	2	0	1	The coho fishery is a sport fishery and currently impacted by the July commercial sockeye fishery
128	1	8	1	Poor way to manage a complex multi-species fishery.
129	1	2	0	No time set for season, would be directed by BOF to have ADF&G set up a pink salmon plan Would harvest coho bound for Kenai & Kasilof Rivers Allocative. Supporter comment; This prop looks to take advantage of a wasted resource. No one is utilizing the pink runs. Give reasonable opportunity to harvest pinks.
130	1	2	0	The one sunset in 2008, wants to bring it back into force the drift fishery-Allocative-Would harvest coho bound for Kenai & Kasilf Rivers. Supporter comment; this proposal looks to take advantage of a wasted resource. No one is utilizing the pink run. Gives reasonable opportunity to harvest pinks.
131	1	2	0	Would open northern set net fishery-no restriction in time, area, or effort
132	0	3	0	Would re-allocate silvers from sport to commercial fish

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133	2	1	0	Action plan will be developed by ADF&G
134	TAKE NO ACTION			ADF&G issue.
135	TAKE NO ACTION			
136	2	1	0	The department is admittedly making decisions on data this is uncertain, this is called BAD DATA! Managing a business or fishery with "bad information" is worse than no information at all! This is not a way to manage a declining fishery. In times of uncertainty the BOF must direct the Department of Fish to always error on the side of conservation with concise direction, the Department cannot be given direction that allows for their interperation of the rules. Opposer; adding escapement with no justification is not science based
137	2	1	0	In the time of uncertainty, we need to manage our fishery using more conservative measures NOT LESS! opposer; adding escapement with no justification is not science based
138	1	2	0	Northern set netters want to put nets in early to target Coho, sockeye are stock of concern Run strenght currently a biological concern.
139	0	3	0	Set net at Fish Creek if Personal Fishery is opened Already a war zone.
140	4	1	0	Supporters; Positive action for fishery. Way to move more coho into Kenai,Kasilof& Northern Cook Inlet. Opposer; this proposal is too restrictive and is the reason for prop 110 to close season by EO, which is biologically based. Run timing is dynamic, not consistant
141	3	1	1	Had one comment To Take No Action.
142	4	1	0	We need the Board of Fishery to direct the department on a "specific" means of getting kings into the Susitna highway streams. Several of the streams in this drainage are failing to meet escapement goals. The open ended commercial sockeye fishery is obviously causing an impact.
143	4	1	0	See 142

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144	4	1	0	Discussion; no plan in place by ADF. Could restart us in a good year Streams are not meeting minimum escapement goals after 3 bad years.
145	1	4	0	Too small an area/harvest to conduct a study, currently bad data is being used to manage fishery.
146	0	5	0	Oppse--Kenai King run at bottom of escapement goals in 2008,2009,2010
147	2	1	2	
148	4	1	0	Opposer; Not necessary, simply changing escapement goal up for greed Would help to meet Russian River second run poor escapement
149	1	4	0	Supporter; easily justifiable, biological management ensures sustainability. Opposer; our biological management is suspect.
150	0	5	0	We currently question the departments "escapement" numbers as being an accurate biological assessment. However until better science is we will error on the side of our current mgt system.
151	1	4	0	Supporter; no other system in the state is managed this way. Tiers lead to confusion and difficulty in mgt. Pre-season run assessments are notoriously inaccurate.
152	1	4	0	Supporter; easily justifiable, biological mgt ensures sustainability
325 same	1	4	0	Opposers; the fishery is not "OK" unless you are a commercial harvester working to take sockeye from the system. KINGS and Coho are taking a beating while the commercial fishery targets sockeye.
326 same	1	4	0	King escapment at an all time low.
153	0	4	1	This proposal is greed based not biologically based.

During discussion of 153:

Jeff Fox; "we get accused of taking a lot of them " who is WE JEFF? We clearly have a department head that is suspect in his ability to do the job our STATE OF ALASKA hired him to do for the people of ALASKA. Take your biological hat off, you don't use it.

154	0	5	0	Mixed stock fishery,you can't just fish for sockeye and not manage for Kings and Coho!
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155	4	0	0	The health of the resource must always come first.All users must share the burden of conservation.
156	1	4	0	Oppose! Very small fragile run.
157	0	5	0	Keep in the plan as is.
158	0	5	0	Very poor way to manage Fisheries.
159	3	1	1	Supporters; This proposal is an action to put fish stocks in a prioritized scale The failing of all other fisheries other than the sockeye run is not acceptable Opposer; Not necessary. All preamble and no specific management tools. management by our department heads.
160	0	5	0	A proposal based on greed, not science.
161	0	5	0	A proposal based on greed, not scientific information. Not necessary as escapement has been exceeded 11 out of the past 12 yrs.
162 329 same	1	4	0	Supporter; this proposal simplifies the management plan. Not allocative. Easily justifiable biologically. Opposers; There is no science that proves these numbers as optimal. Until the department can stop being blinded by political pressure their science is suspect and numbers are in question. PROVE TO THE PUBLIC that your escapement goal are solid with biological information.
163	4	1	0	Opposer; Raises lower and upper end range too much. Supporters; We want to see what will happen with higher goals, CURRENTLY goals of sockeye appear to work, but ALL OTHER FISHERIES ARE FAILING SEE comments for 161
164	4	1	0	Supporter; We need to treat every river on it's own merits and not HARM

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adjoining fisheries because we do not force the commercially not to harm other stocks. Currently we are in the mode of catching every fish no matter where they were destined to spawn. Once fish make it into the river they can be counted and protected. We cannot protect them once caught
 commercia Conservation should always come first!
 Opposer; not necessary. Puts unnecessary burden of conservation on Comm users who have priority.

165	4	1	0	<p><u>Jeff Fox of the Dept said; We ALWAYS fish Saturday, all July long.</u> Friday comm fish openers were moved to Thursday to put more fish in the rivers on Saturday, Not to have Comm Fish openers on Saturday As long as he works for the department FAILURE IS IMMINANT. MR FOX uses POLITICALLY bases science and not BIOLOGICALLY BASED SCIENCE. Opposer; More failed window management. Just move the Thursday opener to Friday to achieve proposals goal.</p>
166	0	5	0	See 169&170; The current management is death to all other mixed stocks
167	1	4	0	Opposer; we see this taking more fish and no science supports it. This proposal would catch first run Kenai Kings and first run Russian River Sockeye.
168	3	2	0	The terminal fishery is catching fish bound for the Kenai and Kasilof River This commercial free for all is out of hand. Terminal fisheries are not a selective fish management tool!
169	5	0	0	Supporters; this proposal rather than #168 is much better at achieving results
170 same	5	0	0	Use 1/2 mile of shore not the terminal.Stay out of the Terminal!
330 same				
171	0	5	0	Would intercept Kenai Kings and sockeye.
172	0	10	0	PU Fishery education? There are no other fishing education requirements. This sounds like a way to slow down residents from PU fishing

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173	0	5	0	General note; 29,000 dip net permits were issued Upper Cook Inlet is P/U not Chitna, or lower anywhere in the lower inlet. Legislation may need to be corrected.
174	0	5	0	By Alaska Statute
175	0	5	0	Closed 2006-july 22-30th then opened July 31 for 1 day, open Aug 3 thru 10 Dip net season opens at 6am to 11pm, until EO to allow extended times PU starts conservatively, This would benefit Comm Fish. Not acceptable due to tier basis (abundance based management)
176	1	4	0	Restriction was only the burden of Personal Use fishery, not commercial Open after 350K pass sonar, but commercial fishery can fish with no restrictions? By supporter; the burden of conservation needs to be spread equally but 350K number is too restrictive, would the comm fishery also be closed until the 350K sockeye level was met?
177	0	5	0	This proposal would increase crowding and make enforcement tougher Proposal would reduce area by 50%.
178	0	5	0	All streams must meet escapement before opening PU fishery No comm. fish until
179	2	3	0	Only Kenai and Kasilof have dip net fishery with escapement goals This proposal makes starting point too high, would reduce PU fishery No commercail fishing until min. escapement met! All users need to share this burden. By supporter; This spreads the burden of conservation out equally
180	1	4	0	This proposal will increase crowding, and is an allocate issue. By supporter; Windows are not a good idea for any fishery. Although the concept of spreading the burden of conservation equally among user groups is a good one

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General notes of discussions:

Tools of establishing the inbound fish are not always timely, these tools are; sonar, commercial fish counts, goal achievements. We also send the commercial drift fleet out to see how many fish they can catch to get an idea for the strength of the run. How would you know when the cap has been met?

Personal use fishery; the harvest can go from 600 fish in a day up to 40k depending on the strength of the run. Where would enforcement come from and who would pay for it?

