

**KODIAK FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 4.2015- FISH & GAME BLDG  
PAUL CHERVENAK- CHAIRMAN**

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- I. Call to Order: Time by 2:12pm @ Fish & Game Bldg
- II. Roll Call:  
**Members Present:** Paul Chervenak, Guide; Julie Kavanaugh, Concerned Citizen; Rolan Ruoss, Transporter/Sport Fish; Kip Thomet, Gillnet; Oliver Holmes, Small Boat; Al Cratty, Old Harbor; Nathan Rose, Alt; Jason Chandler (Kurt Waters), Trawl; Leigh Thomet (Don Fox), Alt;  
**Members Absent:** Ron Kavanaugh, Small Boat (Excused); Tuck Bonney, Processor (Excused); Andrew Finke, Subsistence (Excused); Lou Dochterman, Large Boat (Unexcused); Pete Hannah, Setnet  
 \*3 vacant seats- At Large; Port Lions, Ouzinkie
- Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 7
- Members Present: 9
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved as Amended. **New business will be taken up first**. Mr Holmes- moved; Mr Lee -seconded; Mr Chervenak- amended; Ms Kavanaugh- seconded. Support 9-0
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: January 21, 2015; Approved as Amended:  
**New Business #5) Mountain Goat 2 goat bag limit area:** KAC members agreed to reactivate the goat committee and hold meetings on increasing the area of **480 to include the left cape portion of area 476**. Thus providing more opportunity in a underutilized section. Moved to Adopt- Kip Lee; Second- Holmes; Amend- Rouss; Second- Kavanaugh; Support as Amended 9-0
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mark Stichert, Wayne Donaldson, Trent Hartill, James Jackson, Jeff Spalanger, Todd Anderson, Brad Feurst, Taryn O'Connor- Brito- Staff Support
- VI. Guests Present: Paul Yatsik, Coral Chernoff, Chris Burns, Harvey Goodell, Dick Roher
- New Business
- 1) Summaries on 2014 Kodiak Salmon and Herring were presented by staff members James Jackson and Jeff Spalanger.
  - 2) Statewide Dungeness, Shrimp and Misc Shellfish proposals; see following.

Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp, and Misc. Shellfish Meeting March. 17-20, 2015

Alaska Board of Fisheries

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	234		<b>Establish weather criteria to delay opening of commercial fishing periods for sea cucumbers in the Kodiak District of Registration Area J.</b>
No Action			No participants present to comment, Author is President of local Divers' Association and membership reflects a large percentage of active divers. Discussion that as written this proposal could indefinitely postpone fishery. There is no trigger allowing for the fishery to proceed if marine weather forecast continues to have a gale warning.
BOF	235		<b>Modify the Chignik District fishing season for sea cucumbers to open two weeks earlier than the remainder of Registration Area J.</b>
Support	9-0		Motion to Adopt-Kavanaugh; Second- Leigh Thomet Question for staff about quality and reproduction if fishery were to start earlier. Although little data available, staff was confident fishers would voluntarily participate in data collection. No extra cost. Could close with EO if necessary.
BOF	236		<b>Establish an earlier season closure for the Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula, and Aleutian districts' commercial Dungeness crab fisheries.</b>
Support	9-0		Move to Adopt-Holmes; Second-Kip Lee Mr Holm stated in favor as gear abandoned on Eastside may be more likely to be retrieved - Mr Rose- spoke to lost gear most likely due to bad weather/ washed up. Public member Mr Goodell in agreement. see staff comments re: harvest after Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> and ghost pot fishing
BOF	237		<b>Amend the customary and traditional (C&amp;T) use finding for shellfish in the Kodiak Area by adding Tanner crab to the list of shellfish stocks customarily or traditionally taken for subsistence.</b>
Support	9-0		Move to Adopt- Kavanaugh; Second-Leigh Thomet AC was in support of the designation of Tanner Crab subsistence use as customary and traditional.
BOF	238		<b>Amend scallop closed waters description.</b>
No Action			Dept is withdrawing
BOF	123\124		<b>Quota &amp; Guideline Harvestlevels for SE Alaska Area* See Feb 23 BOF Meeting</b>
Oppose	0-9		Move to Adopt- Mr Rose; Second Leigh Thomet Kodiak hosts permit holders/ though non present- past crewmembers present/ concerned loss of jobs with permit stacking, adverse effect on Sitka economy Years where stock not caught was primarily due to mixed pre spawn and spawned out herring (stocks)NOT by the nature of fishery. This fishery difficult to enter- this proposal would multiply that hardship. 2/3rds of vessels would be freed up to impact other fisheries
BOF	276		<b>Vessel Length; Bulbous Bow</b>
Support as Amended	9-0		Move to Adopt- Kip Lee; Second- Holmes; Amend-Kavanaugh, Second-Rouss. Amend SAAC 39.117 by removing "purse seine vessels" (Intent is to utilize definition to apply to all state waters fisheries with a 58' limit requirement) *Discussion about clearly defining Anchor Roller as "the Cheek Plates & Fairlead of Roller"
BOF	267		<b>Fresh Water Sport Fishing. Repeal exception for use of footgear with felt soles</b>
Oppose	0-9		There was a learning curve to using non-felt soled waders, which we are through.  The benefit to the resource of banning felt soles to stop the spread of invasive species outweighs the inconvenience

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- 3) See Table
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- 5) Selection of committee member to BOF March 17-20 Move to send Kavanaugh-  
Rouss; Second - Holmes; Support 9-0

Old Business:

- 1) Letter to BOG prop# 143 Moved to Adopt- Kavanaugh; Second-Kip Lee; Member of Public  
Mr Roher suggested adding stats on "wounded bear loss". Committee agreed to addition of  
language. Vote 9-0 Support
- 2) Discussion of Village Seats. Two seats Port Lions and Ouzinkie are vacant. Taryn is in contact  
with city councils to fill seats. Through Taryn- Old Harbor confirmed that this position is on  
their next agenda.
- 3) Discussion of Mr Dochterman's seat. Pres. Chervenak expressed his desire to speak directly  
to member before declaring seat vacant due to multiple/consecutive absences. It is the  
KAC's desire to ensure the seat filled at the next advertised meeting if needed.
- 4) Discussion of vacant 3 yr seat. Was confirmed to fill this seat would require a nomination and  
election with public notice. KAC would like to see this seat advertised and filled at next  
meeting. Former member Jason Bunch is interested in serving. Leave as an "AT LARGE"  
position. Committee noted they strive to ensure their committee reflects a diverse  
membership and would continue to proceed in same manner.

New Business:

- 6) Committee Comments:

Rouss- BOG Statewide deadline May 1st

Chernevak- Have subcommittee meeting end of February, next meeting early Dec/late Nov as  
public comment deadline dictates. Chervenak requested that Rouss, as the committee approved  
alternate, attend the BOG meeting

Members agreed that meetings held in the F&G building facilitated teleconferencing with  
villages and held potential for public to participate more readily.

@4:35pm Move to Adjourn-Holmes; Second- Kip Lee. Support 9-0

*Approved 2/14/15*