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Delta Advisory Committee vote on 2011 Fisheries Proposals

Proposal 54-

Action: Support

Establish a positive customary and traditional finding for the Chitna dipnet fishery as follows:

Chitna salmon would be designated with a positive C&T finding

Motion to approve and second,

Comments most likely will not make any difference in management, mostly cultural now, a few people trying to change it from personal use to subsistence

6 in favor, 1 objection, 2 abstain

Proposal 56-

Action: Support

Amend the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan

motion to approve and second

Comments, adds language to clarify regs by F&G

9 in favor

Proposal 66-

Action: Support

Prohibit bycatch, require ADF&G notification, and set season in the whitefish [subsistence] fishery

motion to approve and second

Stipulations for netting

5 in favor, 3 object, 1 abstain

Proposal 129-

Action: Support

Modify lake trout regulations in four area lakes [Crosswind, Lake Louise, Susitna and Tyone Lake]

motion to approve and second

Sounds good to us-

9 in favor

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Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game AC Comments re: Prince William Sound BOF Dec 2011 meeting proposals

Proposal 47 **Action: Unanimous Support**

Description: Permit requirements for skates and rays.

Amendment: N/A

Discussion: With the Asian market for skates on the uptake this proposal permits utilizing a well populated resource that otherwise is a nuisance.

Proposal 48 **Action: Unanimous Support**

Description: Fishing season, landing requirements, and utilization for sharks.

Amendment: N/A

Discussion: Allows utilization of a bycatch that there is currently a market for. The proliferation of dogfish is well known and they are essentially a nuisance, seems no reason to restrict their harvest when they can be utilized.

Proposal 49 **Action: Unanimous support**

Description: Trawl gear unlawful.

Amendment: N/A

Discussion: Proposal seems to address the issue of confusion in gear for commercial fisherman in these venues and allows for a better ability to enforce gear issues in these fisheries.

Proposal 51 **Action: Unanimous appose**

Description: Customary and subsistence uses of fish stocks and amount necessary for subsistence uses.

Amendment: N/A

Discussion: This issue has been previously addressed and the fishery is deemed a personal use fishery. At no time have the allotted harvest numbers been met, there is no need to re-visit this issue.

Proposal 52 **Action: Unanimous appose**

Description: Fishing seasons.

Amendment: N/A

Discussion: See comments for proposal #51. There appears to be no justification to allot further fishing time for a fishery that is a personal use fishery and where opportunity to harvest is ample.

Proposal 54 **Action: Unanimous appose**

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Description: Customary and traditional subsistence uses of fish stocks and amounts necessary for subsistence uses.

Amendment: N/A

Discussion: There is no need for a subsistence finding in this fishery. The allotted fish for the personal use fishery has never been achieved. The utilization of this fishery bears no resemblance to "subsistence." True subsistence users are not suffering and it is the opinion of this committee that true "subsistence" users are not and will not be restricted from utilizing Alaska resources to survive.

Proposal 55

Action: Unanimous appose

Description: Customary and traditional subsistence uses of fish stocks and amount necessary for subsistence uses.

Amendment: N/A

Discussion: See comments for proposal #54.

Proposal 56

Action: Unanimous support

Description: Copper River King Salmon Management Plan

Amendment: N/A

Discussion: Proposal appears to enhance the ability for the DF&G to better manage the Cooper River King salmon fishery with no detriment to utilization.

Proposal 57-65

Action: Unanimous support

Description: Prohibit netting of fish in Lake Louise, Lake Susitna, and Lake Tyone.

Amendment: N/A

Discussion: The committee supports each of these proposals as they address what has been a developing problem in this area. The netting of fresh water lake fish for subsistence/personal use appears to be detrimental to the fish populations. Lake trout in particular are a slow growth fish, depleting these stocks would mean a very long-term recovery period. Much of the information regarding this fishery is anecdotal and there is not enough enforcement personnel available to consistently monitor the fishery. It appears in the best interest of the resource and the various user groups, to halt net fishing. More concrete data on this fishery should be developed before considering future such methods.

Proposal 77

Action: Appose

Description: Gillnet specifications and operations.

Amendment: N/A

Discussion: A very small majority apposed this regulation change believing it would elicit practices that would be detrimental to the resource. Those in favor feel it would allow more practical utilization of permits with no significant harm to the resource.

Proposal 81 **Action: Support****Description:** Gillnet specifications and operations.**Amendment:** N/A**Discussion:** Supported due to the reality of the area it is specific to. There are special circumstances that make this area particularly ripe for "crossing the line" and turning drift gillnets into set nets. Removing the "intent" and making the regulation more specific should promote easier enforcement and better support the intent of the two distinctly different fisheries.**Proposal 114 & 115** **Action: Unanimous appose****Description:** Prince William Sound Management and Salmon Enhancement Allocation Plan**Amendment:** N/A**Discussion:** These two proposals address a hatchery issue in a manner that is far too broad and as proposed could be detrimental to a sound fishery. Hatchery fish are a reality in a world whose demand for fish has exceeded the ability to satisfy with wild stocks. There does not appear to be significant evidence that these hatchery fish are harming wild stock returns.**Proposal 116** **Action: Appose****Description:** New Regulations.**Amendment:** N/A**Discussion:** Proposal is not enforceable and makes no sense to put into place. Commercial fisherman are catching X number of fish, if they chose to keep them for their personal use instead of selling on the open market makes no difference to the resource and only affects the fisherman's ability to provide for their personal needs.**Proposal 123** **Action: Unanimous No Action****Description:** Waters closed to sport fishing.**Amendment:** N/A**Discussion:** After this proposal was brought to the floor and discussed the committee realized there was not enough local knowledge to adequately address it.**Proposal 124** **Action: Unanimous No Action****Description:** Waters closed to sport fishing.**Amendment:** N/A**Discussion:** See comments for proposal # 123.

Proposal 125**Action: Support****Description: General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Prince William Sound Area.****Amendment: N/A****Discussion: Slot limits are a reasonable method of protecting a resource while allowing some utilization.****Proposal 126****Action: Unanimous No Action****Description: Special provisions for seasons and bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River areas.****Amendment: N/A****Discussion: This proposal seems at cross purpose. Elected to take no action without additional information.****Proposal 127****Action: Unanimous No Action****Description: Special provisions for seasons and bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River areas.****Amendment: N/A****Discussion: Not enough information, there seems to be no connection between up river issues and commercial issues in this proposal.****Proposal 134****Action: Appose****Description: Freshwater guiding requirements.****Amendment: N/A****Discussion: Given what has happened in other areas, this proposal is understandable however, this seems more of an attempt to limit non-resident fisherman from utilizing the resource. If it in fact is threatened regulations should be enacted accordingly.****Proposal 135****Action: Appose****Description: Increase the bag limit and lengthen the season for ptarmigan in Unit 18.****Amendment: N/A****Discussion: See discussion for proposal #134.****Proposal 136****Action: Unanimous support****Description: Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River area.****Amendment: N/A**

Discussion: This proposal seems to be a reasonable step toward augmenting the rainbow fishery in the area.

Proposal 138

Action: Unanimous support

Description: Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Upper Copper River and Upper Susitna River area.

Amendment: N/A

Discussion: The resource has recovered to harvestable numbers, it should be utilized.

Proposal 206

Action: Unanimous support

Description: Fishing seasons. Landing requirements, and utilization for sharks.

Amendment: "Create a directed long line" spiny dogfish fishery

Discussion: Committee supports the utilization of dogfish however, feels the long line fishery would have less by-catch issues than the pot fishery.

Proposal 207

Action: Support

Description: General provisions.

Amendment: N/A

Discussion: Spiny dogfish are prolific and are not often utilized, there appears to be no reason not to increase the limit for those who would like to utilize these fish.

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Meeting was called to order at 14:10 hr.

Members Present: Milton Stevens, Steve Aberle, Dave Goldstein, Gordon Scott, Jon Van Hyning, Rick Vrsalovic, Mike Durtschi

Members Absent: Dale Etheridge, Brad Von Wichman. Excused: David Pinguoch.