181	0	4	1	Harvest cap, management issue, how the heck would you manage it?
182 same	0	4	1	The 150,000 cap is hard to manage or establish by ADF&G
183 same	0	4	1	
184 same	0	4	1	
185	0	5	0	Not possible to do, the sonar is above the fishery
186	2	3	0	Bag limit of 15 in a family for Kenai River, 45% reduction in current number
187 same	2	3	0	General note; Only 40% of the PU fishery ever achieve their full limit, so those that need the limit make sure to take it. Others get what they need and stop. The reduction offered is 30 to 40% below current offered.
188 same	2	3	0	
189	0	4	1	2009- 1189 kings were taken, 2007- 1500 kings were taken. This is not a reasonable restriction and only on the PU side. Kings are trophy fish, unlike sockeye How much would the eastside setnet King catch be reduce?
190	2	3		Too broad a concept, and covers too many fisheries that are closed to keeping kings- Kasilof is a problem. Kings are trophy fish unlike sockeye
191	1	4	0	Mesh size would reduce catch, nobody releases fish, so not a factor. Supporter; this proposal requires all fish to be kept or require 2" gear.
192	0	5	0	No reason to change current regs, not an enforcement or conservation issue

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193 same 194 same	0	5	0	Beluga's not in the area that people dip net from a boat? The personal use boat fishery is dip netting 1 mile from the mouth of the river. Boat fisherman are user-friendly to the ecosystem of the river beaches
195	0	5	0	Fish Creek PU area, hatchery fish will cease to exist after 2012. Fishery will most likely go Emergency Order only to manage fishery. It is unknown how the fishery will go after 2012 when the hatchery fish are no longer returning.
196	5	0	0	Beluga River, bigger area , open earlier. Fishing earlier will catch more kings in an already depleted area. Bigger area is acceptable, but not a change in fishing dates or times. We approve bigger area starting July 20th.
197	0	5	0	Not enough fish to be sustainable fishery
198	0	5	0	Coho's would get caught in the mix.
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200	0	3	0	This is a combination of remote and accessible fishery. Units 2 + 4 are accessible, amend so remote area can have 3 fish.
201	3	0	0	Department is OK with increase of 2 to 3
202	0	3	0	Because of road system the fishery is highly accessible. Harvest of three not sustainable.
203 204 same	0 0	3 3	0 0	Stock fishery are at 3 fish, leave that way, all others stay at 2 because of access On the Kenai River, 60% total harvest rate between commercial and sport
205	0	3	0	Many streams already at 60% harvest,not sustainable
206	3	0	0	Department proposal, enforcement issue

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207	0	3	0	Wounded Warriar event, commissioners permit
208	3	0	0	Guided anglers 46% effort, 63% of catch
209	3	0	0	Unguided angler would have more success during early morning hours.
210	0	3	0	To wide open of a proposal
211	3	0	0	helps guides gain days to fish in May when no one is fishing
212	0	3	0	
213	0	3	0	Department opposes increase in harvest on on Kenai Coho.
214	0	3	0	SAME AS 213
215	2	1	0	Easier to release fish, mortality not a proven problem. This proposal is good for fisherpersons who want to make sure they land what they hook in this trophy fishery. The time has come to make this a trophy catch and release fishery!
216	0	3	0	85% less than 18", 95% less than 24", keeping big trout not supported
217	3	0	0	Keeps 2 hooks in water, burbot fishing would be 15 hooks, bycatch would be a problem.
218	3	0	0	Bring in line with other Kenai stream closures for spawning protection of rainbows and steelhead.
219	3	0	0	ADF&G housekeeping proposals, allows dept to clarify regulations
220	3	0	0	See 219
221	3	0	0	See 219
222	3	0	0	Pike have been removed so we should go back to original regs now that pike are not an issue

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223	3	0	0	Allows department to react to conditions without waiting for a Board of Fish Cycle WE must get the upper hand on the invasive pike.
224	0	3	0	by the departments numbers given; it is better to error on the side of
225	0	3	0	conservation See 224
226	0	3	0	It's too close to spawning timing g .Conservation issue
227	0	3	0	too many l kings holding in this area staging to move up the Killey to spawn. mile
228	0	3	0	lots of different fish hang out here, extra boats would cause congestion
229	0	3	0	currently monitoring their creek, hard to isolate sanctuary areas in a 50 mile long fishery/river system Dept. may need to restrict before next UCI BOF.
230	3	0	0	Positive plan to review management plan
231	0	3	0	Sport fish part of ADF&G plan, let them execute their plan
232	0	3	0	Conservation issue
233	0	3	0	1986 to 1994 6% were 5 year fish, in 1995 to 2002 only 2.9 were 5 year fish
234	0	3	0	2003 to 2009 4.4 were 5 year fish, in 2010 5.5 were 5 year fish
235	0	3	0	34% of the late run fish are 46 inches or over, TOO BROAD OF A PROPOSAL
236	0	3	0	too complex to enforc rce,understand the need to protect the big World-Class Kenai Kings!
237	2	1	0	escapement of 3 year ocean fish h,need to remove the one and two ocean kings. opposer; harvest will count against angler total
238	0	3	0	2 hooks in a slot limit situation, releasing will be more damaging ng fish with increased mortality.
239	0	3	0	Party fishing will happ ppen plus more crowding on the river.

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240	0	3	0	We understand the authors concern, fish should be kept in over the body of water to prevent harm to the fish. This is too broad a proposal and too hard to achieve it's goal.
241	0	3	0	Would increase crowding and damage the habitat.
242	0	3	0	We are concerned about the loss of large kings but this is not the answer.
243	0	3	0	this is a land management issue, "about bears". we are trying to manage the fisherpersons and not manage the bears. Handle the bear problem, not the 120,000 fisherpersons
244	0	3	0	no authority to charge taxes
245	0	4	0	First drift boat day was based on slowing down harvest Limits and opportunity will increase powerboat activity
246	1	3	0	maybe a option if harvest was needing to be slowed down support: Drift boat Monday is a great day--Thursday would be great too!
247	4	0	0	Regs would need to be altered to allow motor "on board" a boat
248	0	4	0	not enough erosion data to support proposa osal, need supporting information to back up proposal.
249	0	4	0	bring data to support argument and we will support the proposal
250	0	4	0	Social issue, to be policed by fisher people, not a regulation issue
251	4	0	0	Safety issue; we support , let BOF decide if they can make the proposal work? General boat use is enforceable and fishing activities are enforceable
252	0	4	0	This mixed fishery will create enforcement conflict
253	0	4	0	Hard for department to enforce, this is during a NO KING FISHERY

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254	0	4	0	Change fishery, hard to exit without a pullout
255	4	0	0	On shore anglers only catch a small amount of kings, 2000 via boat, and only 130 from the bank. The river usage is; 4700 shore angler days and 5500 boat angler days in early run Bank anglers are being crowded off the river, The "People Hole" is their only access and they have to bank fish and it is now lost due to the heavy boat traffic. This proposal is ALLOCATIVE, and our committee APPROVES the change in Allocation!
256	0	4	0	See 255-No boats in the People's Hole
257	4	0	0	Dept approves for safety reasons
258	4	0	0	Housekeeping proposal by department
259	0	4	0	Hatchery fishery is why the harvest was increased
260	0	4	0	Enforcement issue
261	1	3	0	Run timing issue, steelhead. BUT some steelhead fishermen can use this proposal to catch fish. Not consistent with Kenai Pen. Fishing regs.
262	0	4	0	2006 to 2009; 2000 trips annually , 54% of the fisherpersons caught 67%-72% of the fish All ready to crowded with guides.
263	4	0	0	SUPPORT; general public will get more peace on the river.
264	0	4	0	Biological concern- the changes done in 2005 have yet to develop results
265	0	4	0	Current low king returns statewide cause concerns, Willow is a stock of concern.
266	4	0	0	Very congested river with bank river fisherpersons, boats sharing the same bank are a major problem.

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267	0	4	0	Boats that travel don't want to run all the way to Lake Creek in a small boat. actions offered in this proposal. Must also consider Wild Rainbow Trout Plan and Policy.
268	4	0	0	Department will like to continue the "one and done" regulation to standardize regulations.
269	0	4	0	1984 Management policy was established -"bait restrictions" started then.
270	4	0	0	We support any action to increase KINGS enters these West side streams!
271	4	0	0	Support: These rivers are in real trouble and need help.
272	4	0	0	Department housekeeping proposal
273	4	0	0	Coho goal has not been met in the last couple years. Approved to stop catch and release, or Don't keep your limit until you are done fishing
274	0	4	0	Below goal in 2010, increased harvest not in the cards.
275	0	4	0	Not enough data to support this proposal
276	4	0	0	no one can fish this area at this time, OK to let kids have it!!
277	0	4	0	Once hatchery fishery ends, in near future (one more year) this proposal will not apply. Re-assess the fishery after hatchery fishery ends
278	0	4	0	Same as 277
279	0	4	0	Department is concerned that opening the boundary's may affect other
280	SAME	4	0	river system escapem ment,bycatch heading to other streams.
281	0	4	0	The king escapement numbers don't support the activity requested on this proposal

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NOTE; The Department of Natural Resources regulates the Kenai River boating activities, NOT ADF&G.

282	4	0	0	Department wants to work within the refuge regulations.
283	4	0	0	Support; Rainbow trout harvest type fishery takes too long to recover
284	4	0	0	Department housekeeping proposal
285	4	0	0	Supported. See 284
286	4	0	0	Big Lake fishery, support the concept, hours of operation will need to be defined.
287	4	0	0	Same as above, but Nancy Lake fishery.
288	4	0	0	Same as 286 and 287
289	0	4	0	Too broad a concept. but we are very concerned about invasive pike.
290	0	4	0	Enforcement and policy issues with this proposal
291	0	4	0	A variety of fish for fisherpersons, growth of salmon dri enhances the annual stocking plan.
292	4	0	0	No longer a stock lake and is producing fish on it's own.
293	4	0	0	Lake needs protection until new hatchery is up and running.
294	4	0	0	There is too much pressure on spawning salr trout.Support
295	4	0	0	See 294
296	4	0	0	This helps standardize regulations on the stream, Support
297	4	0	0	Incidental kings are being caught, Support this idea

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- 298 0 4 0 Board will not support non-fishing activities.

