

ADVISORY COMMENT INDEX

Ketchikan AC1

Edna Bay AC2

Sitka AC3

Juneau/Douglas AC4

Upper Lynn Canal AC5

Wrangell AC6

East Prince of Wales AC7

Petersburg AC8

Ketchikan Regional Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: November 25, 2008

Re: SE Shellfish proposals to BOF

Present: John Scoblic, Kate Sullivan, Rudy Franulovich, Art Maioriello, Bo Meredith (ADFG rep), Don Westlund, Jeff Wedekind, Charles Denny, Woody Anderson, Woodrow Watson, Larry Painter

Call to order: 6:10 pm by John Scoblic

Meeting agenda approved

Reports:

Chairman's report: Thanks for being here.

ADFG Report: Bo Meredith was present to represent ADFG. No report but present to help from ADFG point of view.

No public comment at this time and no other reports

Old Business:

Check on status on enrollment forms with the state.

New Business:

Review shellfish proposals – 151, 169-187 and 198 (**please see attached spreadsheet**)

Agenda item added: Discussion of whether to consider shellfish proposals from Prince William Sound. Don Westlund asked the AC to review and comment on PWS shellfish proposals. Jeff Wedekind motioned that we do not review PWS shellfish proposals and Kate 2nd. Vote of 8-1 to take no action on PWS proposals. As an AC we are not commenting on proposals from outside our area and this would contradict that approach.

Next meet set for December 2nd at 6 pm – cancelled

Adjourn 8:10 pm

PROPOSALS FOR 2008-2009 BOF CYCLE

Prop. #	Action requested	Proposed by	Meeting	Support/ Oppose	COMMENTS
133	Close Southeast Alaska area to sport fishing for shellfish.	Jeff Favour	SE Shell	Oppose	Mac motion/Don 2nd; unanimous to oppose. This will hurt charter industry and out of state fishers
134	Close sport shellfish fishing in the Sitka Sound Special Use Area and restrict charter vessel use May 15-Sept. 15.	Zach LaPerriere	SE Shell	No action	Clay motion/Jeff 2nd; out of area. Unanimous.
135	Require that sport shellfish post and rings be pulled by hand	Tad Fujioka	SE Shell	Oppose	Mac motion/Clay 2nd; to oppose; 1 dissent.
136	Require tunnel eye openings in sport crab posts not exceed 5 inches in height and prohibit top loading pots for	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell	Support	Clay motion/Rudy 2nd; unanimous to support; conservation oriented proposal
137	Establish a sport fish bag and possession limit for all species of fish that do not currently have a bag and possession limit.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell	Oppose	Clay mentioned to support; Rudy 2nd. Motion to support fails 4-8. Considerable discussion about conservation objectives and impact on ability of fishers to obtain bait. Some felt this was good conservation while others felt it was no necessary.
138	<i>error in proposal book, see Proposal 368 for correct version of proposal</i>		SE Shell		
368	Establish possession limits for nonresidents at one daily bag limit for species not already specified.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell	No action	Clay motioned/Rudy 2nd; no action as we voted down #137.
139	Reduce the sport bag and possession limit for shrimp.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell	No action	Rudy motioned no action/Charles 2nd; no action; one opposed to proposal. Discussion centered around proposal being unclear - tail or whole weight? This proposal needs better definition.
140	Amend reporting requirements for commercial shrimp fishery in Registration Area A.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	SE Shell	Support	Clay motioned to support/Steve 2nd. Approve 11 with 1 abstaining
141	Amend pot limit in Southeast Alaska spot shrimp fishery to 100 pots no larger than 48 inches.	Alan Reeves	SE Shell	Oppose	141 and 142 considered together. Don motioned to oppose/Rudy 2nd. 11 -1 motion carries. Much discussion about intent of this proposal and its original implementation by BOF.
142	Amend shrimp pot size limit to 140 36-inch small pots or 100 48-inch large pots.	Alan Reeves	SE Shell	Oppose	See above
143	Eliminate the 10 percent trip bycatch limit on coonstripe shrimp for beamtrawlers and replace with a harvest level in	Dennis Sperl	SE Shell	No action	Don motioned no action/Clay 2nd. Out of area. 12-0 no action.
144	Close commercial shrimp fishery within 1-mile radius around Sukoi Island.	Steve Burrell	SE Shell	No action	Jeff motioned no action/Mac 2nd. Out of area. 12-0 no action.
145	Specify crab measurement devices and allow for broken spines.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell	Oppose	Darrel motioned to oppose/Jeff 2nd. 11-1 vote. Discussion centered around allowance of broken spines in measuring and how this would impact fishery and fishing practices.
146	Allow a 2 percent tolerance for mistakes made in sorting crab.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell	No action	This was tabled as we needed more clarification on current allowance and how this was different.
147	Modify sport fish definition on of a legal size Dungeness crab.	Department of Public Safety, Alaska Wildlife Troopers	SE Shell	Support	Don motioned to support/Jeff 2nd. 12-0 vote. Good idea to standardize regulatory language for all user groups.

