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Members Present: Aaron Bloomquist, Curtis Lynn, Blake Gettys, Jim stubbs, Steve Flory, Abed Radwan, Dave Sealey, Brian Johnson.

A Quorum was present.

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Meeting came to order at 7:15 pm

Public testimony

Volanda Francisco ?? Testified: Hunting in Alaska was not controlled enough. Subsistence should be only for native people. She was generally opposed to sport hunting.

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Interior region cycle proposals

Ac voted unanimously 8-0-0 to introduce a proposal to add "will issue" language to the current "hillside" moose hunt. See attached proposal.

Voted 7-0-1 to introduce a proposal to open a moose hunt in unit 26c. See attached proposal.

Ann Shannon
BOF
comment
AC

Comments for BOF January 10-12 and 14-18 meetings, Kodiak and Chignik finfish.

PROPOSAL# RECCOMENDATION VOTE

24 Support 8-0-0
Members were shocked that such a regulation was not in place statewide.

44 Support 8-0-0
See proposal #24

60 Support 8-0-0
The Buskin River is a potential popular fishery for Kodiak residents and visitors. We support expanding an opportunity to harvest fish in a very accessible stream.

61 Support 8-0-0
See comments #60

62 Support 8-0-0
See comments #60

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64 Oppose

2-3-3

The Karluk is a very popular river for guided sportfishing. Many of these fishermen currently depend on bait. The Karluk has large numbers of Kings and can handle the pressure.

Supporting comments- concerns about catch and release mortality with bait. Many that travel to the Karluk would do so with or without bait.

New Business

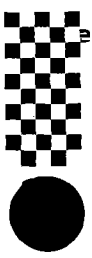
14a-13d sheep issues to be discussed in Bethel. Motion to write a letter to the BOG to reconsider their rulings on any ram regulations in the area failed 2-5-0.

The next meeting was set for December 4 6:30 at the moose building.

Winter meeting are scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned about 9:15 P.M.

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Oliver Holm Chairman

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(Minutes represent a paraphrased summary of the KAC, department staff and public comments and are not a verbatim transcript of the meeting. Tapes of the meeting are available for review)

Report by Pat Holmes on actions at the recent KARAC meetings. Discussion and committee action on sport fish proposals

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December 18th and 19th 2007 at 7:00pm set as the next meeting dates of the KAC

Call to order: 7:05pm at Fishermans Hall.

Roll call: The following members were present: Chairman Oliver Holm(Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon Seiner), vice chair Paul Chervenak(Big Game Guide/Outfitter), Secretary Don Fox(Salmon Gillnet Westside), Ron Kavanaugh(Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon Seiner), Rolan Ruoss(Commercial Transporter/Sport fish Charter), Donna Jones(Alternate), Layne Wilde(Kodiak Subsistence) and Pat Holmes(Old Harbor/Akhiok Subsistence). A quorum was achieved with 8 members present(8 needed for a quorum). Duncan Fields(Port Lions/Ouzinke Subsistence), Julie Kavanaugh(Interested Citizen) and Peter Hannah(Salmon Gillnet Southend) arrived later in the meeting to bring the total members present to 11.

Excused absences: Darren Rüdger, Lou Dochtermann, Bob Gunderson and Alexis Kwachka.

ADFG: From the sport fish division were Len Schwarz and Suzanne Schmidt.

USFWS: Refuge manager Gary Wheeler and Brandon Saito.

Department of Public Safety: Alan Jones.

Members of the public: A high of 12 to a low of 3 towards the meetings end.

Agenda: Agenda approved unanimously.

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of our previous meeting of February 20th 2007 were approved unanimously.

Correspondence: None.

Chair Announcements: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- 1) **Pat Holmes:** Mr. Holmes gave KAC members an update on the recent KARAC meetings. He also said that the issue of Kodiak being declared a rural subsistence area is still being contested. Pat also passed along information that a runway crash zone (safety) could affect subsistence on the Buskin River. Chairman Holm recommended placing the matter on the agenda of our next meeting in December.
- 2) **Sport fish proposals:** Len Schwarz gave a brief overview and season summary.

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PROPOSAL-60-5 AAC 64.020-WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA(a)(B).

Repeal the following regulations as follows:

[(B) THE BUSKIN RIVER DRAINAGE UPSTREAM OF BRIDGE 1 IS CLOSED TO SPORT FISHING FOR SALMON FROM AUGUST 1-SEPTEMBER 15].

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Staff comments: Department proposal which would allow sport fishing in the Buskin year round. Coho escapements goals have been exceeded every year. The department has been opening season and raising bag limits every year by EO. Would continue keeping the weir in place to monitor escapements. This continuous opening would allow fishermen to target the Buskin and relieve pressure on the smaller systems.

MOTION: Moved(Chervenak) and 2nd(Holmes) to adopt proposal #60.

Committee comments: Agree with and support staff comments.

ACTION: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

PROPOSAL-61-5 AAC 64.022(b)(1)(C)- WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA.