- 327 5 5 0 Supporter; Windows restrict managers' ability to manage effectively.
Commercial fleet fishes more hours since adopting windows, just not efficient for sockeye. Windows catch more kings in the commercial fishery due to the nets being in the water more hours.
Salmon runs need to be managed in season, not in MARCH.
Opposer; windows guarantees open no fishing times allowing kings in river

- 328 7 3 0 ADF&G must give 36 hour notice to close fishery, lots of moving parts to the fishery. It is impossible to effectively close down the fishery that quick
Supporter; 36 hours is a reasonable length of time to call the hotline.

- 331 3 2 0 Opposer; Inequality between set and drift fleets, when created, The Board never intended the Half Mile set net to be closed so it gave the area to the drift fleet. Prop 169 is much better suited to achieve results.

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→ Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting
January 25, 2011 Meeting

Members Present: Steve Flory, Frank Neumann, Robert Caywood, Hank Hodge, Grant Klotz, Joel Doner, Phil Lincoln, Bruce Morgan, Jim Stubbs, Kevin Sparrowgrove

Members Unexcused Absent: Ron Jordan, Zach Stubbs, Mark Campbell, Erika Wolter
Greg Bell

Suspended members: Wade Willis; Mike McCrary

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Chairman Bruce Morgan.

There were no quests and no public testimony present at the meeting.

Old business:

By a majority vote the minutes from the meetings of the following dates were approved as presented:

01-19-2010; 03-16-2010; 04-06-2010; 06-02-2010, 09-28-201; 10-05-2010; 10-25-2010 and the 3 undated minutes.

Steve motioned to suspend Roberts Rules of Order for this meeting except for the roll call votes, seconded by Joel.

The motion passed 10 to 0.

New Business:

Sub-committee appointees were discussed to represent the AC and provide testimony at the Board of Game and Board of Fish meetings. It was noted to have more than one representative at the meetings if possible.

Steve Flory was elected to be the Board of Game meeting representative.

Jim Stubbs was elected to be the Board of Fish meeting representative and Joel Doner the alternate.

Jim Stubbs motioned to accept the fish sub-committee's minutes and votes as a whole on the proposals for the upcoming Board of fish meeting and to have the full committee go over the undecided votes, seconded by Bruce. Vote was 10 to 0 for approval.

BOF UCI The undecided proposals are as follows:

#110-There was discussion about the closure of the set-net fishery on a set date rather than continuing on as long as the proposal states because of the presence of co-ho salmon in the inlet at that time in August. Joel was in favor of this proposal because there was still sockeye's

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coming in that early in August and stated that the department would not let them fish into September as was feared by other committee members. The call to question and vote on the proposal followed and the vote was: support-2; oppose 8.

#113-It was discussed briefly and the vote was taken: support 0; oppose 10 #114-It was discussed briefly and the vote was taken: support 0; oppose 10

#116-It was discussed and noted by Joel that it would require many set-netters to buy new nets, but it would also lower the possible number of king salmon caught. The vote was taken: support 5; oppose 4; abstain 1

#128-It was discussed extensively, Joel said that the proposal has the right idea that there should be just one OEG, but that the goal numbers are too low. The opposition was opposed because of the idea that it would give the commercial fisherman more fishing time and that there is no trust in the commercial fisheries biologist. The vote was taken: support 1; oppose 8; abstain 1

There was discussion and a motion was put forward by Steve that we should write and send a letter to the governor voicing our concern of the correct information that we are getting from the commercial fisheries biologist concerning the king salmon escapement on the Kenai River. He was informed that Bruce has the letter written already. The committee authorized Bruce to write the letter, email it to the committee members and then send it to the governor.

#151-It was discussed and noted that it was identical to #128 and no vote was taken.

#172-It was discussed and points were that it would be similar to requiring a firearms safety certificate. But the main objection was that why not require other certificates and that it sounded more like an enforcement issue with the dip-netters. The vote was taken: support 0; oppose 10

#163-It was discussed and Joel noted that the Kasilof River had over escaped the last few years and the OEG did not need to be higher. The support was that it would put more fish into the river and that it could handle more fish. No vote was taken.

#327-It was discussed and Joel stated that with windows for the Kenai River, the commercial fisherman were fishing more than before the windows were put in place. The windows were put in place to allow more king salmon into the river in July, and that commercial would probable catch fewer king salmon without the windows. The opposition stated that there is still the distrust of the commercial fisheries biologist and the commercial fisherman fishing more than now and later into July and into early August. The vote was taken: support 5; oppose 5

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#328-It was discussed and from department statement that they needed to have 36 hours of notice of closure for people that might be traveling to the fishery and the department has always used 36 hours as the timing for closures. The vote was taken: support 7; oppose 3.

There was a call to question to accept the game sub-committee's votes on the game proposals, 2nd by Hank. The vote was taken: In favor 10; opposed 0.

Next full committee meeting will be Thursday, February the 3rd at 6:30 PM at the Rabbit Creek Rifle Range. Motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

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Advisory Committee: Mount Yendo

Date: 1-11-11 Page 1 of 3 Proposal Packet BOF-2011-Cook Inland

Use this form to record the votes and comments of members regarding Board of Fisheries and Board of Game proposals. The boards are particularly interested in hearing the reasons why proposals are supported/opposed. If committee members believe a particular proposal does not pertain to their jurisdiction, it is not necessary for the committee to spend time on that proposal, just write "no action" in the Abstain column.

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Proposal Number	Yes	No	Abstain	Summary of Discussion about this Proposal	BOARDS ANCHORAGE
103	0	9		Unwarranted, Vindictive, UN Lawful.	
121	0	9		Kings have escapement problems	
102	0	9		" " " "	
122	0	9		Support Cons. corridor east of Kelgin.	
123	9	0		support this conservation }	
124	9	0		corridor concept. }	
126	9	0		meet escapement goals priority.	
125	0	9		does not protect Northern stocks.	
127	9	0		protects depleted Coho stocks.	
128	0	9		UNWise.	
129	0	9			
130	0	9		Fails to consider weak Coho }	
131	0	9		stocks. }	
132	0	9			
133	9	0		provide opportunity of consumptives.	
134	0	9		this reduces in season management }	
135	0	9		of these stocks. }	
136	9	0		a need to create ^{goals} that reflects }	
137	9	0		traditional escapments, allocations. }	
138	0	9		does not protect stocks of concern.	
139	0	9		UN-workable.	
140	9	0		minimize comencial/Coho harvests.	
141	9	0		Need to obtain Fishmeet goal.	
142	9	0		Needed to meet King goals.	

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Proposal Number	Yes	No	Abstain	Summary of Discussion about this Proposal
143	9	0		helps in burden of conservation
144	9	0		Lifes Susitna King Plan
145	0	9		does not protect weak stocks.
149	0	9		
150	0	9		
151	0	9		
152	0	9		NOT wise to increase
153	0	9		Commercial harvest on weak
154	0	9		stocks of concern.
155	0	9		
156	0	9		
157	0	9		not justified
158			N/A	
159	9	0		
160	0	9		
161	0	9		would adversely impact northern
162	0	9		stocks.
163	9	0		helps achieve goals in northern
164	9	0		stocks.
172	0	9		
174				need to maintain personal use
194				fishery.

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To: Board Of Fish - 2011-Cook Inlet

We, the undersigned Alaska Citizens oppose proposal 103 and ask the Board to reject and refrain from any decisions that will harm, or deny Alaska residents (current or future) their customary and traditional right to subsistence caught salmon in the Yentna fish-wheel fishery. There is nothing wrong with the Yentna Subsistence fishery.

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Mt. Yenlo Fish & Game Advisory Board
Meeting of 1/11/11
Meeting Called to Order 11:00am by Tom Payton (Acting Chairman)

Members Present:

- Tom Payton
- Eric Johnson
- Tom Brion
- James Ivey
- Bob Miesner
- Barry Stanley
- Bonnie Childs
- Sara King (Newly Elected)
- Mark Torkelson (Newly Elected)

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Quorum Present: Yes

Notes:

- Bonnie Childs - Relected 3yr Undesignated, Unanimous
- Steve Childs - Relected 3 yr Undesignated, Unanimous
- Barry Stanley - Relected 1 yr Undesignated, Unanimous
- Bob Meisner - Relected, 1 yr Undesignated, Unanimous
- Sara King - Elected 3-year undesignated - Becomes Secretary, Unanimous
- Eric Johnson - Becomes Vice-Chair, Unanimous
- Tom Payton - Remains Chair, Unanimous
- Mark Torkelson - Elected 2-year undesignated, Unanimous

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Motion by Eric Johnson - Vote on the Mat-Valley/Susitna Valley Subcommittee Minutes as a whole from the January 3rd Fisheries meeting. Tom Payton explains the Proposals discussed during the January 3rd meeting that were pertinent to the Yentna area.

Proposal 267 - Eric Johnson - concerned about the Lake Creek proposal restriction on horsepower. Consensus is that limits are unnecessary and unwarranted.

Eric Johnson concerned about state sonar management plans on Yentna River keeping count numbers away from public to avoid public outcry.

Proposal 103 - United Cook Inlet Drift Association proposal is to limit Skwentna area subsistence to 500 salmon/year. Disagreement that the area in question no longer qualifies for subsistence fishery. There are still no roads to the area, and the only public runway is still in the Skwentna area.

Petition on Proposal 103 - Community Fishwheel Petition against restricting Yentna/Skwentna subsistence fishery submitted to Board.

Vote: Passed. Unanimous. Mt. Yenlo Fish and Game Advisory Board supports January 3rd meeting minutes of the Mat-Valley/Susitna Valley Advisory Sub-committee.