Public Present: Jeremy Sullivan, Dan Wright

ADF&G Present: Dan Bosch, Sherry Wright.

Chairman read the minutes from last meeting, March 18, 2011

Jon Van Hyning did a brief report of his attendance to the PWS board Fisheries meeting.

Election of new members: 4 seats are open to be filled:

- a) Steve Aberle seat was filled by re-electing him for 3 years term.
- b) Mike Durtschi seat was filled by re-electing him for another 1 yr. term to fill Dale Etheridge seat.
- c) David Goldstein seat was filled by re-electing him for 3 yrs. term.
- d) David Pinguoch seat was filled by re-electing him for 3 yrs. term.
- e) Jeremy Sullivan for 1 yr alternate term.

At this time, the chairman introduced ADF&G representative Dan Bosch. He gave a quick overview of proposals in the agenda for the next Fish and Game board meeting. He also explained that the results of harvest weight for Pot Shrimp in 2011 will be available sometime in February 2012.

Member Gordon thinks that several changes will be implemented for the next opening.

Several members indicate the wide misconception from the public regarding the regulations for commercial as well as sport fishing for Shrimp.

Board of Game Statewide proposal comments

(These proposals were discussed by request from member Pinguoch (absent). David Goldstein introduced proposal Nos. 99, 109 and 116 to be discussed and voted upon as follows:

Proposal 99 - introduced by Goldstein, seconded by Scott . Opposed unanimous
This proposal is too broad.

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Contradictory and standardizing harvests doesn't make any sense. Regulations will be needlessly complicated and only burdensome predator control. Things must be fine tuned for the particular area. What is the point of having different game management units if the regulations are standardized throughout the state.

Proposal 116 - introduced by Goldstein , seconded by Aberle Opposed unanimous
It would basically increase the allowable number of bait stations.

Board of Fisheries Prince William Sound Finfish

Mike Durtschi asked if the ADF&G or some other organization has collected and/or reported information of whales activities in PWS. He has seen an increasing presence of humpback whales during the salmon season.

Prop 43.-

Steve Aberle moved to adopt prop. 43 seconded by Ric.

Vote: opposed unanimous.

This would probably be difficult to enforce and would eliminate shrimp trawling and longlining in Prince William Sound, as getting 3 miles offshore would be impossible. Seems very allocative and would eliminate much of the commercial fishing in the Sound. There is no economic basis for this. Commercial and sport fishermen should be respectful of each others needs and this is very self-serving. There must be room for all user groups.

Prop 44.-

Steve moved to adopt prop. 44 ; seconded by Scott.

Vote: Support unanimous.

There is minimal rockfish harvested in the shrimp trawling operation in Prince William Sound. When the rockfish move into an area it is obvious. If a sleeper shark gets caught in the excluder net, there is an increase in the bycatch. If the rock fish move in, everything else moves off. Minor adjustments can be made to the gear that would increase the harvest. Black cod, halibut and shrimp trawl primarily harvest rough eye rockfish, which are not a stock of concern. Rock fish, although they have site fidelity, they do move around some. Shrimp population tends to decline if rockfish move into their area. The primary rock fish management is the bycatch, so it should be adjustable. One of the sticking points is the concept of by-catch and that 30 % doesn't seem like by-catch. The fishery has not met the 150,000 GHL. This would allow for the harvest to be captured on the harvest ticket. The committee had a discussion about the site fidelity based on depth.

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Proposal 79.-

No action

There have been a few arrests related to this issue. Support was around trying to eliminate this illegal activity by regulating the gear throughout the Sound. There was good discussion and a disagreement about what should be done.

Proposal 93.-

Goldstein moved to adopt prop 93; seconded by Scott.

Vote: Favor =1 opposed =5 abstain=2 Opposed

The commercial fleet are the people that paid for these fish to be available in this area, because they are hatchery fish. It appears to be biting the hand that feeds them. The seine fleet is already limited based on biological constraints, time and area. If the fishery is not sustainable, they are not allowed to go to work. There is adequate opportunity for fish to pass through. Some of the areas are fairly large that are being proposed. If adopted, and commercial fishing closed, in subsequent years, the commercial fishers taking adjacent areas could lead to no commercial fishing (beginning a trend). A question of paring down the areas, or modifying the dates was raised. It seemed that a better option would be for the sport fishermen to scheduling their fishing trips around ADF&G fishing announcements of commercial openers to allow full allocation on those days. Support for this proposal was based on a need for better availability of coho for sport fishermen.

Proposal 100.-

S. Aberle moved to adopt this pro. seconded by Goldstein.

Vote: Favor= 6 opposed= 2 Support

This doesn't happen very often, but the proponent wants to ensure the escapement goal is met. The only fishing that happens commercially inside the lagoon is a clean up. Waiting for the escapement goal is a worthy accomplishment. There is opportunity in other areas to harvest.

Proposal 120.-

Goldstein moved to adopt pro. 120; seconded by Aberle.

Vote: Support unanimous

Opens snagging in Eshamy Lagoon and addresses conservation concerns. The committee discussed this in conjunction with Proposal 100.

Mike Durtshchi left the meeting. The Whittier Fish & Game Advisory Committee appointed Steve Aberle to represent them at the Prince William Sound Board of Fisheries meeting.

FAIRBANKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Report and Recommendations on Prince William Sound and Upper Copper River Proposals

The sub-committee met on November 7, 2011 and discussed and made recommendations to the entire Advisory Committee on November 9, 2011. The committee unanimously approved the following recommendations and comment:

Proposal 43 – Support

This proposal would restrict commercial halibut fishing gear within 3 miles of any shoreline from May 15 - September 1. The State has authority to manage halibut gear within 3 miles of its coastlines. With the elimination of derby fishing, and the advent of IFQ's and year-round commercial fisheries, the commercial fleet no longer travels far into the Pacific to harvest their quota. They stay close to home and deplete the inshore stocks instead. Individual Alaskans who cannot afford the \$20 per pound year around price of the IFQ caught halibut, and want to personally catch a halibut to eat, must now travel farther and farther away from inshore areas to find a halibut. They burn gas and risk their lives because the long liners are taking most of the halibut that live near the shoreline or around coastal communities. The commercial fleet will still harvest 85% of this resource, but at least with the passage of this proposal, Alaskans will have a reasonable opportunity to catch their dinner.

Proposal 51 – Support

The Board should review whether the subsistence fishery at the mouth of the Copper River meets the eight criteria test for customary and traditional.

Because the Board of Fish amended the definition of “subsistence way of life” in 2010, all previous C&T determinations should be reviewed for current compatibility with the newly defined test for “subsistence way of life”. The Copper River District Subsistence fishery should be re-evaluated based on significant changes occurring in the fishery since the Board's initial finding, and in particular, whether the subsistence fishery at the mouth of the Copper River meets the Board's current definition of “subsistence way of life” as “a way of life that is consistent with the long term reliance upon the fish and game resources for the basic necessities of life.”

After the Board of Fisheries adopted this definition on March 20, 2010, they took public comment to supplement the record on whether the Chitina Dipnet fishery was a customary and traditional subsistence use, in light of the new definition of “subsistence way of life.” Following the adoption of the new definition, several Board members specifically applied that definition to arrive at a negative C&T finding. Board member, John Jensen, stated; “There are several types of reliance. I rely on fish to some extent, but can live without it. This is the difference between personal use and subsistence.”

Mel Morris stated; "The Chitina Dipnet fishery is a wonderful experience for families to participate in, and share in the resources...but if it were taken away from me, my basic necessities would not be in jeopardy." Vince Webster stated; "The cultural, social, spiritual, and nutritional values requires the need to be tied to the basic necessities of life." Former Board Member, Howard Delo, submitted this proposal because he agrees that the new definition of a "subsistence way of life" requires updated analysis of previous C&T determinations.

Subsistence fishing in the Copper River is done with commercial fishing vessels and gillnets. Many participates are commercial fishermen who are currently allowed to keep an unlimited number of fish for personal use. We defer any recommendation of this proposal to the full committee.