2/12

A/C Comment# 1

Prop. #	Action requested	Proposed by	Meeting	Support/ Oppose	COMMENTS
148	Change season dates for Dungeness crab fishery.	Dick Gregg	SE Shell	No action	Jeff motioned no action/Don 2nd. 12-0 vote no action. Does not affect Ketchikan fishing season and keeps Dist 1& 2 winter only.
149	Match the season description of Districts 1 and 2 with all other waters of Registration Area A.	Ryan M. Littleton	SE Shell	Oppose	149 and 150 considered together. Jeff motioned to oppose/Don 2nd. Vote to oppose carries 11-1.
150	Match the season description of Districts 1 and 2 with all other waters of Registration Area A.	Ryan Littleton	SE Shell	Oppose	See above
151	Allow flexibility in Dungeness crab management plan if soft shell crab landings significantly affect harvest	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	SE Shell	Oppose	Don motioned, Woody second. Vote to oppose 8-1 (abstain)
152	Require all permit holders to be onboard vessel when multiple permits are used in Dungeness crab fishery.	Ryan M. Littleton and Ralph A. Strickland	SE Shell		
153	Prohibit use of two permits in Dungeness crab fishery.	Dick Gregg	SE Shell		
154	Close sport fishing for Dungeness crab in areas closed to commercial fishing.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell		
155	Open commercial Dungeness crab fishing during fall season in Twelve-mile Arm closed area.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell		
156	Reopen Chaik Bay to commercial Dungeness crab fishing.	Pete Roddy	SE Shell		
157	Close waters near Coffman Cove to commercial Dungeness crab fishing during summer months.	Bryce R. Bucker	SE Shell		
158	Close commercial Dungeness crab fishing from the north end Wrangell Narrows to Mountain Point for five years.	Steve Burrell	SE Shell		
159	Close Naukati Bay to commercial crab fishing.	Larry Wilkinson	SE Shell		
160	Reduce sport bag and possession limits for Dungeness and tanner crab.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell		
161	Allow ecotourism clients without sport fishing licenses to handle gear or fish under direct supervision of registered	Patricia Shaughnessy	SE Shell		
162	Modify regulations that limit the number of pots and lifts in the George Inlet superexclusive guided sport	Patricia Shaughnessy	SE Shell		
163	Increase number of pots and lifts per vessel in the George Inlet superexclusive guided sport Dungeness crab fishery.	Patricia Shaughnessy	SE Shell		
164	Recognize customary and traditional use of king crab in the Hoonah Area.	Icy Straits AC	SE Shell		
165	Open Port Frederick to subsistence and personal use king crab fishing.	Icy Straits AC	SE Shell		A/C Comment# <u>1</u>