Meeting continues with individual Game Proposals from the Alaska Board of Game:

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BOG Central/SW

Proposal 74 - Barry moves to discuss Proposal 74, Bonnie seconds. Eric Johnson agrees with removal of more bears from area. General consensus is there are too many bears in the area. Barry thinks the proposal will help more guides take more moose. The Board has historically supported the predator control issue and the removal of bears. Tom Brion - thinks it would help expand into the more remote areas to help get black bear population off the main river system under control. Barry- there are some concerns that bait stations will start to get bears interested in human-produced food in general. Everyone seems to be in agreement that this proposal will help make the area in alignment with the rest of the state.

Vote: Unanimously in Favor of the Proposal.

Proposal 76 and 77, Eric Johnson moves to discuss Proposal 76 and 77. Barry Seconded. Eric is opposed to the proposal, thinks that it might affect hunting guides' ability to make a living. The pelts on a brown bear aren't worthwhile during the summer and the meat is inedible. Tom Payton agrees that taking a brown bear in the summer is a waste of a trophy animal. Tom Brion thinks that we would take a big publicity hit if it was allowed to kill brown bear during summer.

Vote: Unanimously Opposed to the Proposal

Proposal 78, Barry makes a motion to discuss Proposal 78. Bonnie Seconded. General consensus is that the proposal goes against the predator control system that this committee has been working towards to aid in the recovery of the moose population of this area.

Vote: Unanimously Opposed to the Proposal

Proposal 93, 95, 96, Barry makes a motion to discuss Proposal 93, 95, 96. Bonnie Seconded. The general consensus of the committee seems to be that they support the concept of the later season on moose hunts. Generally in favor of a later season.

Vote: Unanimously Support the Proposal

Proposal 94, Eric makes a motion to discuss Proposal 94. Barry seconded. The general consensus of the committee seems to be that if there are extra bulls in the area, then guides should be allowed a chance to generate an income from nonresidents. However, there is discussion that people in the Lake Creek area haven't seen many bulls, and if a resident isn't able to find a moose to hunt, how is it justified to allow a nonresident hunt? We're in favor of the proposal as long as the Fish and Game continues to monitor the bull to cow ratios and those ratios continue to be in surplus population of bulls, to be reauthorized yearly based on current counts.

Vote: All in Favor of Proposal, None Opposed

Proposal 97- No Action

Proposal 98 - No Action based on our previous action on Proposals 93, 95, 96

Proposal 99, Eric makes a motion to discuss Proposal 99. Barry Seconds. Many board members take part in the subsistence winter hunt. General consensus is that restricting the taking of bulls for subsistence in winter is not going to raise the total moose population. Further, it is maintained that the subsistence winter moose hunt has been a customary and traditional way of life for this area.

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Vote: Unanimously Opposed to Proposal 99

Proposal 100, Barry makes a motion to discuss Proposal 100. Bonnie Seconds.

Vote: Unanimously in Favor of Proposal 100.

Proposal 101 - No Action

Proposal 102 - No Action

Proposal 103, Eric moves to discuss Proposal 103, Bonnie Seconds. General consensus is that the Advisory Committee fully supports the proposal. In favor of predator control in this area.

Vote: Unanimously in Favor of Proposal. Reasoning: Without this program, depleted moose populations in the area might never recover.

Sara King moves to send Tom Payton to the next Board of Fish and Game meeting in Anchorage to testify on behalf on the Mt. Yenlo advisory council. Tom Brion seconds. Tom Payton accepts, will be attending for the Mt. Yenlo Advisory Board.

Eric moves to Adjourn at 1:45pm. Barry seconds. Bonnie thirds. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting Adjourned.



Tom Payton - paytonplace@gci.net

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Monday Jan. 3. 2009 Minutes for Fisheries Subcommittee meetings with Sustina Valley, Matanuska Valley, and Mt. Yenlo (Tom Payton) at Trout House / Windbreak

Meeting began at 12 noon start time.

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AC Comments
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Members present: Andy Couch, Eric Beckman, Ken Federico, Bennett Durgeloh, Mark Chryson, Mel Grove (Mat. Valley) Bruce Knowles and Steve Runyon (Su Valley) Tom Payton (Mt. Yenlo)

Public Present: Representative Mark Neuman, Jennifer Ehmman, Howard Delo - member Blue Ribbon Fisheries Committee, Rob Smart

Proposal 121 would prohibit commercial fishing within 5 miles of the mouths of Theodore, Chuitna, and Lewis Rivers. There are one mile closures around most stream mouths in the Central District, but hardly any stream mouth restrictions in the Northern District. With all three of these streams being considered for stock of concern status for king salmon, and with the king salmon sport fishery already greatly restricted on these streams it only seems wise that some type of stream mouth / tidal gut restriction should be established on these streams at least during the May / June portion of the commercial fishery. **Unanimously support. 9-0-0.**

102. Would increase mesh size for king salmon subsistence fishery to 8 /12 inches. An increase in mesh size would harvest a higher percentage of large females. Kings are already experiencing escapement problems throughout the Northern District drainages, and there is a very generous subsistence fishery with 3 openings per week. The group like the idea of limiting net mesh depth to 30. **Proposal Failed Unanimously. 0-9-0.**

122. This area was already voted to close to commercial fishing by the Board of Fisheries, but never actively put into regulation. It should be noted that although this area has remained opened reported commercial harvest in this area have been nearly nonexistent -- so a conservation corridor on the West side of Kalgin Island would correct an error in regulation -- but do little to pass meaningful numbers of salmon on to the Northern District drainages. Group **Unanimously chose to support a Conservation Corridor to the East of Kalgin Island over this one. Motion Failed. 0-9-0.**

123 and 124. These seem to be the same proposal, and would create a Conservation Corridor to pass salmon through the Central District on a weekly basis during July and August. Under present regulations, when the commercial drift net fishery occurs on a twice weekly basis throughout the Central District of Upper Cook Inlet, Northern bound salmon stocks fail to make escapement goals on a regular basis, so the group **Unanimously Supported these proposals. 9-0-0.**

126 . As the Board directed ADF&G to do at the 2008 Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting -- we would like the Board to once again --prioritize that meeting escapement goals throughout all Upper Cook Inlet systems occurs before harvesting to avoid over escapement in individual systems -- and in particular in reference to point iv in this proposal, when ADF&G may be issuing emergency orders to harvest runs of sockeye salmon to the Kenai River in excess of 4 million. See Northern District Salmon Management Plan. **Unanimously supported with the emphasis on meeting escapements before expanding intercept harvests. 9-0-0.**

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Mark Chryson left the meeting.

125. This proposal would dramatically increase the harvest of Northern Bound and Central District salmon stocks, and would eliminate all center of the inlet Corridor management that provides opportunity to reach goals in the Northern end of Upper Cook Inlet. **Proposal Failed Unanimously. 0-8-0.**

127. This would close commercial salmon fishing in the Western Subdistrict after August 9. The group supports minimizing commercial harvests of Upper Cook Inlet coho salmon -- especially at a time when most other stocks are present in low abundances. **Unanimously Supported. 8-0-0.**

128. Opposed -- this proposal would eliminate the present spawning escapement goals for most salmon stocks in Upper Cook Inlet. **Proposal Failed Unanimously. 0-8-0.**

129, 130, 131, 132 The group viewed these proposals as opportunities to expand commercial fisheries that would harvest all salmon stocks. Expanding commercial fisheries during this time of the season would allow limited commercial economic gain at the expense of the sport coho fishery. Many sport silver salmon fisheries have been restricted since 2000 based on silver salmon spawning escapement concerns -- while commercial opportunities were already previously expanded. **Proposals Failed Unanimously. 0-8-0.**

133. The group would like to provide real opportunity targeting king and silver salmon for consumptive / sport users. This would provide increased sport opportunity at a time when adverse impacts to the commercial fishery would be minimized by low abundances of other commercial important salmon stocks. This would help minimize the commercial harvest of both Upper Cook Inlet king and coho salmon. **Proposal Unanimously Supported. 8-0-0.**

Ken Federico left the meeting.

134 and 135. Group has a problem with these proposal providing little information for the public to review before hand. According to independent scientific review the Yentna Bendix did at times provide a good index for sockeye salmon spawning escapements, while at other times because of high pink salmon numbers interfering with sockeye counts the index was not as good. Replacing the lower river sonar counts with upper river weir counts reduces the ability to manage the commercial fisheries inseason based on abundance. The weir counting method also has problems in that a significant number of Yentna sockeye salmon spawn in other areas besides Chelatna and Judd lakes --so abundance of these other spawners would no longer be measured as part of the sockeye escapement goal. In addition going to a multipleweir system creates a problem of what constitutes missing the Yentna River sockeye salmon escapement goal. **Proposals Failed Unanimously. 0-7-0.**

136 and 137. We are concerned that ADF&G's new weir goals for Yentna sockeye eliminate counting of a portion of the Yentna River sockeye salmon run, and request the Board create a goal that maintains 2008 escapement goal levels and allocations. At the same time we request

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that all escapement numbers used as goals be converted to reflect the current measurement method. **Proposals Unanimously Supported. 7-0-0.**

138. This proposal would increase harvest on Northern sockeye salmon stocks that have been having trouble making the Board established 2008 escapement goal and the out of cycle ADF&G changed goals. **Proposal Failed Unanimously. 0-7-0.**

139. This fishery when used in the past created conservation problems throughout the numerous Knik Arm drainages upstream of Fish Creek. That is why it was removed from regulation. **Proposal Failed Unanimously. 0-7-0.**

140. As applies to the Central District commercial drift net fishery the group supports this proposal to minimize commercial coho harvests. **Proposal Supported Unanimously. 7-0-0.**

141. We believe in the concept of managing Upper Cook Inlet commercial fisheries to obtain the Fish Creek sockeye salmon escapement goal just like other established Upper Cook Inlet escapement goals. ADF&G makes forecasts for this stock on a yearly basis, a weir is in place to measure the escapement, and we believe achieving the goal should be a priority over maximizing harvests in mixed stock areas downstream. **Proposal Supported Unanimously. 7-0-0.**

142. Would reschedule the Northern District commercial king salmon fishery to start on or after June 4 and reduce fishery back to 3 periods. Sport fishing restrictions have been made throughout Northern king salmon systems, some type of corresponding commercial reductions should be made in order to meet king salmon escapement goals. **Proposal Supported Unanimously. 7-0-0.**

Jennifer left the meeting.