Proposal 52 - Oppose

This proposal seeks to provide additional subsistence openers that do not conflict with commercial openers. We oppose this proposal. If Cordova residents depend on Copper River fish for the "basic necessities of life", it should be of no concern to them whether a subsistence opening coincides with a commercial opening. As stated above, commercial fishers are already allowed an unlimited number of salmon for personal use that are harvested during commercial openers. There are also significant opportunities for subsistence harvest when commercial fishing is not allowed due to seasonal restrictions. What this proposal seeks is for commercial fishermen to not be limited in their subsistence gathering time, or have to choose between work and subsistence harvesting. The reality throughout much of Alaska is that people have to take some time off work to gather their wild meat supply, and Cordova should be no different.

Proposal 53 - Support

This proposal would provide for uniform subsistence regulations throughout Prince William Sound and Copper River. Currently, Tatitlek and Chenega have more liberal subsistence seasons and limits. We can see no justification for creating more liberal subsistence regulations for two small villages located within a much larger subsistence area.

Proposals 54 & 55 - Support

These proposals from the Fairbanks Advisory Committee and the Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council request that the Board make a positive C&T finding for the Chitina Dipnet fishery. Though the Board will likely seek to dismiss this proposal without further review citing "no new information" as they have the last three cycles, they cannot do so this year based on their re-definition of "subsistence way of life" and criteria 8 at its special March 20, 2010 meeting. The Board was not in a position to take appropriate public testimony, or to determine whether "new information" supported a review under the entire eight criteria as amended. Because public comments and new information were inherently restricted by no one knowing how

criteria 8 would be defined prior to March 20, the Board did not have adequate opportunity, and the public could not effectively offer new information during the few hours between adopting the new definition on March 20 to making a negative C&T on March 21.

Now that the public has had an appropriate chance to review the new definition of “subsistence way of life”, the Board should consider all public testimony and other information submitted on the subject at the Valdez meeting. In other words, the Board cannot legitimately find that there is not sufficient new information to review the eight criteria based on the limited public comment that was available between the time it adopted its new definition on the afternoon of March 20, 2010, and the time it made a negative C&T finding on March 21, 2010.

Proposal 56 - Support

The Department seeks specific authority to restrict king harvest in the Glennallen subdistrict. We support this proposal. The Department currently has this authority, but seeks to specify it in regulation. The Board should discuss criteria to determine when such a restriction is necessary.

Proposal 66 & 67 - Support

There are several proposals restricting the subsistence fishery for lake trout in the Lake Louise and Lake Tyone waterways. While many of the restrictions are already contained in subsistence permits stipulations, passing these proposals would make these stipulations permanent regulations.

Proposal 71 - Oppose

This would close lake trout fishing in Lake Louise, Lake Susitna, and Lake Tyone from September 1 – October 15. We oppose this proposal, as it would unnecessarily restrict the relatively small number of anglers who fish these waters primarily to kill time during the day while on their fall hunting trips.

Proposal 72 - Support

This proposal would eliminate the current “tit for tat” restriction on the Chitina fishery if the commercial fishery is closed for more than 13 consecutive days.

There is no legitimate biological connection between a closure in the Copper River commercial fishery and a closure in the Chitina Dipnet fishery. This regulation was enacted solely to appease the commercial fleet who believe that any restriction placed on them should also be felt upriver. The Chitina fishery harvest is distributed across the entire run based on its location far upriver. It is managed by abundance and not what is taking place in the commercial fishery at the mouth. Personal use should

have priority over commercial use, and a commercial fish closure should not affect the ability of Alaskans to harvest a wild food source to feed their families.

Proposal 73 – Support with Amendment

This Chitina Dipnetters Association (CDA) proposal would raise the king limit to five per family and one for individuals. An increase in king harvest in the Dipnet fishery would have negative effects on all other upriver fisheries. We defer to the full committee on this proposal.

Proposal 74 - Oppose

This proposal by the CDA would allow the fisheries manager to permit retention of king salmon two to three days per week at Chitina. Currently, based on fairly consistent king harvest regulations, the Department is able to somewhat measure the effect of various types of restrictions or liberalizations. This new program of king management would take at least five years to measure, and would likely result in a very conservative management, again affecting all upriver fisheries without having any effect on the commercial fishery. We defer to the entire committee.

Proposal 75 – Support, but not tied to kings

This would increase the sockeye limit in the Chitina fishery based on the number of members in a person's household. We support this approach, as it is better than the current "one size fits all" household limit. We would prefer a system as used on the Kenai, where the head of household receives 25 fish, plus 10 fish for each household member.

Proposal 76 - Oppose

This would delay the dipnet season until June 15. We oppose this proposal because, in recent years, 23% of the total harvest has been taken before June 15. We agree that some protections should be in place for the earliest returning king salmon, but we do not believe that such a seasonal restriction should be placed on Chitina dipnetters. We would believe many earlier season dipnetters will simply get a subsistence permit, and dip upstream of the bridge where they could retain up to 500 fish and 5 kings, eliminating any increased escapement of early run fish.

Proposal 96 - Support

This would close the Main Bay hatchery sockeye fishery to commercial fishing on the 4th of July holiday. It is unclear whether the proposer simply wants to have one day closed to commercial fishing, or the entire holiday. We propose an amendment of July 3 – 5. This would be a significant benefit for Alaskans to go to Main Bay and harvest food for their families, and should have little effect on the yearly harvest of salmon by the commercial fleet.

Proposal 114 & 115 - Support

These proposals would reduce hatchery production. We support this proposal because we have become increasingly concerned with the seemingly unregulated and privately owned aquaculture companies that have increasingly created millions of additional hatchery salmon every year that compete with wild stocks for a limited food resources in the open ocean. The State of Alaska needs to start exerting appropriate oversight, and when necessary, enforce restrictions on the ability of these for-profit enterprises to continue dumping many millions more salmon into our oceans for the sole benefit of the commercial fish industry.

Proposal 117 - Support

This FAC proposal would increase the escapement goal for king salmon on the Copper River from 28,000 to 55,000. We support this proposal because we believe that the current BEG of 24,000 is artificially low, and is contributing to the steadily deteriorating king salmon stock in the entire Copper River.

Proposal 118 - Support

This FAC proposal would close the inside waters of the Copper River commercial fishery until June 15. We support this proposal. Every cycle, the Board considers proposals that would help ensure that some early run kings and sockeye made it safely into the Copper River before being exploited in the commercial fishery. Because the sonar is not able to reliability deploy until usually after commercial fisheries openings are announced, and because of the travel time between the mouth and the sonar, commercial openings usually occur when the managers have no idea if any fish have made it into the river or not. Based on recent failures to meet the king salmon escapement goals upriver, and significant restrictions on the upriver fisheries, we believe that the Board should finally take the step of restricting the river mouth fishery until a certain date on the calendar when we know that significant numbers of fish will have escaped into the river. We chose June 15.

This will not be an undue burden on the commercial fleet, as they have proven quite effective at catching fish in the outside waters during May. Although the harvest consists of a higher percentage of sockeye, the sockeye stock in the Copper River is not of concern.

Proposal 121 - Oppose

This regulation would reduce the bag limit for sockeye salmon in parts of Prince William Sound from 6 to 3. We don't believe such restriction is biologically necessary, and believe the Department can appropriately manage any small stock fishery that is in danger of being over fished. We also generally favor consistent regulations over broad areas, and do not believe anglers should need to constantly consult their GPS' to determine whether they are in a 6 fish, or a 3 fish, area.

Proposal 126 - Oppose

This would change the season on the Gulkana from January 1 through July 19 to June 10 through August 10. 90% of Gulkana kings are in the river by the current closure date of July 19, and although some fresh fish are available, there will be significant disturbance of spawning fish, particularly in August. People rarely fish the Gulkana past July 10 as it is, and it would be unlikely to utilize this long season, particularly when the Klutina is nearby, and is known to have a much later and fresher run of salmon in late July and August. This would unnecessarily restrict the Gulkana fishery to effectively less than 4 weeks of quality fishing time.