Amend the regulations to allow the following:

(b)(1)(C) [PILLAR AND] ISLAND LAKE CREEK[S] .is [ARE] closed to sport fishing for salmon from January 1-December 31.

Staff comments: Proposals #61 and #62 are companion proposals if both adopted both systems would remain open all year long and be closed upriver of the highway bridge. Pillar creek coho's are of Buskin origination and could be restocked with fingerlings if the number of coho's decline.

MOTION: Moved(Chervenak) and 2nd(Holmes) to adopt proposal #61.

Committee comments: Agree with and support staff comments.

ACTION: MOTION TO ADOPT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

PROPOSAL-62- 5 AAC 64.050(1)-WATERS CLOSED TO SPORT FISHING IN THE KODIAK AREA; and 5 AAC 64.022(b)(1)(A)-WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA. Amend the regulations to allow the following:

5 AAC 64.050(1)

(1){FROM MAY 1_SEPTEMBER !5] that portion of Monashka and Pillar Creek drainages upstream from the Monashka highway;

5 AAC 64.022(1)(A)

(A) all drainages on the Kodiak Road Zone flowing into Chiniak Bay, [FROM MONASHKA CREEK TO AND INCLUDING CHINIAK CREEK] but excluding the Buskin River and Kalsin Pond, upstream from the Chiniak highway are closed to sport fishing for salmon from August 1-September 15;

Staff comments: This department proposal would close Pillar and Monashka creek above the highway year round thus protecting king salmon brood stock, public water and hatchery facilities. It would simplify regulations and provide for easier enforcement.

MOTION: Moved(J.Kavanaugh) and 2nd(Chervenak) to adopt proposal #62.

Committee comments: KAC members agreed with staff comments but decided to offer an amendment to include Virginia Creek a branch of Monashka Creek which had been inadvertently omitted. from the proposal.

MOTION: Moved(Holmes) and 2nd to admend proposal #62 to include the following language: Monashka Creek and all its tributaries.

ACTION: MOTION TO AMEND PASSES UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

ACTION: MAIN MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

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PROPOSAL-63-5 AAC 64.022-WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSEION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA. Amend the regulations to allow the following:

(1) King salmon:

(A) in fresh waters:

(i) 20 inches or greater in length; bag and possession limit of two [THREE OF WHICH ONLY TWO MAY BE 28 INCHES OR GREATER IN LENGTH]; annual limit of five king salmon; a harvest record is required as specified in 5 AAC 64.025;

Staff comments: A department housekeeping proposal which would simplify regulations and make them less confusing and would mirror the salt water regulations of two(2) king salmon.

MOTION: Moved(Chervenak) and 2nd to adopt proposal #63.

Committee comments: Agreed with supported staff comments.

ACTION: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0.

PROPOSAL-64- 5 AAC 64.022-WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA. Modify bait restrictions for the Karluk River drainage as follows:

(a)(1)(A)(iii) in the Karluk River drainage, except Karluk Lake, only artificial lures may be used from June 1-July 25. Prohibiting bait from June 1-25 would effectively eliminate it during the king fishery but continue its use for other fisheries i.e. silver salmon.

Staff comments: Department is **opposed** to this proposal already having EO authority to stop bait use for conservation reasons. With a projected low return next season the departments is already planning to implement a no bait catch and release fishery. Staff noted in response to a committee question about mortality rates that the rate was around 7%.

MOTION:Moved(Chervenak) and 2nd(J.Kavanaugh) to adopt proposal #64.

Committee comments: Felt that the mortality rate wasn't high enough to warrant a bait less fishery and agreed with and supported staff comments.

ACTION: MOTION FAILS UNANIMOUSLY, 0-11.

PROPOSAL-65-5 AAC 64.xxx-NEW SECTION create an Ayakulik River King Salmon Management Plan as follows:

Amend the Alaska Administrative Code Number 5 AAC 64 Kodiak Area to include an Ayakulik King Salmon Management Plan as follows:

A. The purpose of this plan is to manage the Ayakulik king salmon sport fishery to obtain an optimal escapement goal(OEG) as defined in 5 AAC 39.222 > Policy for the management of sustainable fisheries.

Staff comments: Adoption of proposal #65 would change management from managing for biological escapement goals(BEG) to managing for an optimal escapement goal (OEG). Under current management the department can't leave open for catch and release if escapement drops below the BEG. With a OEG the BOF would have to address the allocation issues. Department neutral on the allocative issues of this proposal.

MOTION: Moved(J.Kavanaugh) and 2nd(Wilde) to adopt proposal #65.

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Committee comments: After discussing the allocation issues and KAC concerns about lowering escapement goals in view of the unknown size of future escapements committee members felt that further discussion was needed on this proposal. A motion was made(Mr. Fox) to table proposals 65-66-67-and 68 and have a new Ayakulik work group discuss them and bring a report back to our next meeting in December.

MOTION: Moved(Fox) and 2nd(Fields) to table proposals #65, 66, 67 and 68 and form a work group that would report back at the December meeting.

ACTION: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY, 11-0.