Prop. #	Action requested	Proposed by	Meeting	Support/ Oppose	COMMENTS
166	Establish a customary and traditional use finding for red king crab in Section 6-A, District 8, and portion of	Brent Akers	SE Shell		
167	Designate king crab in area 13B and 13C as a subsistence resource.	Robert J Hartman	SE Shell		
168	Allow subsistence and personal use fishing for red and blue king crab in Peril Straits and allow for reduced	Tad Fujioka	SE Shell		
169	Close personal use and sport season for Tanner crab prior to opening king crab season.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	SE Shell	Support	Art motion/ Rudy 2nd; 9-0 motion to support carries
170	Close sport and personal use Tanner crab fisheries prior to start of personal use red and blue king crab fishery.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell	no action	Don motio/ Jeff 2nd; 9-0 no action carries
171	Start personal use king crab season in Hoonah sound July 1.	Jon M. Shennett	SE Shell	No action	Rudy motioned no action/Jeff 2nd; no action carries 9-0
172	Align seasonal closures for red and blue king crab subsistence and personal use fisheries in Yakutat.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	SE Shell	Support	Don motioned/Art 2nd; motion to support carries 9-0
173	Change allocation of red and blue king crab to personal use fishery in Section 11.	Petersburg Vessel Owners Association	SE Shell	No action	Woody motioned/Kate 2nd; motion carries 9-0
174	Restrict commercial crab fishing in Section 11-A to rebuild stocks.	Territorial Sportsmen, Inc	SE Shell	No action	Don motioned/Charles 2nd; motion carries 9-0
175	Specify a seven day long red and blue king crab fishery in Registration Area A.	Roger Gregg	SE Shell	Oppose	Jeff motioned/Don 2nd; motion carries 9-0
176	Amend bag limit and season for personal use king crab fishery.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	SE Shell	Support	Art motioned/Larry 2nd; 8-1 to support
177	Increase seasonal quota for golden king crab in management areas.	Southeast King and Tanner Task Force	SE Shell	No action	Rudy motioned/Don 2nd; no action 9-0 not a Ketchikan fishery
178	Set guideline harvest ranges based on logbook information and dockside sampling.	Yancey Nilsen	SE Shell	Support	Larry motioned/Don 2nd; carries 7 (support) -2 (oppose)
179	Allow king crab to be taken in a Tanner pot if both seasons are open and both permits are held.	Southeast King and Tanner Task Force	SE Shell	Oppose	Kate motioned;Don 2nd; motion carries 9-0 to oppose. AC felt it was unclear what changes would occur in fishing pressure
180	Prohibit square pots for taking golden king crab in Southeast Alaska.	Steven Thynes	SE Shell	Oppose	Don motioned/Jeff 2nd; motion carries 8-0
181	Modify Tanner crab management plan and reporting requirements.	Southeast King and Tanner Task Force	SE Shell	No action	Don motioned/Charles 2nd; to oppose - this motion failed 2-3 with 3 no action; then Rudy motioned no action/Jeff 2nd; no action carries 8-0
182	Specify two week long Tanner crab fishery in Registration Area A.	Roger Gregg	SE Shell	Oppose	Jeff motioned/Art 2nd; oppose motion carries 9-0
183	Extend gear storage time to 5 days for Tanner crab fishery in Registration Area A.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	SE Shell	support	Art motioned/Larry 2nd; 9-0 support