Although escapements have been low and restrictions have been put in place, it is not because of early fishing success on the Gulkana. A later opening would have no effect on such restrictions in the sport fishery.

Proposal 127 - Oppose

Again, there is no biological justification to tie a commercial fish closure at the mouth of the Copper River to a guided sport fishery more than 300 miles away. This is simply an extension of the "if you are going to take from me, you should take from them also" approach. Absent a biological connection, the Board should not entertain such proposals.

Proposals 128 & 129 - Oppose

Support. This would modify lake trout regulations for several lakes to allow for a sustained yield harvest to be maintained. The Department is convinced that this regulation scheme works better than a size restriction.

Proposal 130 - Oppose

See above. A sustained yield approach to harvest works better than a size restriction.

Proposal 134 & 135 - Oppose


No need to prohibit guiding in this area, particularly when conditions exist where no guiding industry is likely to take hold. Log books show that last year there was one guide who took four clients over the entire season. We do not believe in regulations that restrict access and angling opportunities with no legitimate biological, or even social, basis.

Proposal 136 – Support

Proposal 138 - Support

We agree to allowing some harvest of burbot in Tolsona Lake.

Respectfully submitted,


Michael C. Kramer, Chair
FAC Fisheries Subcommittee

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Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman McCracken

Members Present: Jim McCracken, Robin Collman, Dianne Dubuc, WC Casey, Bob White, Doug McRae, Arne Hatch, John Flood, Jim Hubbard, , Mark Clemens, Jim Herbert
Quorum present [8 required, 11 present].

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Members Absent Excused: Corey Hetrick, Ezra Campbell, and Trent Foldager

Members Absent Unexcused: Chris Bolton, Dr. Matt Hall, and Carl Locke

Public Present: Tim McDonald, Jeanette Hanneman, Tom Prochazka, John French, Tom Buchanan

ADF&G Staff: Dan Bosch

Approval of Agenda: approved with addition of comments by McDonald

Approval of Minutes: minutes of the previous two meetings were approved with corrections provided by White and McCracken for the 10/20/2011 meeting. Final versions to be sent to Sherry Wright.

Correspondence/Communications: Dubuc reported on participation in a Geographic Strategic Resource [GSR] meeting earlier in the day to identify locations of special interest between Cape Puget and Nuka Point that would need protection in the event of an oil spill or other hazardous material event. Twenty key locations were identified. The work is sponsored by PWS Citizen's Advisory Committee.

White said the Flood Board is working with the Kachemak Bay Land Trust to use "in lieu of money" to purchase wetlands in the Salmon Creek – Clear Creek area. The goal is to protect habitat and provide a buffer for flooding. Other parcels would be purchased with other funds for gravel extraction and as a way to dredge out the river channel. He also said two new 17 foot wide culverts are installed in Salmon Creek near Nash road with funds form the Watershed Forum. This will make life easier for adult and juvenile salmon and do a better job of moving large volumes of water through the area.

Citizens Comments – no one wished to speak at this time.

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Presentations-Reports – Bosch gave a brief report on his stream walking activities since the last meeting. He is trying to get comparable data to surveys done in the 1972-1989 period when the surveys were done on a regular basis. He noted live and dead fish in numerous streams including First Lake and Sheffler Creek. Again he extended an invitation to visit the new hatchery in Anchorage. They have just moved kings into an incubation tank. Rainbows are doing well. He reminded us that it will be a four year process to bring the whole facility up to speed. He is impressed with the automation of the feeding process. He will assist us with PWS proposal review in a few minutes.

McDonald informed the AC that there was a strong run of late silvers going up Resurrection River and Salmon Creek this fall. At the next Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association meeting he will propose that only 10 signatures be required to get a name on the ballot instead of the current 20. Given a small number of active permits [~15] and the total number of permits [~80] he feels the system does not encourage participation by people. It becomes a political popularity contest. He hopes this proposal would encourage participation by Seward area permit holders.

McDonald also raised the issue of invasive species entering Resurrection Bay in coal ship ballast water. With increased traffic and coal shipments, he felt we were in real danger from invasives such as green crab and mitten crab.

John French from PWSRCAC elaborated on CG regulations and efforts in Valdez regarding ballast water and invasive species. He spoke to the potential treatment of the water with hypochlorite and how that might also be a danger to local species.

Dubuc said historically the AC has been concerned about this matter and written the governor. She feels there has been discharge of ballast water at the dock and is uncertain of the accuracy of procedures and logbook entries. The CG and ADEC are not aggressively enforcing ballast water rules.

McCracken said you only have to be wrong once to deal with the consequences of unwanted gifts.

Old Business – none.

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New Business – The majority of the meeting was dedicated to the deliberation of PWS fish proposals to be acted on by the Board of Fish in March 2012 and Statewide Game proposals to be acted on January 2012. A summary of the comments by advisory members pertaining to proposals considered follow along with the vote of AC members present. The vote format is for-against-abstain. The maker and the second to the motion to consider are noted. There were no members of the public who wished to comment on any proposal. Chairman McCracken did not vote on the proposals and focused on running the deliberations.

Authorization of travel to Board meetings:

Authorize Vice Chair Dubuc to attend the March 20, 2012 meeting of the BoF as the representative of the Seward AC. Motion by Casey, second Hatch.
Vote 10-0-0.

Authorize AC member Campbell to attend the January 13 BoG meeting as the representative of the Seward AC. Motion by Casey, second Collman.
Vote 10-0-0

Prince William Sound Proposals – Comments due by November 18, 2011

Proposal 44 Hubbard/Hatch 6-3-1
Discussion lead by Hubbard who is an active participant in the longline fisheries. Notes increase in rockfishes offshore and assumes the same may be true in PWS. Notes this person is one of the few or only deep water shrimp trawler in the Sound and is asking that money from his mandatory retention of rockfish and black cod go to the fishermen, in this case him, instead of the state. Proposer wants the current 10% by catch to be raised to 30% for fishermen. Noted GHF of 150,000# has not been reached for rockfish. Who gets the money?

Proposals 45, 46, 47 – No Action

Proposal 48 Dubuc/White 9-0-1
Locally there are large numbers of sexually immature spiny dogfish that negatively impact other sport and commercial fisheries. Feel increasing the limit would have benefits. Acknowledge that they are slow to reach sexual maturity [males 20 years, females 30 years according to Bosch]. Also seem to see large numbers of the population moving in our region. At this point a commercial fishery is not viable.

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Proposal 49 Hatch /Clemens 10-0-0
Clean up language. Housekeeping

Proposals 50 – 79 – No Action

Limited discussion. Often we chose to take no position on an allocative issue, were uncertain of the outcomes suggested by the maker of the proposal, or did not have sufficient information.

Proposal 80 Hatch/White 10-0-0
We agree that a boat is not a buoy

Proposal 81 Dubuc/Hatch 10-0-0
We agree that the intention is to not let drift gill nets become set nets intentionally or unintentionally. A loophole that needs be closed.

Proposal 82, 83, 84 Hatch/Dubuc 10-0-0
We saw no effect on the harvest of salmon by these proposals. The use of cork line and lead line border strips in salmon seines is an evolution of gear design that makes the gear easier to haul with 'wheel' power blocks and then replace only the strip rather than 100 mesh deep panels. We agree that the use of these prefabricated panels should not be counted in the current definition of measurement of the overall depth of seines. Recommend revising the definition.

Proposal 85 Dubuc/Clemens 1-5-4
Discussion of the elimination of the 75 fathom, 7 inch lead for all seines in PWS seems significant change. It would decrease congestion and increase maneuverability in certain tight fishing areas. People can remove the lead now if they wish. Cape haulers are better with the 225 fathom nets. Shorter nets would be of benefit to smaller vessels that would not have the extra gear on deck. Overall felt the status quo was best with individuals making their own choice under existing rules.