143. Seeks to reestablish the sport priority for Upper Cook Inlet king salmon and provide an orderly process for user group restrictions in times of shortage. **Proposal Supported Unanimously. 7-0-0.**

144. The group liked the idea of establishing a Susitna drainage king salmon management plan to more rapidly address the decline in king salmon numbers. Members of the group wanted to have both step down triggers and riggers to reopen or reduce restrictions when numbers of king salmon once again return. **Unanimously Supported in concept. 7-0-0.**

145. Stalling Northern District commercial king salmon fishery restrictions until some undetermined time, only allows the stocks which are already at documented stock of concern levels to further decline. It would be nice to have additional information, however, these are stock of concern level problems-- at this time. **Proposal Failed Unanimously. 0-7-0.**

149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156 - Loosening these restrictions would increase commercial harvests of stocks of concern sockeye and king salmon headed for Northern District streams. Expanded commercial opportunity would reduce sport fishing harvest allocation as

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well. These are primarily allocative proposals to reallocated currently allocated stocks which already have trouble making escapement goals. **Proposals Failed Unanimously. 0-7-0.**

157. We prefer that Emergency actions going outside of management plans be justified. **Proposal Failed Unanimously. 0-7-0.**

158. Poorly written and overly restrictive. Would not allow maximum benefit from the resource while overly restricting all user groups. **No Action.**

159. One person mentioned a provision for subsistence priority should be included. **Unanimously Supported proposal. 7-0-0.**

160, 161, and 162. Opposed due to negative impacts on Northern bound salmon stocks which already have trouble making escapement goals on a consistent basis. **Proposals opposed Unanimously. 0-7-0.**

163 and 164. Support for the positive impacts of passing more Northern Bound salmon stocks North, so that escapement goals may be obtained on a more regular basis. **Proposals Unanimously Supported. 7-0-0.**

165. **No Action**

172 already **opposed** by Mat Valley AC.

174 - 194. The group wants to maintain personal use dip netting opportunities, and chose to spend remaining time on other proposals.

195. **Amended** to start the Fish Creek personal use fishery when 50,000 sockeye salmon could be projected past the ADF&G weir. Amendment passed with no objection. **Unanimously supported as amended. 7-0-0.**

197, 198, 199. Opposed creation of these personal use fisheries for lack of sufficient salmon to provide fisheries, lack of salmon escapement goals, and lack of post fishery escapement counting. According to local residents chum salmon numbers have collapsed over time throughout many parts of the Susitna River drainage as well. **Proposals Opposed Unanimously. 0-7-0.**

21. If there are enough coho salmon to support an expanded commercial fishery at a time when coho are one of the most prevalent species available, then the group believes there are enough silver salmon to maintain the present sport limit. Therefore, this proposal that would reduce a sport coho limit was **unanimously opposed. 0-7-0.**

22, 23, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205. The commercial fishery already expanded out of the Coho Conservation plan, while the primary users have seen sport daily bag limit restrictions from that plan remain in place. If there is enough fish to provide extra harvest opportunity for non priority

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users, then there should be enough to provide for the priority sport users to return to their previous limit as well. **Proposals Unanimously Supported. 7-0-0.**

223. Previously supported by Matanuska Valley AC. Proposal would create a Northern Pike Management Plan. -- **Unanimously Supported by this group. 7-0-0.**

103. There are already several provisions that limit the harvest of this small subsistence fishery. **Proposal Unanimously opposed. 0-7-0.**

Meeting broke up at 4:40 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Andy Couch

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Nihihik

DATE (of meeting): Dec. 15, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Martin, Mike Schuster, Max Fieldstad, Doug Blossom, Bob Clucas, Teague Vanek, John McCombs.

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MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:

Jeff Burger, Gary Deiman, Richard Encelawski, Richard Mander, Steve Vanek.

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: 1

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting ^{recessed} Adjourned: 10:15 PM ~~met~~ *Recessed until Dec. 21, 2010*

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Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Minutes of meeting Dec. 15, 2010

- ① Minutes of Oct. 25, 2010 meeting read & approved.
 oct 25 minutes
- ② Chairman gave a tentative BOF & BOG meeting schedule
 Had Jeff Selinger & Thomas McDonough gave game report & answer questions on BOG issues
 The AC drafted 7 BOG proposals.
 Took action on lower CI, Finfish proposals.
 Authorized the Chairman or his designee to attend L.C.I. Finfish meeting in Homer Nov. 15-18th.
 Oct. meeting adjourned 10:45 PM.
- ③ Chairman gave a Lower Cook Inlet BOF report.
- ④ We began action on upper Cook Inlet proposals.
- ⑤ ~~Adjourned~~ 10:15 PM, Rescessed until Dec. 21, 2010

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Ninilchik

DATE (of meeting): Dec. 21, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Martin, Mike Schuster, Doug
Blessom, Bob Clucas, Greg Encelowski, John McCamb,
Teague Vanek, Max Fjelstad

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
Jeff Berger, Gary Deiman, Steve Vanek

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:
Richard Mosher

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: _____

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:17 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting ^{recessed} Adjourned: 10:20 PM Recessed until Jan. 4, 2011

David R Martin, Chair
Signature, Committee Secretary

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Minutes of Dec. 21, 2010 meeting

*Reconvened and continued action on HCI
Finfish proposals.*

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Nihihik

DATE (of meeting): Jan, 4, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Blossom, Bob Clacas, Gary Deiman, Steve Vanek, Mike Schuster, John McCombs, David Martin, Teague Vanek

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:

Jeff Berger, Greg Encelowski, Max Fjelstad

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

Richard Munder

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: _____

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM

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[Signature] Chair.

Signature, Committee Secretary

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**Central Peninsula Fish & Game
Advisory Committee**

Minutes of Jan, 4, 2011

*Reconvened from Dec, 21, 2010 meeting
to take action on UCI finfish proposals.*

*Next meeting Jan. 19, 2011 elections 806
proposal action.*

Adjourned 10:15 PM.

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Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
102	0	7	0	Leave as is. This proposal gear will actually catch more kings.
103	7	0	0	We agree the harvest needs to be lowered to 500 salmon and the C&T findings reviewed. The C&T findings for Semetna subsistence was suspect at best, for a settlement with a short history of existence.
104	0	7	0	This would eliminate the commercial fishery. There is a cap now that is usually not reached. Everyone should share in the harvest and conservation.
105	7	0	0	No biological reason not to allow this area to open earlier, complies with Magnuson-Stevens Act.
106	No Action			See action on 105
107	0	7	0	Should leave at 3 nets per permit. No biological reason to reduce.
108	0	7	0	No biological reasons for gear restrictions or harvest quota. We don't want either.

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	Support	Oppose	Abstain	
109	No Action			See 105 action
110	7	0	0	This complies with Magnuson and allows harvest of late salmon runs (pink) for MSY
111	0	7	0	Extension of fishing time for weekly fishing period should be done by Managers E.O. not regulation.
112	7	0	0	The commercial fishermen participation at this time is much reduced but there is a large surplus of salmon not being harvested under the current management plans especially on even pink years. Jobs would be created. Commerce would increase instead of lost. Would comply with Magnuson and MSY management.
113	0	7	0	doesn't comply with MSA. Not biological management. Biologist must use E.O. authority for abundance based in season management.
114	0	7	0	Same justifications as 113

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115	0	7	0	Since the BOF allowed monofilament salmon web there has been multiple years to test the results. The results are: Much cheaper, actually less drop out because holds better and no cuts observed. Fish can still see the web. Fishing efficiency not measurable from multi-strand gear. It would be a financial burden and extremely expensive to change back to multi-strand.
116	0	7	0	It would be extremely expensive to the fisherman and data shows Net depth doesn't make a difference in king harvest but would greatly and negatively impact sockeye harvest. The 1986 king reports 70% of king runs in deep water, 30% run along the beach. The East side set nets catch 10,000 to 15,000 kings depending on run strength no matter if they fish one day per week or multiple days per week.
117	0	7	0	Stay with the present system of gear per permit usage.

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Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
118	NO	Action		See # 117
119	0	7	0	The fishery should be managed for MSY instead of gear reduction. MSY returns would require the permitted fishermen for adequate harvest.
120	0	7	0	Shouldn't allow four shackles in the Corridor but fishermen should be able to keep the gear onboard. Totally unnecessary burden to require bagging and stored & removal from reel.
121	0	7	0	No biological reason to do this. Biologist have E.D authority to open and close areas. This proposal goes too far.
122	0	7	0	No biological reasons, no No biological or scientific data supports this closure. No Conservation concerns. Catches by drift fleet a less than 10% of Northern bond stock. This is way below exploitation rates. Lots of NEW information since the 2005 BDF meeting, that does not justify a regulated closure. This is not MSY management and is arbitrary and capricious.