Prop. #	Action requested	Proposed by	Meeting	Support/ Oppose	COMMENTS
184	Allow 120 pots for vessels with two Tanner permits onboard.	Southeast King and Tanner Task Force	SE Shell	oppose	Don motioned/Art 2nd; motion to oppose carries 9-0
185	Allow additional pots if two permits are held.	Southeast King and Tanner Task Force	SE Shell	Oppose	Don motioned/Woody 2nd; motion to oppose carries 9-0
186	Require escape rings on pots used in personal use, subsistence, and sport fishing for Tanner crab.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	SE Shell	support	Kate motioned/Art 2nd; 9-0 motion to support carries
187	Move opening date in Yakutat District 16 scallop fishery from July 1 to June 1.	Alaska Scallop Association	SE Shell	no action	Don motioned/Woody 2nd; no action motion carries 9-0 as it is out of our area
188	Establish equal share program for geoduck fishery.	Sitka Geoduck Marketing Association	SE Shell		
189	Change start date of geoduck season to July 1.	Sitka Geoduck Marketing Association	SE Shell		
190	Establish trip limits for geoduck fishery.	Sitka Geoduck Marketing Association	SE Shell		
191	Divide management area in Southeast into two areas for geoduck fishery.	Sitka Geoduck Marketing Association	SE Shell		
192	Allow sub-regional area registration for geoduck fishery in Registration Area A.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	SE Shell		
193	Correct latitude reference for closed area in Kliuchevoi Bay in District 13.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	SE Shell		
194	Allow use of tenders in sea cucumber fishery.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	SE Shell		
195	Move boundary for commercial sea cucumber fishery to the north end of St. Philip Island.	Klawock Fish and Game Advisory Committee	SE Shell		
196	Reopen Clover Pass area near Ketchikan to commercial sea cucumber fishing.	SARDFA	SE Shell		
197	Delete onboard observer requirement for red sea urchin fishery.	Tom Carruth	SE Shell		
198	Develop an octopus management plan with octopus as a bycatch only species.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell	oppose	Don motioned to oppose/Rudy 2nd; motion to oppose carries 9-0

A/C Comment# 1

A/C Comment# 1

PROPOSALS FOR 2008-2009 BOF CYCLE

Prop. #	Action requested	Prepared by	Meeting	Support/ Oppose	COMMENTS
133	Close Southeast Alaska Area to sport fishing for shellfish	Jeff Rowley	SE Shell	Oppose	Vote on 2nd motion to oppose. This will hurt charter industry and out of state fishers
134	Close sport shellfish fishing in the Sitka Sound Special Use Area and restrict charter vessel use May 15-Sept. 15.	Zach Lapierre	SE Shell	No action	Clay motioned May 2nd, out of area. Unanimous
135	Require that sport shellfish pots and rings be pulled by hand	Ted Fujita	SE Shell	Oppose	Vote on 2nd motion May 2nd. In support; 1 dissent.
136	Require that sport shellfish fishing in sport crab pots not exceed 5 inches in height and include top leading pole for fishermen's	Southwest Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell	Support	Clay motioned May 2nd, unanimous to support. See year on earlier proposal.
137	Establish a sport fish bag and possession limit for all species of fish. Sport fish bag and possession limit for all species of fish. No more than 1 bag or possession limit.	Southwest Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell	Oppose	Clay motioned to support May 2nd. Vote on to support fails 4-8. Considerable discussion about conservation objectives and impact on ability of others to obtain bait. Some in this was good conversation while others felt it was not necessary.
138	Enter in proposal book see Proposal 144 for correct version of proposal		SE Shell		
139	Establish possession limits for various crabs in one day bag limit for Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	Southwest Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell	No action	Clay motioned May 2nd for action. As was voted down 11-17.