Proposal 86 and 87 – No Action

Proposal 88 Hatch/Hubbard 9-0-0 one briefly absent
See no change to actual management. Simplified description facilitates announcements

Proposal 89 - No Action allocative

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| Proposal 90 | Hatch/Clemens | 10-0-0 |
| More precise definition of the district with latitude and longitude | | |
| Proposal 91 | Hatch/Clemens | 10-0-0 |
| Clean up ambiguous boundaries; clarification | | |
| Proposal 92 –no action | | |
| Proposal 93 | Hatch/Clemens | 10-0-0 |
| Do not agree that commercial operators should suffer loss of fishing area | | |
| Proposal 94 –no action | | |
| Proposal 95 | Hatch/Casey | 9-0-1 |
| Gives more protection to salmon in shallow waters of Sheep Bay. Logical. Simplifies management by increasing protected waters. | | |
| Proposal 96 | Dubach/Clemens | 0-9-1 |
| Salmon do not celebrate the Fourth of July. It is optional for fishermen. Support the commercial operators. | | |
| Proposal 97 | Casey/Collman | 8-0-2 |
| Housekeeping | | |
| Proposal 98 | Hatch/Clemens | 7-0-3 |
| Seems to facilitate timely harvest of chum salmon cost recovery at hatchery. | | |
| Proposal 99 | Hatch/Dubuc | 9-0-1 |
| Allows a larger area defined by a three point line. Easier to fish the limited area. It is a place where individual fishermen could use a 150 fathom long seine to minimize congestion. | | |
| Proposals 100-106 – no action | | |
| Proposal 107 | Hatch/Dubuc | 0-9-1 |
| Allocative. We do not agree with this radical reallocation. | | |
| Proposal 108- no action | | |

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Proposal 109 Hatch/Dubuc 0-6-4
Needs more evaluation. Consider alternatives.

Proposal 110 –no action

Proposal 111 Hatch/Dubuc 0-9-1
Allocation. Do not agree with modifications to the cost recovery plan currently in place.

Proposal 112 Hatch/Clemens 8-0-2
Allocation.

Proposal 113 Hatch/Hubbard 0-8-2
Believe this is not a significant problem. Know proving spotting from an aircraft would be difficult in this era of cell and sat phones. Leave it alone.

Proposal 114 and 115 Hatch/Dubuc 0-9-1
Similar proposals but see it as allocative. Do not buy the argument that the PWS hatcheries are a "false 'commercial' entity." Disruption of the status quo. Negative implications for investments by the fishermen and the hatcheries.

Proposal 116 Dubuc/Hubbard 0-7-3
See homepack as a traditional use of the resource by commercial fishermen. Do not see it as a problem. See the motivation of the Fairbanks group but we take the opposite side.

Proposal 117 – 124 -no action

Proposal 125 Collman/Clemens 8-0-2
Seems good means to protect the cutthroat trout population given the unknown status of the population. Lingering effects of the Exxon Oil Spill still uncertain.

Proposals 125-138 – no action
We wonder if proposal #71 was actually supposed to be #131. Regardless we taken no action.

Proposal 371 Hatch/Dubuc 10-0-0
Proposal submitted by our advisory committee. Will allow better information to ADF&G on the status of shrimp populations across this portion of the North Gulf Coast via mandatory reporting required by the conditions of the permit. Easier

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access to shrimp grounds for personal use from the port of Seward. Resource appears to be healthy.

**Statewide Game Proposals to be Considered January 13-17, 2012
Brown Covered Book**

Proposals 46 and 47 White/Herbert 0-10-0

We do not like the idea if a person's "wall is full" that they might sell trophies. It implies market hunting. Individuals can give away unwanted mounts and hides.

Proposal 56 White/Hubbard 6-0-4

See the use of crossbows as common in other states. Do not have any significant advantage over other high tech bows. Would allow certain people with handicaps or infirmities to participate in an archery hunt.

Proposal 59 White/Clemens 7-0-3

Seems an excessive and expensive requirement for bow hunters targeting bear and moose. As an option for hunters it is acceptable, but not a requirement.

Proposal 65 Dubuc/Clemens 9-0-1

Seward AC proposal seeking to allow better distribution of a limited number of drawing hunting permits among an ever growing number of hunters. Given the cost of many hunts it seems extravagant to be participating in a large number of drawing permit hunts. Seek equitable distribution of hunting opportunities.

Proposals 71-74 McRae/White 0-10-0

We see these proposals as disenfranchising a lot of people. This type of staggered start has been used in Canada to the great disadvantage of the group starting late. Will result in a negative economic impact on guides and businesses that rely on non-resident hunters. One AC member never felt he was at a disadvantage hunting the regular season when in the field with non-resident hunters.

Proposals 92 – 94 White/Dubuc 0-9-1

See this as severely limiting the harvest. Some members feel there is already enough of a problem with predators and want to see no reduction in methods and means.

Proposal 102 Dubuc/White 0-9-1

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We do not see this as a problem. Members are familiar with the use of mules as pack animals. We were shown a picture of a dog acting as a pack animal. Llamas are able to climb higher and work in rougher country than horses.

Proposal 103

Dubuc/Herbert

10-0-0

We endorse a uniform ban on felt soles for hunting, fishing, mining etc. due to the danger of transporting invasive species. Alternative foot gear is currently available that works as well if not better than the old fashioned gear. We have been a support of not using felt soles in the past and this is a matter of consistency for our AC.

Proposal 114

McRae/White

7-0-3

Members believe a person flying to a black bear baiting station is utilizing the plane as transportation since she/he is focused on the black bear that is within the ¼ mile of the bait station. They are not searching the country for a target animal. The abstentions think that it blurs the line between spotting and transportation.

Citizens Comments and Response – We outlasted the public and no one was left in the audience to comment on the meeting

Next Meeting – Based on a request by Sherry Wright, we will schedule our next meeting for Friday, January 27, 2012. She will oversee the annual election of the members of the AC committees on the Kenai Peninsula that week.

The members of the Seward AC whose terms expire at the end of 2011 and whose seats will be open are: Dubuc, Foldager, Hatch, Herbert, Hetrick, Locke, and McRae.

We note that the Seward AC has passed 2 motions authorizing travel by two members to the Board of Game and Board of Fish per the current policy of the Boards Support Section. See page 3 of these minutes.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 2230 hours.
Minutes and comments prepared by Herbert 11/11/11

Valdez Advisory Committee Vote on Proposals

October, 27, 2011

Meeting Began 7:09

Members Present: Tim Bouchard, Diana Bouchard, Bob Jaynes, Bill Connell, Dave Hunter, Jonny Kerr

Alaska State Trooper: Tony Beck

Public: Ethan Connell, Jake Connell, Travis Russell

Proposal #43 - Support

Valdez F&G AC supports giving sport fish users exclusive use of shallower areas without the pressure from commercial fishers in those easier to fish areas. Commercial operations typically have the gear needed to fish deeper water, unlike sport-fish users.

Vote: 5 Support - 1 Oppose

Proposal #44 - Oppose

Valdez F&G AC believes that the commercial fishery should not be encouraged to catch and keep more bycatch. We understand the argument that released fish have a high mortality rate, but we believe the commercial fishery should be held accountable for bycatch in some way.

Vote: 0 Support - 6 Oppose

Proposal #54 - Support

Valdez F&G AC believes that resident fisherman should have priority over the commercial fishery.

Vote: 6 Support - 0 Oppose

Proposal #55 - Support

Valdez F&G AC believes that resident fisherman should have priority over the commercial fishery.

Vote: 6 Support - 0 Oppose

Proposal #72 - Oppose

Valdez F&G AC believes that resident fisherman should have priority over the commercial fishery, but it protecting the fishery is of utmost concern.

Vote: 0 Support - 6 Oppose

Proposal #128 - Oppose

Valdez F&G AC believes that non-residents buy their license and support the local economy, therefore there is no need to limit them more than the current regulations.