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	Support	Oppose	Abstain	
123	0	7	0	Same justification as #122
124	0	7	0	Same justification as #122
125	7	0	0	The current plan does not work. It produces way less than MSY which negatively effect the fishing industry, economics and commerce. This proposal would comply with Magnuson and MSY.
126	0	7	0	Drift fishery exploitation on northern bound salmon stocks is less than half the exploitation rate and not even detectable on coho and Pink Chum. Doesn't comply with Magnuson or MSY.
127	0	7	0	There is no management yield concern for W. side Coho. Commercial exploitation and participation is very low. Must be strictly allocation because some want to increase the sport bag limit.
128	7	0	0	State has one escapement goal in every other part of the State. The multiple escapement goals have created huge production and economic losses. They don't work. The current goals compromises MSY and Magnuson.

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129	NO	Action		See # 130
130	7	0	0	The current plan does not comply with Magnuson or MSY and only allow less than 2% exploitation on pinks. Tens of "millions" of pinks are not harvested. This is an enormous loss to the industry, communities & economy.
131	7	0	0	Coho stock and pink and chum stocks are very healthy. The exploitation rate on the harvestable surplus is less than 30% on coho and less than 5% on chums & pinks. This resource is not being managed under Magnuson guiding or MSY.
132	7	0	0	The current plans allow very little harvest of pink less than 2% exploitations. Tens of millions are not harvested each year resulting in a huge economic loss to the industry, communities and state. This proposal would comply with Magnuson & abundance based, biological management.

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	Support	Oppose	Abstain	
133	0	7	0	The commercially caught kings & cohos are all used for consumptive use. They feed people & create jobs and sustain communities. None end up in the landfill or as dog food in the Spring from Greaser Burn. The commercial exploitation is less than 10%. No biological reason. Plenty fish.
134	NO	Action		See # 135
135	7	0	0	The whole dynamics of salmon counting in the Sasitna drainage has changed. The weir escapement goal will reflect the true escapement and this method is the best scientific information available.
136	0	7	0	The escapement goals must be set using the most reliable scientific information available and be scientifically reviewed.
137	0	7	0	See justification on # 136
138	7	0	0	No biological or conservation reason for the Northern District to be limited to one shackle. Exploitation rate is low. There is a harvestable surplus going unharvested, would comply with Magnuson.

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	Support	Oppose	Abstain	
139	7	0	0	This should be allowed to harvest the surplus. It is nothing new, it used to be a yearly occurrence.
140	0	7	0	Strictly allorative and will force harvesting the surplus. The commercial exploitation on Echo is less than 10%. No conservation concerns. Biologist have EA authority. Doesn't comply with Magnuson.
141	0	7	0	Big lake which is the headwaters of Fish Creek is an impaired water classification from human activities and doesn't produce the salmon it use, too. This is not good science or biological management.
142	0	7	0	Commercial exploitation long NOT based on any reliable science. Must manage on abundance by EA authority.
143	0	7	0	See justification on #142
144	0	7	0	Not based on any reliable science. Not abundance based management. Doesn't comply with Magnuson.

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	Support	Oppose	Abstain	
145	7	0	0	We should gather information where and when we can. Would be useful for management.
* 146	7	0	0	This is our committee proposal and the issue statement explains the issue well. The biologist need all their tool and options with no restrictions to keep the Kenai escapement in the BEG range. This is MSY management.
#147	0	7	0	This is not a management plan that will achieve MSY management or comply with Magnuson. It will create chronic overescapement that is proven to only produce a one to one return or less.
#148	0	7	0	Same justification as #147
#149	NO Action			See supportive justification for #128.
150				
151				
150	7	0	0	The issue statement explains the situation well. The current plans don't work. This would comply with Magnuson and be MSY management.
152	7	0	0	

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153	7	0	0	The wording requesting to be deleted does not allow for harvest of surpluses on all stocks. Minimize to some have been a means to close completely and no harvest. This board proposal would allow the managers to manage for MSY and comply with Magnuson.
154	7	0	0	Same justification as #153 would comply with Magnuson & MSY.
154				
155	7	0	0	This complies with Magnuson. Everyone must share the conservation burden to achieve the low end of the BEG & to ensure health sustainable future returns. That only make sense.
156	7	0	0	There is a harvestable surplus of the early sockeye that are not being harvested but used to be harvested commercially. The early reds are a high priced salmon. Complies with Magnuson.
157	7	0	0	This requirement is too broad and is interpreted differently by people. An example in the mid 2000s a herd of the Kenai Sockeye entered the river after the regulated closure and the Commissioner did not open the fishery because he determined

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157				there was no new information even though this event was an anomaly. Result economic waste to the industry and another gross over-escapement.
158	0	7	0	Not MSY management. Ties biologist hands. Not order harvest. Will result in overescapement because you can't stop a big unharvested school of salmon once they head for the river.
159	0	7	0	This would prevent MSY management of salmon. All salmon are targeted for providing food for the public. There are no conservation concerns. Would not allow harvest of the surplus.
160	7	0	0	Needs to go back to before 1990 to be in compliance with Magnuson.
161	NO Action			Didn't understand. poorly written
162	7	0	0	need to have this BEG goal to have MSY management and to comply with Magnuson. System is spawning limited current escapement goal too high.

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163	0	7	0	Not BEG. System spawning limited. High escapement for pe harvest and commerce and don't add anything to future returns. eggs are dug up when too many spawners.
164	0	7	0	Shouldn't tie kenai escapement to Kasilot escapement. Not MSY management.
165	0	7	0	Take management EO's away from the biologist to manage for MSY and abundance. Will lead to overescapement and lost yield.
166	0	8	0	Biologist need to have EO authority not regulation to be able to manage for MSY on abundance.
167	8	0	0	AMENDED "to open North of the Kenai on June 25 also." No biological reason for this area to not be opened June 25th.
168	0	8	0	Biologist need the flexibility to manage time and area by EO not by regulation to achieve MSY & to comply with Magnuson. Upper end of the escapement goal is too high.

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	Support	Oppose	Abstain	
169	7	1	0	Those in favor agreed and one said it was a historic fishery, opposed said it should be left up to the Biologist using the flexibility of FO to regulate open & closed areas not regulation, MSY abundance base management.
170	NO	Action		See action 169
171	NO	Action		see action 169
172	6	2	0	Supporter thought it was a good ideal like a hunter education class. Teach catch proper fish handling, respect etc. Oppose thought it was not needed and was more government intrusion & restrictions.
173	8	0	0	Amendment: \$20.00 fee and include
173	8	0	0	as amended Checkpoint at all entry points on the Kenai (six) and the Kaslo (3). Everyone must go through a checkpoint. This would eliminate the illegal aspect of this fishery which is expanding yearly and give ADFG valuable catch data. The fishery would become orderly. Abuse would minimize.

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Proposal #	Summary of Discussion			
	Support	Oppose	Abstain	
174	0	8	0	We understand support is withdrawn and would con just matter more.
175	} NO ACTION			See #179 action & justification
176	}			
177	}			
180	}			
178	7	1	0	Amendment: "Establish dipnetting zones" as Amended supporters thought this would spend people out more water releasing congestion on the keni & kasilot. Opposed: said everwhere is fully allocated and be against policy to create a new fishery.
179	8	0	0	The would put the dip net fish back closer closer to the original intent. All users, even dipnetters, must ensure the escapement goals are met.
180	7	1	0	The continue unchecked growth of the dipnet fishery should have a cap put on it. The unchecked growth takes away from other user groups because this is a fully utilized resource.

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182	NO	Action		See #181 action & justification
183	"	"		" " " "
184	"	"		" " " "
185	"	"		" " " "
186	NO	ACTION		See #188
187				
188	7	1	0	This would be more orderly and the dipnet fishery would be more accountable to achieving the escapement goals. opposed; felt dipnet should be held to the original inception of only occurring over the top end of the escapement goals.
189	6	2	0	Should be only for sockeye opposed; felt they should be allowed to keep kings.
190	NO	Action		See #189
191	8	0	0	Should be back to the original intent to only open when the top end of the sockeye escapement goal is going to be exceeded to prevent overescapement.

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	Support	Oppose	Abstain	
192	1	7	0	Support: felt this would help with enforcement and curtail the large amount of abuse. Oppose: Also only place in the state that allows this. Oppose: felt you should be able to sport fish same day you dipnet.
193	2	1	0	Original intent was designed after subsistence and was only suggest to be done from shore. BOF stress no boat or even a floating loga 600 boats per day for 16 hrs kill alot of sockeye with there progs. opposed: had an opinion wanted to use a boat.
194	7	1	0	See #193 for comments
195	0	8	0	Most years not enough fish to allow dipnetting because Big lake is an impaired water body that because of human activities that doesn't produce many natural salmon. there is no more enhanced salmon project in Big lake.

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196	NO	ACTION		Not our area: Not our business.
197				
198				
199				
#21	0	9	0	Bag limit should stay as is currently. There is a lot of catch and release coho fishing. The coho hook & release report reported a 70% mortality for coho. Coho stocks are healthy. Exploitation is well below harvestable surplus.
#21 & 22				where taken up by our AC at our Oct 25, 2010 meeting for the lower Cook Inlet meeting.
#22	0	9	0	See #21 comments.
200	0	8	0	The proposal wrongly states that the commercial fishery are no longer restricted to conserve wild coho. The commercial fishery is highly restricted in time and area. Over 90% of their area is closed and no EOs allowed for more time. Leave the sport bag and possession limit at the current two. Only increase it if all restriction are taken off the commercial fisheries. Hook & release mortality on coho is 70% & there is a lot of hook & release fishing.

