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Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Fishery Management Plan Special Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Meeting Participants and Attendees

Alaska Board of Fisheries

Robert Ruffner, Committee Chair

Reed Morisky

Israel Payton

Fritz Johnson (in attendance only)

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Dan Bosch, Sport Fish Division

Aaron Potter, Commercial Fisheries Division

Greg Buck, Commercial Fisheries Division

Forrest Bowers, Commercial Fisheries
Division

Tom Taube, Sport Fish Division

Bill Templin, Commercial Fisheries Division

James Hasbrouck, Sport Fish Division

Tom Vania, Sport Fish Division

Tim McKinley, Sport Fish Division

Glenn Haight, Boards Support Section

Alaska Department of Law

Brad Meyen, Natural Resources Section

Additional Participants and Attendees

Michael Link, Bristol Bay Science and
Research Institute

Jeff Regnart, Bristol Bay Science and Research
Institute

Gene Sandone, Bristol Bay Economic
Development Corporation

Peter Christopher Sr., New Stuyahok

Robert Heyano, Dillingham

Julianne Curry, Icicle Seafoods

Ben Allen, Chignik Fish and Game Advisory
Committee

Tommy Sheridan, Silver Bay Seafoods

Paul Hansen, Naknek Native Village

Marilyn Hansen, Naknek

Thomas Tilden, Dillingham

Tony Zock, Bristol Bay Economic
Development Corporation

Kay Andrews, Aleknagik

Meeting Summary

1. **Call to Order.** Committee Chairman Ruffner called the meeting to order at 3:42pm.
2. **Introductions.** Ruffner offered opening remarks regarding the purpose of the meeting and went around the room asking for introductions from all committee members, staff, and participants.



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3. **Update from the technical team.** Michael Link, representing the Bristol Bay Science and Research Institute, discussed initial plans of the technical team to work in cooperation with ADF&G in short order to have a research plan put together for summer activity. Other members of ADF&G participated in this discussion. Ruffner asked if everyone was clear on their respective roles in working with the technical committee including who was on it, and expectations from the department and the external consultants. Everyone confirmed that they understood ADF&G was responsible for the final escapement goal recommendation. ADF&G had a further discussion that external peer review of the goal would be beneficial.

A preliminary report would be ready for the full committee by the fall 2019. The technical team would receive initial input from the committee and start work to finalize the research to be completed in anticipation of additional committee meetings starting in November or December 2019.

Ruffner asked and was assured the department would have adequate funding for the work.

Payton asked to have allocation issues separated from escapement goal analysis in the final analysis.

4. **Consideration of Proposal 182 within special committee business.** Proposal 182 involving the Nushagak Coho Salmon Management Plan is set for statewide. The committee decided to not review the proposal.

5. **Review applicants for the special committee.** The committee asked the legalities of going into executive session. Prior to doing so, Ruffner asked if any of the individuals in the audience had applied to be on the committee and wished to speak. Robert Heyano offered a few remarks.

Payton moved the committee go into executive session. Morisky seconded the motion asking for unanimous consent. The committee went into executive session at 4:00pm.

The committee came out of executive session at 4:21pm.

Payton motions having ten committee members with a couple of alternates. Morisky seconds asking for unanimous consent. Payton then moves to have the following applicants serve on the committee with a second by Morisky.

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| • Bob Klontz | • George Wilson | • Robert Heyano |
| • Brian Kraft | • Dan Michels | • Tom O'Connor |
| • Bud Hudson | • Nanci Lyon | • John Wise (alt) |
| • Gene Sandone | • Peter Christopher, Sr. | • Heath Lyon (alt.) |



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Ruffner asks a question of Sandone and his connection to the fishery. The committee discussed how the committee will be used. Ruffner asked when the technical team will be done? The team hoped to have draft analysis completed by the fall with a final report in late-fall, early-winter. Ruffner offered the following tentative workplan for the committee –

- October 22, 2019 - Have the full committee meet one-day prior to the Board’s work session. Board members on the committee would report committee status to the entire board at the work session.
- Mid-November, early-December pull the full committee again to hear from the technical team on their final report.
- Meet again in December/January to develop a board proposal that can be deliberated on at the March 2020 Statewide meeting, March 7-11.

The committee returned back to the motion for applicants which was approved.

The committee asked Boards Support to make contact with all who applied and provide an update.

6. **Other business.** None.
7. **Adjourn.** The committee adjourned at 4:35pm.