Vote: 0 Support - 6 Oppose

Proposal #358 - Oppose

Valdez F&G AC believes that this is being regulated and monitored by the biologists for the area and it should continue to be regulated by them.

Vote: 0 Support - 5 Oppose - 1 Abstain

Proposal #359 - Oppose

Valdez F&G AC believes that this is being regulated and monitored by the biologists for the area and it should continue to be regulated by them.

Vote: 0 Support - 5 Oppose - 1 Abstain

Proposal #360 - Oppose

Valdez F&G AC believes that this is being regulated and monitored by the biologists for the area and it should continue to be regulated by them.

Vote: 0 Support - 5 Oppose - 1 Abstain

Proposal #361 - Oppose

Valdez F&G AC believes that this is being regulated and monitored by the biologists for the area and it should continue to be regulated by them.

Vote: 0 Support - 5 Oppose - 1 Abstain

Proposal #362 - Oppose

Valdez F&G AC believes that this is being regulated and monitored by the biologists for the area and it should continue to be regulated by them.

Vote: 0 Support - 5 Oppose - 1 Abstain

Proposal #363 - Oppose

Valdez F&G AC believes that this is being regulated and monitored by the biologists for the area and it should continue to be regulated by them.

Vote: 0 Support - 4 Oppose - 2 Abstain

Proposal #365 - Oppose

Valdez F&G AC believes that this is being regulated and monitored by the biologists for the area and it should continue to be regulated by them.

Vote: 0 Support - 4 Oppose - 2 Abstain

Proposal #367 - Support

Valdez F&G AC supports this proposal, although clarification is needed for defining the personal use fishery for shrimp.

Vote: 6 Support - 0 Oppose

Proposal #374 - Support

Valdez F&G AC supports this proposal, but only after clarification was given by state trooper Tony Beck. We believe the regulation needs to be re-written more clearly.

Vote: 3 Support - 2 Oppose

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME: Copper River / PWS Cordova

Location (City, town, village): Cordova

Members Present: Jason Fode, Vic Jones, Ardy Hanson
Torie Baker, Troy Tiriell, John Reiner, Bill Webber
John Greenwood, John Barci

Members Absent Mike Collins, Tom Carpenter, Mark King, Dave O'Brien
Brad SpD, Erith Van den Brack, John Wiese

Members Excused _____

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

ADF&G Staff Present: Terrey Botz, Sam Heethalter, Milo Burcham
Tom Taube, Heather Grangell, Tracy Lingnan

Time meeting called to order 7:10 AM / PM

Old Business and New Business: -- Use additional pages

Time Meeting Adjourned 10:40 AM / PM

Signature: Jason Fode
Committee Secretary

Thurs 3rd

SIGN-IN SHEET

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DATE: Oct. 19th 2011 Cordeva

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME: CRD/PWS

Location (City, town, village): Cordova

Members Present: Jason Fode, Torie Baker, John Renner,
Mark King, Bill Weber, Keith van den Broek, Tom Carpenter,
Mike Collins, Andy Hanson, Dave O'Brien

Members Absent Mike Babic, John Bucci, John Greenwood, Vic Jones
Brad Sapp, Troy Tirrel, John Wiese

Members Excused _____

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

ADF&G Staff Present: None

Time meeting called to order 700 AM / PM

Old Business and New Business: -- Use additional pages

Time Meeting Adjourned 830 AM / PM

Signature: Jason Fode
Committee Secretary

SIGN-IN SHEET

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Comments to the ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
for the PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AND UPPER COPPER RIVER/
UPPER SUSITNA RIVER FINFISH

PWS Groundfish and Herring (8)

PROPOSAL 43 0 SUPPORT; 10 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Restrict summer use of commercial bottom gear within three miles of shore.

AMENDMENT: *Not in our ability to change, Eliminates Black cod fishery*

DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 44 0 SUPPORT; 10 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Increase the rockfish bycatch allowance to sidestripe shrimp and sablefish from 10 to 30 percent.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: *Pretty substantial increase*

PROPOSAL 45 0 SUPPORT; 1 OPPOSE; 9 ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Repeal one definition of mechanical jigging gear.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: *Not Enough Info*

PROPOSAL 46 0 SUPPORT; 0 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Revise regulations to include Eastern Gulf and PWS.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: *No Action*

PROPOSAL 47 6 SUPPORT; 1 OPPOSE; 3 ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Amend dates of skate fishery in Eastern Gulf and PWS.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 48 7 SUPPORT; 0 OPPOSE; 3 ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Allow for retention of spiny dogfish in Eastern Gulf and PWS.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: ~~*No Action*~~

PROPOSAL 49 0 SUPPORT; 0 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Amend the current regulation to accurately reflect management lines and remove the reference to trawl gear for herring.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: *No Action*

PROPOSAL 50 10 SUPPORT; 0 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Clarify thresholds needed to open herring fishery in PWS.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION: Agree with End product - But not sure of the pathway
Need to look @ possible products + fishery
PWS and Copper River Subsistence and Personal Use (26)

Subsistence (21)
PROPOSAL 51 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Review the Copper River District salmon subsistence fishery C&T finding.
AMENDMENT: Historical uses
DISCUSSION: Proximity to Resource; Amount of wild foods consumed by Residents
Currently 98% of cordova Participate in subsistence 176 #s of food

PROPOSAL 52 SUPPORT; OPPOSE; ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Specify open periods in the Copper River District subsistence fishery.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION: our Proposal

PROPOSAL 53 0 SUPPORT; 10 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Amend regulation to combine subsistence areas in PWS.
AMENDMENT: ~~Subject~~
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 54 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Establish a positive C&T finding for the Chitina dipnet fishery.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION: Same reason as before Prop 51

PROPOSAL 55 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Reclassify the Chitina dipnet fishery a subsistence fishery.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION: Same reasons as before Prop 51

PROPOSAL 56 7 SUPPORT; 1 OPPOSE; 1 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Amend the Copper River King Salmon Management Plan.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION: Talk to the Atna about conflict

PROPOSAL 57 SUPPORT; OPPOSE; ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Prohibit netting of fish in Lake Louise, and Susitna and Tyone lakes.
AMENDMENT: No Action
DISCUSSION: It's out ~~of~~ of our Region

PROPOSAL 58 SUPPORT; OPPOSE; ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Prohibit netting of fish in Lake Louise, and Susitna and Tyone lakes.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION: No Action
Out of Region

No Action Out of Region

PROPOSAL 59 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Prohibit netting of fish in Lake Louise, and Susitna and Tyone lakes.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 60 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Prohibit netting of fish in Lake Louise, and Susitna and Tyone lakes.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 61 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Prohibit netting of whitefish and lake trout in Lake Louise, and Susitna and Tyone lakes.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 62 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Prohibit netting of whitefish and lake trout in Lake Louise, and Susitna and Tyone lakes.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 63 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Prohibit netting of whitefish in Lake Louise, and Susitna and Tyone lakes.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 64 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Prohibit netting of whitefish in Lake Louise, and Susitna and Tyone lakes.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 65 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Prohibit netting of whitefish in Lake Louise, and Susitna and Tyone lakes.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 66 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Prohibit bycatch, require ADF&G notification, and set season in the whitefish fishery.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 67 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Require ADF&G notification, set season, and limit bycatch in the whitefish fishery.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:



PROPOSAL 68 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Establish closed areas and seasons, and prohibit bycatch in the whitefish fishery.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 69 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Establish closed area; and set season dates in the whitefish fishery.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 70 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Restrict netting of whitefish in Lake Louise, and Susitna and Tyone lakes.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 71 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Establish lake trout spawning closures in Tyone lakes complex. (This proposal is listed under both Subsistence and Sport Fishing for this meeting.)

