

**Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
April 4th, 2023
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

I. Call to Order: 6:09pm by Mike Crawford, President

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap	X		
Andrew	Carmichael	@6:25pm		
Ray	DeBardelaben	Resigned		
Scott	Daletas	X		
Dick	Dykema	X		
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jerry	Strieby			X
Joe	Thomas	X		
Lisa	Gabriel	X		
Jon	Essert	X		
Mike	Crawford - Chair	X		
Monte	Roberts	X		
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	X		
Scott	Miller	X		
Todd	Smith	X		
Will	Lee – Secretary	X		
Karl	Dagel		X	
Ron	Petty			X

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

IV. Guests Present: James Dye, Peninsula Clarion, Colton Lipka, ADFG
9 total guests

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report
- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

a. Elections

- i. **Commercial Fish Seat: 3Yr term ending in June 2026**
 - 1. Nominations: Paul Shadura
 - a. Unanimous Consent
- ii. **Commercial Fish Seat Alternate: 1Yr term ending in June 2024**
 - 1. Nominations: Lisa Gabriel
 - a. Unanimous Consent
- iii. **Fishing Guide Seat: 3Yr term ending June 2026**
 - 1. Nominations: Monte Roberts
 - a. Unanimous Consent
- iv. **Fishing Guide Seat: Replacing Ray DeBardelaben 1Yr Term, ending June 2024**
 - 1. Nominations: Scott Daletas
 - a. Unanimous Consent
- v. **Fishing Guide Seat Alternate: 1Yr term ending in June 2024**
 - 1. Nominations: Greg Springer
 - a. Unanimous Consent
- vi. **Trapping: 3Yr term ending in June 2026**
 - 1. Nominations: Dick Dykema
 - a. Unanimous Consent
- vii. **At Large: (2 Seats) 3Yr term ending in June 2026**
 - 1. Nominations Mike Crawford
 - 2. Nominations Scott Miller
 - a. Unanimous Consent
- viii. **At Large Alternate: 1Yr term ending in June 2024**
 - 1. Nominations Ron Petty
 - a. Unanimous Consent
- viiii. **At Large Alternate: Vacant**

Colton Lipka gave us a quick summary of the estimated goals for the 2023 season and run projections.

Kasilof and Ninilchik is open to bait due to hatcher fish. Wild run at Crooked Creek goal is 700 to 1300 fish. Question was asked by AC Member Dyer. As the state has always managed fisheries on wild stock not hatchery stock.

Discussion about regulation and use of bait being open and two hooks right now. This was confirmed by Colton that bait is currently open January 1st to September 15th with multiple hooks (2) above the sterling highway bridge.

Discussion on possible AC Proposals due April 10th

Monte – Paired Restrictions for August Bait

If the king salmon season is _____ at the end of July 31st.

Retention – Bait August 1st

Catch & Release – Commercial 24 hrs | No Bait till August 7th below Soldotna bridge no bait till the 15th above the bridge, anchored boat or shore.

Closed – No Bait till the 15th of August single hook from the lake down

Amendment

Closed on July 31st | September 1st bait opens From the bridge down, anchored boat or shore

6 Support 7 opposed. Amendment fails

Amendment to add single hook

12 Support 0 Opposed

Vote on amended Proposal to adopt

10 Support 0 Opposed

PU Guiding and Sport Guiding this was talked at the statewide meeting, guiding in subsistence fisher is not allowed per the board. PU Guiding is unregulated at this time from the state perspective.

Change statute to make a licensed personal use guides are included as a sport fish guide in chapter 77.5.xxx Upper Cook Inlet. Proposal as follows:

Personal use guides to fall under sport fish guides requirements under the state of Alaska regulation in cook inlet.

Vote on proposal

12 Support 0 Opposed

Reduce Coho limit from 3 to 2 on the Kenai River after September 1st, give department EO authority to liberalize.

Vote on proposal

12 Support 0 Opposed

General 77, allow is in 359 No retention of king salmon in the Kenai river PU fisher. In the event the OEG is projected to be exceeded, then 1 chinook may be allowed to be retained in the PU fishery. 21.359e2

Vote 12 Support

0 Opposed

Discussion on King salmon predation on eggs and mortality due to environmental issues. Then discussion on possible trout management and changing retention. Possible to increase the bag limit just as increase opportunity.

Potential issues of dip netting out of a boat on the Kasilof River. Discussion about motors on Kasilof river

Protect steelhead and no bait on a catch and release fisher. Plus this will protect any king salmo in the Kasilof river. Single hook no bait January 1st to June 30th above sterling highway bridge on to Tustamena Launch on Kasilof

Vote – 12 Support | 0 Opposed

Are we willing to write a letter to get a Boff meeting back on the Kenai Peninsula. Chariman of Board of Fish.

There is a presumption by the board that there is a safety issue

Not enough local resources

Vote 12 0 Opposed to write letter

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting.
- XII. Set next meeting date:
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 10:26pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 04/04/2023 _____