140	Reduce the sport bag and possession limit for shrimp.	Southwest Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell	No action	Vote on 2nd motion. Crabs 2nd. No action. One opposed to proposal. Discussion continued about proposal being smaller, but or whole weight? This proposal needs better definition.
141	Amend sport bag and possession limit for commercial shrimp in Reg. Station Area A.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	SE Shell	Support	Clay motioned to support Steve 2nd. Approve 11 with 1 abstaining
142	Amend sport limit in Southeast Alaska sport shrimp fishery to 100 lbs no longer than 48 inches.	Alan Reeves	SE Shell	Oppose	141 and 142 considered together. Don motioned to oppose May 2nd. 11-1 motion carries. Much discussion about item 141's proposal and its original implementation by BCF.
143	Amend sport pot size limit to 140 36-inch small pots or 100 48-inch large pots.	Alan Reeves	SE Shell	Oppose	See above
144	Eliminate the 10 percent lip breach limit on commercial shrimp for commercial vessels and replace with a harvest level in pounds for each area of Reg.	Dennis Spill	SE Shell	No action	Don motioned to action Clay 2nd. 0-4 of area. 12-0 no action.
145	Close commercial shrimp fishery within 1-mile radius around Sitka Island.	Steve Surza	SE Shell	No action	Jeff motioned no action May 2nd. Out of area. 12-0 no action.
146	Specify crab measurement devices and allow for broken spines.	Southwest Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell	Oppose	Daniel motioned to support Steve 2nd. 8-4 vote. Discussion centered around allowance of broken spines in measuring and how to measure. Would impact fishery and fishing practices.
147	Allow a 2 percent tolerance for mistakes made in sorting crabs.	Southwest Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell	Oppose	Vote was 7-1 motion carries to oppose
148	Mandate sport fish detection on all legal size Dungeness crab.	Department of Public Safety, Alaska Wildlife Troopers	SE Shell	Support	Don motioned to support Steve 2nd. 12-0 vote. Good idea to standardize regulatory language for all user groups
149	Change season dates for Dungeness crab fishery.	Dick Greig	SE Shell	No action	Jeff motioned no action Don 2nd. 12-0 vote no action. Don not offer. Action taken fishing season and keeps that in 2 winter only.
150	Mandate the season description of District 1 and 2 with all other waters of Registration Area A.	Ryan M. Leitch	SE Shell	Oppose	MS and Jeff motioned together. Vote combined to oppose Don 2nd. Vote to oppose carries 11-1.
151	Allow flexibility in Dungeness crab management plan if sport shell crab land tags significantly affect harvest forecast.	Ryan Leitch	SE Shell	Oppose	See above
152	Require all permit holders to use onboard vessel weight multiple permits are used in Dungeness crab fishery.	Ryan M. Leitch and Dwight Shindler	SE Shell	Support	Don motioned, Woody motioned. Vote to oppose 8-4 (abstain)
153	Prohibit use of two permits in Dungeness crab fishery.	Dick Greig	SE Shell	No action	Amend vote to support. Clay 2nd, motion carries 11-0
154	Close sport fishing for Dungeness crab in areas closed to commercial fishing.	Southwest Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell	Oppose	Clay motioned to take no action, Mac 2nd. Motion carries 11-0
155	Close commercial Dungeness crab fishing during fall season (1/15 to 1/31) and 2nd season (1/31 to 4/15).	Southwest Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell	Oppose	Don motioned to oppose. Vote 2nd. Motion carries 10-1
156	Close commercial Dungeness crab fishing during fall season (1/15 to 1/31) and 2nd season (1/31 to 4/15).	Southwest Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell	Oppose	Vote motioned to oppose. Don 2nd. Motion carries 11-0