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

Personal Use (5)

PROPOSAL 72 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Rescind allocation reduction in the Chitina personal use fishery.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

Share the burden of conservation, better for Subsistence if both are closed

PROPOSAL 73 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Increase harvest limit of king salmon in the personal use fishery.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

Get a stenallen permit and go across the bridge, opportunity is there no guarantee's

PROPOSAL 74 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Allow for retention of king salmon in the personal use fishery.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

*No limits defined / Hard to get EO out in time
Hinders Managers flexibility*

PROPOSAL 75 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Increase limit for sockeye salmon in the Chitina personal use fishery.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

Manage sockeye + king differently so you can't compensate with sockeye without affecting management

PROPOSAL 76 9 SUPPORT; 0 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Delay opening of Chitina personal use dipnet fishery.

~~Added - till ATNA~~
In support - More Early fish to the real subsistence users

*No
Action
out of
Region*

AMENDMENT: *Tabled*
DISCUSSION:

PWS Commercial Salmon (43)
Permit Stacking (2)

PROPOSAL 77 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Amend the regulation to allow use of two set gillnet permits in Eshamy District.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION: *Plenty of opportunity and proposal not necessary*

PROPOSAL 78 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Amend gear restrictions in PWS salmon purse seine fishery.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION: *Harder for enforcement to check,*

Fishing Gear (9)

PROPOSAL 79 1 SUPPORT; 7 OPPOSE; 1 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Ban use of deep gillnets in Montague District prior to Coghill, Eshamy, and Unakwik districts opening to deep gear.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION: *Backwards way to enforce other districts*

PROPOSAL 80 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Further define keg or buoy.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION: *Confusing, Red kegs to limiting other colors?*

PROPOSAL 81 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Remove intent language and clarify anchoring and towing of drift gillnet gear.

AMENDMENT: *words of Enforcement Not the same fishery as Bristol Bay*
DISCUSSION: *Rolling down language OK but apprehension about application on flats Use fewer to keep from crossing over the line Better solution out there*

PROPOSAL 82 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Revise purse seine mesh restrictions for commercial seining in PWS.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 83 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Allow a purse seine chafing and border strip for the PWS salmon purse seine fishery.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 84 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Amend gear restrictions for PWS salmon purse seine fishery.

No Action

No Action

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 85 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Reduce gear limits for PWS salmon purse seine fishery.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 86 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Revise lead mesh size for commercial seining in PWS.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 87 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Revise lead mesh size for PWS salmon purse seine fishery.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

Fishing Districts (4)

PROPOSAL 88 0 SUPPORT; 7 OPPOSE; 2 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Create a subdistrict in the Coghill District for commercial salmon fishing.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: ~~Alloc~~ Dept. already has this ability, maybe unnecessary

PROPOSAL 89 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Amend boundaries for the Northwest, Eshamy, and Coghill districts and Esther Subdistrict.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Allocative, hampers Dept's ability to manage

PROPOSAL 90 9 SUPPORT; 0 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Correct regulatory boundary descriptions in Eshamy District.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Further Discussion on some pts.
Good start, north line needs tweaking

PROPOSAL 91 9 SUPPORT; 0 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Correct regulatory boundary descriptions in Coghill and Northwestern districts.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: House Keeping

Fishing Seasons (1)

PROPOSAL 92 0 SUPPORT; 8 OPPOSE; 1 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Revise season description for the purse seine fishery in the Eastern, Northern, Northwestern, Southwestern, Montague, and Southeastern districts.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Limits Management Flexibility

DISCUSSION:

Closed Waters (3)

PROPOSAL 93 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Close designated areas to commercial fishing in PWS.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 94 SUPPORT; OPPOSE; ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Correct geographic description of closed waters in PWS Area districts.

AMENDMENT: *Housekeeping - Table for Info*

DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 95 SUPPORT; 6 OPPOSE; 3 ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Expand closed waters in Sheep Bay of the Eastern District.

AMENDMENT: *Further Discussion*

DISCUSSION:

Management Plans (5)

PROPOSAL 96 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Close commercial salmon fisheries in Main Bay, PWS, to avoid the 4th of July.

AMENDMENT: *Allocative*

DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 97 9 SUPPORT; 0 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Correct regulatory boundary descriptions in Main Bay alternating gear zone.

AMENDMENT: *Housekeeping*

DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 98 9 SUPPORT; 0 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Amend regulation regarding the Wally Noerenberg hatchery plan.

AMENDMENT: *Kind of Housekeeping*

DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 99 9 SUPPORT; 0 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Change the south end marker in the Armin F. Koernig Hatchery THA.

AMENDMENT: *Dept would support with modifications, Help Enforcement*

DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 100 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Adopt closures for sockeye salmon in Eshamy Lagoon.

AMENDMENT: *Limit ability surplus in a terminal fishery*

DISCUSSION:

PWS Management and Allocation Plan (12)

PROPOSAL 101 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Revise the gillnet/seine allocation plan.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 102 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Amend the allocation plan for Eshamy District set gillnet group.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 103 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Amend the allocation plan for Eshamy District set gillnet group.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 104 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Designate area in the Coghill District for drift gillnet and purse seine gear.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 105 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Remove the gillnet fleet from the Coghill District on established dates.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 106 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Redefine the Coghill District boundary and open the district on an alternating gear type basis.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 107 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Drift gillnet group will have exclusive access to AFK chum salmon.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 108 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Reallocate chum salmon for the seine fleet in Port Chalmers.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 109 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Discontinue remote release of chum salmon at Port Chalmers and release them at Wally Noerenberg Hatchery.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

Allocation Issue
Action taken
No

PROPOSAL 110 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Eliminate the mandatory closure prior to July 18 and amend fishing time and area provisions for the Southwestern District.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 111 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Modify the cost-recovery salmon harvest in PWS.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 112 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Increase period of time used in calculation of allocation in PWS allocation plan.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

Use of Aircraft (1)

PROPOSAL 113 _____ SUPPORT; _____ OPPOSE; _____ ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Amend regulation regarding use of aircraft in PWS commercial fishery.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION: *No Action*

Reduce Hatchery Production (2)

PROPOSAL 114 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Reduce hatchery production of chum salmon in PWS.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 115 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Reduce hatchery production of chum salmon in PWS.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

Copper River Commercial Salmon (4)

PROPOSAL 116 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Add restrictions on homepack from commercial fishing.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 117 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Copper River king salmon.

AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION: ~~Escapement~~ *Hinders Management by making target higher
Arbitrary # 1999-08 is a short term data set*

Take No Action
Allocation Issue

PROPOSAL 118 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Restrict commercial fishing inside barrier islands prior to June 15.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION: *Allocative*

PROPOSAL 119 9 SUPPORT; 0 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Correct regulatory boundary descriptions in Copper River District.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION: *house keeping*

PWS and Copper River Sport (19)
Prince William Sound (6)

PROPOSAL 120 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Increase sockeye salmon bag limit and allow snagging in Eshamy Bay.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 121 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Reduce sockeye salmon bag and possession limit in PWS.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 122 0 SUPPORT; 5 OPPOSE; 4 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Establish coho salmon limit for non residents in Hells Hole freshwater fishery.
AMENDMENT: *More Info*
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 123 0 SUPPORT; 0 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Close Ibec Creek to sport fishing above the Copper River Highway.
AMENDMENT: *Our Proposal*
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 124 0 SUPPORT; 0 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Close 18 Mile Creek to sport fishing for coho salmon.
AMENDMENT: *Our Proposal*
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 125 9 SUPPORT; 0 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN
DESCRIPTION: Amend Prince William Sound trout size regulations.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

Upper Copper River/Upper Susitna River (13)

PROPOSAL 126 0 SUPPORT; 9 OPPOSE; 0 ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Allow king salmon fishing on Gulkana River five days per week June 10-August 10.

AMENDMENT: May Increase harvest + more fishing during spawning
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 127 0 SUPPORT; 8 OPPOSE; 1 ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Restrict guided sport fishery when commercial fishery is restricted.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Not specific enough.