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201	0	8	0	See # 200 comments
202	0	8	0	See # 200 comments
203	0	8	0	See # 200 comments.
204	0	8	0	See # 200 comments. Commercial fisheries are closed and where isn't is highly restricted
#23	1	8	0	See # 200 comments Supporter said lots of other commercial Should fish on the surplus and could raise the limit on the Kona Peninsula to 3, but not to 1 and
				Taken up Oct. 25, 2010 for Lower C.I. meeting.
205	0	8	0	See # 200 comments
206	8	0	0	Agree with the Department
207	8	0	0	Proposal should go through the proper process.
208	8	0	0	There should be some no guide areas. Public angler's being displaced. Enjoyment, relaxation and family outing are being displaced and replaced to a fishery of crowds, competition, greed.

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209	8	0	0	Sound like a good idea and it is practical. Agree with issue section
210	0	8	0	See Comments on #209 This would create more social problems.
211	0	8	0	see #209 comment. Leave as is or even increase unguided days on the river. Fish are not exceeding the top end of the goal. Early kelogs in the Kenai are in trouble.
212	0	8	0	Leave as is. Its working, non-guided like no guide days.
213	0	8	0	This should be left as is. Other users need non-guided days not more guided days
214	1	7	0	See comments #200. Commercial fishing is closed during most of this time. Guides opportunity should increase unless commercial fishing can also participate. There are harvestable surpluses of Coho not being harvested at even close to allowed biological exploitation rate.

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215	8	0	0	Will reduce mortality even though slightly. Should have catch & release
216	8	0	0	agree; would increase opportunity to keep a bigger rainbow. No biological reason not to.
217	0	8	0	NO. This will displace barbot fishermen. There is no problem. Reduce opportunity unnecessarily.
218	0	8	0	No conservation issue; will reduce opportunity unnecessarily.
219	8	0	0	Housekeeping
220	8	0	0	Housekeeping
221	8	0	0	Housekeeping
222	8	0	0	Housekeeping
223	8	0	0	AMENDMENT: "No bag or possession limit of Northern Pike. Pike also cannot be released alive back into the water. Any pike caught must be killed." Pike are an invasive species that are and will decimate salmon stock in certain areas. Do we want Pike or Salmon? wa vote Salmon!

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224				
225	0	8	0	OPPOSE: We need to protect kings in these staging areas. That is why these sanctuaries were created.
226				
227				
228	0	8	0	Leave as is to protect kings.
229	8	0	0	Slikok Creek king need protected because the spawning escapement has dropped from over 300 to 10. Red flags are waving!! Well written proposal. Agree with issue.
230	0	8	0	Early run kings are at critically low numbers. Slikok Creek has less than 10 spawners. There are no big kings left. Their genes have been deleted out of the population.
231	8	0	0	Need atleast this level of spawners to build the early king run back to MSY.
232	0	8	0	OPPOSE: Early run needs protected see #230 comments.
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233	0	7	0	The slot limit is for conservation. Reduce overall harvest.

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234	0	7	0	Oppose See # 233
235	6	1	0	for conservation of kings Opposed didn't agree.
236	0	7	0	OPPOSE 1 26" is too long let alone 30", would increase king harvest because would not have to conat toward 5 king yearly limit.
237	0	7	0	Leave as is.
238	0	7	0	This would lead to more snagging and create increased mortality.
239	0	7	0	This would kill more salmon than their daily bag limit by catch & release mortality. UP to 70% on coho. 20% on kings and 100% on kings caught twice.
240	7	0	0	This would decrease hook & release mortality and make more ethical responsible fishermen.
241	7	0	0	Amended: "until in-river escapement as amended goals are met.

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Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
242	5	2	0	Agree with issue section: we need to ensure spawning escapements are maintain once they enter the river. opposers didn't think necessary.
243	0	7	0	OPPOSE: Not necessary; Too much government intervention
244	7 as Amended	0	0	Amended: "Drop the tax but leave the bounty" A bounty would be the cheapest and probably the most effective way to manage the invasive Pike.
245	7	0	0	It works on the Kasilet. Try it see #246 for Thursday drift only
246	7	0	0	We agree with issue section: Past BOF have said we need to gradually add more drift boat only days. This is a good start.
247	7	0	0	Agree & Seems very logical.
248	7	0	0	Agree: Seems logical but prefer #249.

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	Support	Oppose	Abstain	
249	7	0	0	This would help with the boat wake erosion problem and keep with the intent of using DREFT boats.
250	7	0	0	Safety; less boat wake erosion, alleviate congestion.
251	6	1	0	relieve congestion and conflict; opposed-remain as is
252	0	7	0	Oppose! We don't want boats motoring back upstream throughout the day fishing. This defeats the purpose of drift boat only days.
253	0	7	0	This is a King Salmon staging and sanctuary area. There are plenty of other areas to fish sockeye.
254	0	7	0	This would create all of the power boat problems, erosion, habitat destruction, safety issues, crowding, noise, hydrocarbons etc.
255	7	0	0	Makes sense; agree with issue sections well written proposal.
256	0	7	0	See #255 comments; would increase conflicts.

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257	0	7	0	Would create erosion and conflict with boat wakes on moored boats in the lower river and commercial fish unloading practices.
258	7	0	0	House keeping
259	7	0	0	Agree the kasilof is heavily use and this would give more people an opportunity to catch a king.
260	0	7	0	This closure protects the spawning kings and is one of the main reason the kasilof kings are healthy.
261	7	4	0	Supporters: agree and wanted to use bait. Those opposed said it would put to much pressure and too much harvest on the resource by allowing more bait fishing.
262	0	7	0	This would add to more congestion and conflicts and displace the private angler.
263	7	0	0	This would give the non-qualified angler more opportunity, relieve congestion. Public has been displace by more gals.

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264 to 283				we did not act on because they were out of our immediate area and should be determined & debated by locals who know the issues.
284				SUPPORT: We must use any and all methods and means to immediately eradicate where possible and manage to the lowest level the invasive Northern Pike in the whole Cook Inlet Drainage. Pike are displacing salmon, trout and everything else. We have a choice? Do nothing we will have more Pike and less salmon and trout. Most people want salmon & trout.
285				
286	7	7	0	
287				
289				
290	2	5	0	Failed: Those oppose said leave as is and would increase abuse. Those in favor thought it would be ok to use five rods.
291 to 320				we we did not act on because out of our area & locals should have more knowledgeable information.

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321	7	0	0	No biological reason not to close by EO every year. Harvestable surpluses are going unharvested under current plans. This would comply with MSY management and Magnuson. I would provide thousands of jobs and benefit the communities and commerce.
322	7	0	0	Agree: See #321 comments
323	7 as amended	0	0	<u>Amended</u> : "Delete the delete language and close the season by EO. See #321 comments
324	3	4	0	Failed! Those in favor agree with the proposal. Those oppose felt it should stay as it is now.
325	7	0	0	Support. This tier escapement goal doesn't work. It created over-escapement which results in depleted future returns and lost yields that negatively affect the fishing industry and communities. We must have one scientifically defensible BFE. This complies with Magnuson and is MSY management.

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Proposal #	Proposal			Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
	Support	Oppose	Abstain	
326	7	0	0	Supports See comments #325
327	7	0	0	Windows don't work they only lead to overescapement and ties the hands of the biologist to manage for MSY. They can't use their EO authority to manage in season on abundance. See #325 corrects Economic loss, yield loss
328	7	0	0	Ever gear group must be responsible to make sure the lower escapement goal is met. Everyone should share this burden.
329	7	0	0	Escapement above the BEG only reduces fishing yield and economic benefits. This system is spawning limited and the excess spawners jig up the redds wasting the eggs.
330	6	1	0	Those in favor agreed with the proposal. The opposition stated it would tie the hands of the biologist in using their EO authority to achieve BEG. Many people don't like the terminal fishery and don't participate and want, but they don't want anyone else to either. Selfish greed.

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Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
331	1	6	0	The current set and drift areas are fine & working but need to be enforced. Changing these areas will only be allocation from the drifters to the set netters and create conflicts and a more disorderly fishery and more congestion.
<u>Back of Book</u>				
316	7	0	0	If there is a personal use crab fishery then there should be a commercial crab fishery; agree with issue section.
317	7	0	0	Male Tanner crab should not be taken during the molt or Satchell season. Do Doing so is a waste of the resource and not wise management.
318	0	7	0	Leave as is: Two pots per boat. The limit is 3 legal crab per person and if you are in the grab each pot can have 15 to 30 keepers. More pot would only congest the ground with more boeys and line that is impedes navigation and is a safety issue because the pots are out there all the time. Also increase pots will increase pot mortality from octopus predation.

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Members Present: Marvin Peters, Trina Fellowes, Lee Martin, Tom Young, Joey Allred, Tom Hagberg, Gus Van Dyke, Skip Avril, Jim Meesis, Pete Wedin, George Matz

Members Absent Excused: Dave Lyon, Cliff Calkins, Elise Wolf, Tony Kastella, Tabor Ashment

Public Present: Gary Sinnhuber, Jim Gladish

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Meeting began at 6:05 pm.

Elections were held with the following results: Lee Martin, George Matz, Marvin Peters, Tom Young, Gary Sinnhuber were elected for 3 year terms, Joey Allred, Jr and Jim Gladish were elected for 1 year alternates. Officer elections were: Marv Peters, Chair; Tom Young, Chair; and Trina Fellowes, Secretary.

