

Petersburg Advisory Committee

January 6, 2016

Petersburg Assembly Chambers

RC 011

Primarily a meeting to finish game proposals, two finfish proposals, 216 and 126 were addressed as they were not considered at the November meeting. Since game dominated this meeting, the minutes outside of the discussions regarding these two proposals will be recorded in the game section.

I. Meeting was called to order at 19:05

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Bob Martin, Chairman, undesignated

Joel Randrup, Vice-chair, crab/conservation

Max Worhatch, secretary, undesignated

David Benitz, hunting/trapping

Ted Sandhofer, undesignated

Kirt Marsh, archery

Frank Neidiffer, troll

Wes Malcolm, sport fish/personal use

Arnold Enge, gillnet

Andy Knight, hand troll

Ben Case, undesignated

Members Absent: Ryan Littleton, longline

Jerry Dahl, seine

Stan Malcolm

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:none

III. Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved unanimous consent

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from previous meeting, November 16, 2015 were approved by unanimous vote

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Rich Lowell, Petersburg area game management biologist
Cody Litster, Alaska State troopers

VI. Guests Present: Doug Corl

Minutes Recorded By: Max Worhatch

Minutes Approved By: Bob Martin

Date: Jan 17, 2016

BOF	216	Establish a state waters walleye pollock purse seine fishery in Southeast Alaska.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	2	9	<p>Most members are concerned about by-catch of king salmon. Troll seats were concerned that the season timing would conflict with higher king abundance during the early winter troll fishery. Trollers stated that pollock and king salmon are closely associated. It was stated by a few committee members that they were not comfortable with establishing a fishery until data from commissioner permitted fishery was available. It was also stated that some were concerned with no specific area being defined. Several who opposed the proposal are otherwise in favor of a pollock fishery if it can avoid king salmon. Proponents recognized that there is a large biomass, at least in historical context, in southeast. The economic value, while unknown, was mentioned as being a positive, that could lead to a good diversification model for the local fleet.</p>
BOF	126-2014-2015	Establish a commercial open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound. (Proposal 126 from the 2015/2016 Meeting Cycle was tabled by the board for continued deliberations at the March 2017 Statewide Finfish meeting.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	11	<p>We revisited this proposal. It was noted that the Petersburg AC had opposed this proposal prior to the 2015 BOF in Southeast. It was also noted that nobody had expressed an interest in revisiting this same proposal at the November meeting since we had unanimously opposed it already. It was noted that the proposal was unfair to existing pound permit holders from the northern section. It was noted that the department test fishery was flawed due to the massive amount of kelp blades used as a comparison. A member objected to the test fishery further saturating a weak roe on kelp market.</p>