PROPOSAL 128 8 SUPPORT; 0 OPPOSE; 1 ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Establish a limit for shipping of fish out of state for non-resident sport fishermen. *would like to see a committee at the board discuss state wide*

AMENDMENT: *Too many loop holes, No Program in place with APF&G and they don't have to spend money on this*
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 129 SUPPORT; OPPOSE; ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Modify lake trout regulations in four area lakes.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: *Take No Action*

PROPOSAL 130 SUPPORT; OPPOSE; ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Establish a maximum size limit for lake trout in Lake Louise and Crosswind Lake.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: *Take No Action*

PROPOSAL 131 SUPPORT; OPPOSE; ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: *Note: Proposal 131 was a duplicate of Proposal 71 and has been pulled.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: *No Action*

PROPOSAL 132 SUPPORT; OPPOSE; ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Close Paxson and Summit lakes to lake trout fishing September 1–October 1.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: *No Action*

PROPOSAL 133 SUPPORT; OPPOSE; ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Allow use of bait October 1–July 31 in Paxson and Summit lakes.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: *No Action*

PROPOSAL 134 SUPPORT; OPPOSE; ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Restrict guided sport fishery on Lake Louise, and Susitna and Tyone lakes.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: *No Action*

No Action

PROPOSAL 135 _____ **SUPPORT**; _____ **OPPOSE**; _____ **ABSTAIN**
DESCRIPTION: Restrict guided sport fishery on Lake Louise, and Susitna and Tyone lakes.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 136 _____ **SUPPORT**; _____ **OPPOSE**; _____ **ABSTAIN**
DESCRIPTION: Modify rainbow trout regulations in Summit Lake (Tebay River drainage).
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 137 _____ **SUPPORT**; _____ **OPPOSE**; _____ **ABSTAIN**
DESCRIPTION: Align the Wild Arctic Grayling Management Plan with area regulations.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 138 _____ **SUPPORT**; _____ **OPPOSE**; _____ **ABSTAIN**
DESCRIPTION: Open Tolsona Lake to sport fishing for burbot.
AMENDMENT:
DISCUSSION:

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Meeting began at 7:00 pm at the Matanuska Telephone Association Building in Palmer.

Members Present:

Ben Allen, Andy Couch, Bill Folsom, Mel Groves, Dan Montgomery, Bennett Durgeloh, Eric Beckman, Brian Campbell, Tony Jones, Jr. Member Daniel Warta

Members absent: Stephen Bartelli, Max Sager, Kathy Thompson, Jeff Tuttle, Keith Westfall, Gerrit Dykstra, Giuseppe Rossi, Mark Chryson

Tim Peltier and Lem Butler with ADF&G, Rod Arno - Alaska Outdoor Council, and Jennifer Ehmann.

Agenda motion to accept: Accepted with no objection.

Motion was made by Ben Allen with second by Dan Montgomery to accept all proposals on the agenda.

Board of Fisheries Proposals – PWS area

Proposal 51 Would reconsider the Copper River district subsistence fishery considering the phrase, “subsistence way of life.” The AC supports the concept of all Alaskans should have an opportunity to participate in subsistence fisheries. Motion failed -- 0-8-0 with 1 junior member also in support.

Proposal 54 and 55 would return the Chitna dipnet fishery to a subsistence fishery -- same as the fishery upstream in the Glenallen area and the fishery down stream in the Copper River District. We would like to see all Alaskans have easy access to a subsistence fishery along the river. Subsistence priority applies to all Alaskans regardless of where they live. Motion passed 8-0-0 with 1 junior member also in favor.

Proposal 56 by ADF&G would create more restrictive regulations on the Chitna location of the Copper River dipnet fishery. The AC believes regulations should be consistent for subsistence users in the Glenallen, Chitna, and Copper River DIstricts. Motion failed 0-7-1 with 1 junior member also opposed.

Proposal 57- 67 -- No Action -- see 68.

Proposal 68 Seeks to reduce harvest of lake trout during the spawning season by providing a spawning time closure along with further reducing by catch of lake trout by closing net fishing in specific areas and requiring that lake trout be released when caught in the subsistence net fishery.

The Matanuska Valley AC opposed the recent creation of a lake net fishery, for fear there would not be enough fish to biologically support such a fishery without impacting the resource. The number of Advisory Committee and public proposals addressing this issue show the public’s concern with the impacts of harvesting slow growing lake trout with nets. Motion passed unanimously 8 -0-0. Jr. member was also in favor.

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69 - 71. No Action - see 68

Considering proposals 72, 73, 74, 75 -- the AC prefers consistent bag limits for all Alaskans up and down the river -- we prefer the designation as a subsistence fishery as to proposal 55. Motion passed Unanimously 8-0-0 with 1 junior member as in favor.

Proposal 114 and 115 would reduce the hatchery production of chum salmon in Prince William Sound. The AC would like to support production of wild fish over hatchery salmon -- these proposals only seek to apply a past promised reduction. Motion passed 8-0-0 with 1 junior member also in support.

Proposal 116 would disallow home pack for commercial fishermen. Some members felt this would do little for reducing harvest or supporting conservation of fish. Other members felt that this might allow average Alaskans a better opportunity to harvest salmon. Motion passed 4-3-1.

Proposals 117 and 118. Motions passed 8-0-0 and with 1 jr member also in support.

Proposal 129 Would adjust the bag limit on lake trout to allow harvest of smaller fish so that the larger fish are not supporting all of the harvest . Motion passed 8-0-0 with one junior member also in favor.

1. No action see 129.

Andy Couch made a motion to support Proposal 138. 2nd by Ben Allen. Would reopen Tolsona Lake to burbot harvest. Motion passed 8-0-0 and 1 jr member in favor.

Break.

After Break considering GAME PROPOSALS

No Action on 105 and 106.

Proposal 107 would eliminate the statewide black bear limit -- so that larger harvests could be provided in areas that would support it. Motion passed 8-0-0 and 1 junior member in support.

Proposal 108 opposed 0-8-0 and 1 junior member opposed.

Proposal 109 is an effort for more consistent seasons and larger black bear limits statewide. Motion passed 5-2-1. Opposed felt there were areas of the state where No Closed season and a 3 bear limit would be to liberal.

Proposal 110 passed 5-0-3.

Proposal 111 ADF&G position do not adopt -- not necessary to regulation. Motion failed 0-8-0 with 1 junior member also in support.

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Proposal 112 Would eliminate the requirement to leave evidence of sex attached. Motion failed 0-8-0 with 1 junior member also opposed.

Proposal 113 Would remove regulation that provides federal agents authority to enforce state game regulations. This could apply to endangered game species. One AC member felt he did not know what voting for or against the regulation would do -- so he was not comfortable voting on the issue. Motion passed 5-1-2 with 1 junior member abstaining.

Proposal 114 would allow same day airborne harvest of black bear within 1/4 mile of a bait station. ADF&G position do not adopt. Would be hard to distinguish between hunters possibly hunting other species same day. ADF&G would want to consider the issue on a area by area basis. One member felt there should be a specific area close to a bait station where same day airborne black bear hunting would be allowed. Motion passed 8-0-0 with 1 junior member also in support.

Proposal 115 Motion passed 5-1-2 with 1 junior member in support.

Proposal 116 would allow guides to have two personal black bear bait sites in addition to 10 guide site. Two ADF&G representatives at the meeting could not clarify what is currently legal because of the "murkiness of the baiting regulations." Motion passed 5 -1-2 with junior member abstaining.

Proposal 117 passed 5-0-3 with 1 junior member in support.

Proposal 118 Seeks to modify and clarify black bear baiting regulations. ADF&G has a position of amend and adopt. One member felt a guide would not be guiding if he dropped a hunter at a bait station he maintained so did not want to support. Motion passed 5-1-2 with 1 junior member in favor.

Board Comments -- Bennett announced he will be not running for election when his term expires.

Game proposal 50 to be heard at next meeting with Bill providing additional game proposal numbers for AC and public to review before the next meeting. Fishing proposal 43 also to be consider -- any person with request to consider additional proposals. Need assign member to attend BOF meeting for Copper River / Prince William Sound -- will also be on next week's agenda.

Next meeting will be Tuesday Nov. 15 7 p.m. at MTA Building.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.
Minutes recorded by Andy Couch