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Upper Cook Inlet BOF proposal comments

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Prop #	Description	AC Vote (Support/ Oppose/ Abstain)	Amendments, if any	AC Comments (including minority view)
102	Modify set gillnet to 10 fathoms in length, eight and one half inch mesh and 29 mesh depth gear for subsistence fishing in the Tyonek Subdistrict.	13-1-0		Reducing the length of the net in the water will allow more fish to escape
104	Create a salmon escapement corridor in the Central District from the southern end of 245-40 to 245-60, to mirror the east side in the Central District.	0-10-4		This would be an unnecessary restriction on the Upper Cook Inlet fishery
105	Allow for earlier harvest of Kasilof sockeye in Statistical Area 244-32.	11-0-3		Allows a bit more fishing time for Kalifonsky Beach. The Blanchard line was established to separate Kenai and Kasilof fisheries. A lot of these types of proposals have a domino effect.
106	Allow for earlier harvest of Kasilof sockeye.	11-0-3		See comments on 105
107	Allow for earlier harvest of Kasilof sockeye.	No action		There is no biological concern on these fish and this would restore a portion of the fish historically harvested in this fishery.
109	Revise opening and closing dates for the Upper Subdistrict	11-0-3		see comments on 105

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	of the Kenai River.			
110	Amend setnet fishing to close by emergency order.	No action		That is how management operates on most of the rest of Cook Inlet.
111	Extend closure time by three hours in the Central District.	No action		Department can extend it with the emergency order (via radio).
112	Modify the weekly fishing periods in Upper Cook Inlet.			Same as Prop 110. Could still be done by EO.
113	Require removal of gear during closures.	0-14		This is already in regulation and not well written.
114	Close fishing on Saturdays and Sundays in Upper Cook Inlet.	0-14		This is already in regulation, but this would eliminate EO's if the resource is available for harvest.
115	Ban use of monofilament salmon web in Cook Inlet.	0-14		This would be costly to replace. There was a sunset clause on this in the past and this put a burden on suppliers. People can choose which type of net they want to use. It is harder to mend. If people are losing fish, they are not putting enough web in their fish. Bad weather is worse for fallout. This would need to be phased in, if passed to allow time for suppliers to stock up.
116	Reduce mesh depth in the Central District.	0-13-1		It's been 45 mesh for 50 years. This would be a very big reduction. It is not believed this would see any reduction of king salmon. The set nets were there before the drifters. When silvers were low, restrictions were placed on everybody and the silver's came back.
117	Modify amount of gear used by CFEC permit holder.	1-12-1		State law allows a person to own 2 permits. Concern of making the fishery so expensive the common guy can't get into it. If children have moved away, it may be time to let go of some of those permits and allow for others an opportunity to get into the fishery, rather than consolidating. Smaller boats would have a hard time competing. Stacking was allowed earlier when fish prices were very low.
118	Revise gear limitations when fishing two permits in Cook Inlet.	1-12-1		See comments on 117

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119	Allow the use of dual drift gillnet permits.	2-10-2		To stay in the same fishery that he has been in for 33 years and be competitive, it would cost him \$50,000 (price of permits). Close behind this would be super-boats with processor's on board, then two full sets of shackles instead of four, etc. That way you don't have to find somebody else with another permit. If you're ambitious and willing, why not be able to do it?
120	Allow four shackles of gear to be fished.	1-12-1		Terminal fishery is one shackle of gear anyway. It's a pain for the deckhand to have to take gear off the boat.
121	Prohibit commercial vessels from fishing within five miles of mouth of streams.	0-14		Currently there is a 500 yard closure, this would eliminate a lot of set net sites and this would not have the benefit sought. See no reason to displace 12 families from their livelihood.
123	Revise the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan.	0-14		This would be unnecessarily restrictive.
124	Amend the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan.	0-14		See comments on 123
125	Delete references to Areas 1, 2, 3, and 4.	4-6-4		Support adds flexibility to management. Oppose believe department already has that flexibility.
126	Revise Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan.	0-13-1		This would be unnecessarily restrictive.
127	Restrict commercial drift gillnet in the Western Subdistrict of Cook Inlet.	0-14		Drifters have 2 days only and sport fish effort seems to be increasing.
128	Create a single optimal escapement goal to eliminate confusion of regulations.	10-0-4	Discussed a different OEG but did not reach agreement on what that should be.	The regulations are confusing. This will help management.
133	Make consumptive use a priority for fishing kings and cohos.	0-13-1		Cook Inlet Drift Assoc just got their dates extended two years ago due to over-escapement in the river. We've been shortened so much in the past, that instead of 2 runs, we now have 3 runs because of the shortened seasons.

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34	This is a placeholder proposal that would amend subsection (b) by addressing changes in counting methods for sockeye salmon migrating into the Susitna River drainage.	14-0	Delete (b) and substitute with the weir goals in Chulatna, Larson, and Judd Lakes as the goal in the Yentna & Susitna Rivers.	This is a housekeeping proposal.
135	Update the management plan to reflect Yentna sonar count modifications.	14-0		See comments on 134
136	Modify the OEG on the Susitna River sockeye.	0-14		This would close all drift and set net fisheries in the Northern District.
137	Amend management plan based on Bendix-like numbers from Yentna River.	0-14		Irrelevant with no counter.
138	Remove gear restrictions in the Northern District after July 30.	14-0		This will allow for some fishing while taking a conservative approach.
140	Modify coho management plan.	0-14		This is unworkable.
141	Modify Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan.	0-13-0		Until the pike problem is resolved, all these strategies to change other fisheries will not work.
142	Revise the Northern District King Salmon Management.	0-13-1		The commercial fishery catches only about 1% of the king salmon's harvested.
43	Modify the Northern District King Salmon Management Plan to articulate recreational use priority.	0-14		This is unnecessary and irrelevant. Articulating playing with fish is not a priority.
144	Establish a Susitna River Small Stream and River Management Plan.	0-14		Unnecessary specificity and irrelevant.
145	Conduct stock assessment of kings caught during marine fishery off Deep Creek.	No action		Funding would be needed to accomplish this. There was creel census taken on Anchor Point and Deep Creek in recent years.
47	Establish an effective allocation of sockeye to personal use and sport fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet.	0-14		It is baffling because it is so long. They are already achieving the escapement goal most of the time.
48	Increase optimal escapement goal of late-run sockeye in the Kenai River, Russian River and Hidden Lake.	0-14		Escapement is already adequately provided for.

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149	Revise the Kenai River Late-run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan.	1-12-1		Same comment as Prop 148. Supports lowering the escapement.
150	Change escapement goals.	5-8-1		Same comment as Prop 149.
151	Remove the three tier system from the Kenai River Sockeye Management Plan.	8-2-4		Prefers one goal management plan.
152	Amend the Kenai River Late-run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan.	13-0-1		This proposal spells out that the department will manage for biological spawning goals.
154	Modify wording in several management plans to allow harvest over the course of coho runs.	14-0		Believe if the runs are strong, there should be opportunity for everyone to fish.
155	Add language that all fisheries will be closed if the OEG will not be achieved.	14-0		The burden of conservation should be equally shared.
158	Restrict all harvest until minimum escapement goals are reached.	0-14		Too restrictive. Totally absurd.
159	Amend regulation to minimize incidental harvest of non-targeted species in Upper Cook Inlet.	0-14		Too difficult to understand and adds complexity.
160	Revise the Upper Cook Inlet Fisheries Management Plan.	4-10		Too difficult to go back that many years and fish are for all Alaskans.
167	Expand the fishing area in the North Kalifornsky Beach Subsection.	11-0-3		Same comments as 105
324	Allow for use of dual permits in Cook Inlet set gillnet fishery.	1-12-1		See comments on 117

Meeting adjourned at 10 pm. Next meeting will be held Feb 1st at 6 pm to continue work on Upper Cook Inlet BOF proposals, and begin work on Southcentral BOG proposals.

Homer F&G Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2011

Meeting began at 6:00 pm at the NERRS building.

Members Present: Marv Peters Chair, Trina B. Fellows Sec, Tom Young, Joey Allred, Tabor Ashment, Skip Avril, Michael Craig, Thomas Hagberg, Dave Lyon, Lee Martin, George Matz, Jim Meesis, Gus Van Dyke, Pete Wedin, Jim Gladish.

Marv Peters Chair left early. Tom Young Vice took charge. Michael Craig came in late. Due to prior commitment.

Excused: Cliff Calkins & Gary Sinnhuber

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BOF UCI Proposal comments

Proposal 173 vote on amendment 12 favor 0 oppose 1 abstain

Change to just read a \$15 dipnet permit will be required. This would help with enforcement & accurate creel survey data.

Vote on Proposal with amendment. 12 favor 0 Oppose 1 abstain

Proposal 174 0 favor 13 oppose 0 abstain

This is a not a good proposal-waste of time and paper.

Proposal 189 10 favor 3 oppose 0 abstain

Proposals 197/198/100 2 favor 9 oppose 2 abstain

Proposal 216 1 favor 12 Oppose 0 abstain

Proposal 223 13 favor 0 oppose

Do what ever is needed.

Proposal 239 0 favor 13 oppose 0 abstain

Proposal 240 13 favor 0 oppose 0 abstain

Proposal 241 7 favor 4 oppose 2 abstain

Proposal 262 0 favor 14 oppose 0 abstain

Proposal 315 Did not adopt - committee things this proposal need clarification -its muddy.

Proposal 316 0 favor 13 oppose 1 abstain

Close personal use until crab rebound completely

Proposal 317 14 favor 0 oppose 0 abstain

These are the dates the committee wanted before.

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