Work group members: Rolan Ruoss(KAC), Paul Chervenak(KAC), Layne Wilde(KAC), USFWS to be named, ADF&G to be named, Davy Jones(Chair), Dick Carstens, Amy Fredette and Peter Hannah(KAC).

PROPOSAL-69-5 AAC 64.xxx-NEW SECTION. Establish an OEG for coho salmon on the Ayakulik River and allow a catch and release fishery as follows:
Establish biological and optimal escapement goals for coho salmon in the Ayakulik River and use a method to verify that the fish are in the river. Also establish a catch and release sport fishery in years of low runs.

Staff comments: Department **opposes**. The department lacks the resources and is unable to operate a weir during the entire time and hasn't even a BEG for the area.

MOTION: Moved(Chervenak) and 2nd(R.Kavanaugh) to adopt proposal #69.

Committee comments: KAC members agreed with staff and Ms. Kavanaugh that the department lacked the resources to implement this proposal.

ACTION: MOTION FAILS UNANIMOUSLY, 0-11.

PROPOSAL-70-5 AAC 64.022-WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA. Allow early season catch and release on the Ayakulik River as follows:

When escapement is low early in season, go to catch and release or fly fishing only. This way the resource can be utilized and not diminished.

Staff comments: Confusing, vague proposal and doesn't even mention species of concern.

MOTION: Moved(Chervenak) and 2nd(R.Kavanaugh) to adopt proposal #70.

Committee comments: Agreed with and support staff comments.

ACTION: MOTION FAILS UNANIMOUSLY, 0-11.

PROPOSAL-71- 5 AAC 64.060-KODIAK AREA SALT WATER KING SALMON SPORT FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN. Amend the regulation based on the following provisions:

© if the guideline harvest level (GHL) is exceeded, the board (BOF) will consider restrictions that may be necessary to avoid exceeding the guideline harvest level at a regularly scheduled meeting for the Kodiak Area. If the board finds that restrictions are necessary, the board will adopt one or more of the following restrictions in the following order:

- 1) reduce the nonresident bag and possession limit for king salmon in salt water to one(1) fish;

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- 2) prohibit a sport fishing guide from taking a king salmon while a client is present or is with in a guides control or responsibility;
- 3) allow only king salmon 28 inches or greater in length to be retained;
- 4) reduce the resident bag and possession limit for king salmon in salt waters to one(1) fish.

Staff comments: Department neutral on the allocative aspects of the plan. The GHF is 8,000 fish. This is a placeholder proposal and has been submitted to allow the BOF and all stakeholders to review the status of the fishery and make adjustments to the management plan.

MOTION: Moved(J.Kavanaugh) and 2nd(Wilde) to adopt proposal #71.

Committee comments: KAC members would like the BOF to adopt as written BUT have a range instead of a hard cap on catch.

MOTION: Moved(Fields) and 2nd(Fox) to offer the following amendment:

The Kodiak Advisory Committee recommends that the Alaska Board of Fisheries modify the Kodiak Saltwater Chinook Sport Fish Management Plan to provide a range of 8,000 to 10,000 fish retained catch, and further provide that the Board of Fisheries may consider restrictions if, in two(2) of the three(3) years between Kodiak board cycles if the catch is between 8,000 and 10,000 fish retained catch but that the Board of Fisheries must adopt restrictions if the catch exceeds 10,000 in two(2) of the three(3) years between board cycles.

ACTION: MOTION TO AMEND PASSES UNANIMOUSLY, 11-0.

ACTION: MAIN MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY, 11-0.

PROPOSAL-72-5 AAC 64.060-KODIAK AREA SALTWATER KING SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN. Create an exclusive use area for saltwater sport fishing charter operators in the Kodiak Area as follows:

Staff comments: This would create an exclusive use area for saltwater sport fishing charter service operators. Depart is neutral as the proposal is allocative in nature. There are 128 vessels in the Kodiak area 37 are out of the Kodiak Area most of which are from Homer. These vessels usually go south of the Barren Islands and Shuyak Island.

MOTION: Moved(J.Kavanaugh) and 2nd (Chervenak) to adopt proposal #72.

Audience comments: Currently a task force of charter operators are looking into limited entry for saltwater charter operators. They have concerns about future influxes of out of the area charter boats.

Committee comments: Agreed with the public concerns and Mr. Fields offered an amendment since what the charter operators wanted was a super exclusive not a exclusive registration for charter boats.

MOTION: Moved(Fields) and 2nd (Holmes) to offer the following amendment;

The Kodiak Advisory Committee supports the concept of a Super Exclusive Saltwater sport Fishery registration area encompassed by proposal #72 and will work with the department and Alaska Board of Fisheries to develop language to support this concept.

ACTION: MOTION TO AMEND PASSES UNANIMOUSLY, 11-0.

ACTION: MAIN MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY, 11-0.

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- 3) **Date of next KAC meeting:** December 18th(Tuesday) and 19th 2007 at 7pm set as date for the next KAC meeting. Gary Wheeler offered the use of the conference room at the new refuge visitors center.

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10:20pm**

Oliver Holm, Chairman Kodiak Fish & Game Advisory Committee