2/12

AVC Comment# 1

Prop. #	Action requested	Proposed by	Meeting	Support/ Oppose	COMMENTS
155	Reopen Chalk Bay to commercial Dungeness crab fishing.	Pete Roddy	SE Shell	No action	Clay motions to take no action, Rudy 2nd. Motion carries 11-0 (out of our area)
157	Close waters near Cotton Cove to commercial Dungeness crab fishing during summer months.	Bryce R. Buckler	SE Shell	No action	Don motions to take no action, Rudy 2nd. Motion carries 11-0 (out of our area)
158	Close commercial Dungeness crab fishing from the north end Whangal Narrow to Mountain Point for five years.	Steve Burnell	SE Shell	No action	Don motions to take no action, Rudy 2nd. Motion carries 11-0 (out of our area)
159	Close Haulak Bay to commercial crab fishing.	Larry Wilkinson	SE Shell	No action	Clay motions to take no action, Don 2nd. Motion carries 11-0 (out of our area)
160	Reduce open bag and possession limits for Dungeness and Tanner crab.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell	Oppose	Mac motions to oppose, Don 2nd. Motion carries 10-1
161	Allow ecotourism clients without sport fishing licenses to handle gear or fish under direct supervision of registered guide.	Patricia Shaughnessy	SE Shell	Oppose	Mac motions to oppose, Clay 2nd. Motion carries 11-0
162	Modify regulations that limit the number of pots and lifts in the George Inlet super-exclusive guided sport Dungeness crab fishery.	Patricia Shaughnessy	SE Shell	Oppose	8-0 see Frankovich notes
163	Increase number of pots and lifts per vessel in the George Inlet super-exclusive guided sport Dungeness crab fishery.	Patricia Shaughnessy	SE Shell	Oppose	8-0 see Frankovich notes
164	Recognize customary and traditional use of king crab in the Hoonah Area.	Ivy Straits AC	SE Shell	No action	8-0 see Frankovich notes
165	Open Port Frederick to subsistence and personal use king crab fishing.	Ivy Straits AC	SE Shell	No action	8-0 see Frankovich notes
166	Establish a customary and traditional use finding for red king crab in Section 8-A, District 8, and portion of District 10.	Brent Akers	SE Shell	No action	8-0 see Frankovich notes
167	Designate king crab in areas 133 and 130 as a subsistence resource.	Robert J. Hoffman	SE Shell	No action	8-0 see Frankovich notes
168	Allow subsistence and personal use fishing for red and blue king crab in Port Straits and allow for reduced bag limit as needed for conservation.	Tad Fujjoka	SE Shell	No action	8-0 see Frankovich notes
169	Close personal use and sport season for Tanner crab prior to opening king crab season.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	SE Shell	Support	An motion/Rudy 2nd; 8-0 motion to support carries
170	Close sport and personal use Tanner crab fisheries prior to start of personal use red and blue king crab fishery.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	SE Shell	No action	Don motion/Jeff 2nd; 8-0 no action carries
171	Start personal use king crab season in Hoonah sound July 1.	Jon M. Sherman	SE Shell	No action	Rudy motioned no action/Jeff 2nd no action carries 8-0
172	Align seasonal closure for red and blue king crab subsistence and personal use fisheries in Yakutat.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	SE Shell	Support	Don motion/Ad 2nd; motion to support carries 8-0
173	Change allocation of red and blue king crab to personal use fishery in Section 11	Petersburg Vessel Owners Association	SE Shell		Woody motioned/Kate 2nd; motion carries 8-0
174	Restrict commercial crab fishing in Section 11-A to rebuild stocks.	Terraria Spactear, Inc	SE Shell		Don motioned/Charles 2nd; motion carries 8-0
175	Specify a seven day long red and blue king crab fishery in Registration Area A.	Roger Gregg	SE Shell		Jeff motioned/Don 2nd motion carries 8-0
176	Amend bag limit and season for personal use king crab fishery.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	SE Shell	Support	AJ motioned/Clay 2nd 8-0 to support
177	Increase seasonal quota for golden king crab in management areas.	Southeast King and Tanner Task Force	SE Shell	No action	Rudy motioned/Don 2nd no action 9-0 not a Ketchikan fishery
178	Set guideline harvest ranges based on logbook information and dockside sampling.	Yancey Nilsen	SE Shell		Larry motioned/Don 2nd; carries 7 (support); 2 (oppose)
179	Allow king crab to be taken in a Tanner pot if both seasons are open and both permits are held	Southeast King and Tanner Task Force	SE Shell	Oppose	Kate motioned/Don 2nd; motion carries 8-0 to oppose. AC felt it was unclear what changes would occur in fishing pressure
180	Prohibit square pots for taking golden king crab in Southeast Alaska.	Steven Thyms	SE Shell		Don motioned/Jeff 2nd; motion carries 8-0

2/18

A/C Comment# 1

Prop. #	Action requested	Proposed by	Meeting	Support/ Oppose	COMMENTS
181	Modify Tanner crab management plan and reporting requirements.	Southeast King and Tanner Task Force	SE Shell	No action	Don motioned/Chris 2nd; to oppose - this motion failed 2-3 with 3 no action; then Rudy motioned no action/Jeff 2nd; no action carries 0-0
182	Specify two week long Tanner crab fishery in Registration Area A.	Roger Gregg	SE Shell		Jeff motioned/Ant 2nd; oppose motion carries 2-0
183	Extend gear storage time to 5 days for Tanner crab fishery in Registration Area A.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	SE Shell	Support	Ad motioned/Lary 2nd; 9-0 support
184	Allow 120 pots for vessels with two Tanner permits onboard.	Southeast King and Tanner Task Force	SE Shell	Oppose	Don motioned/Ant 2nd; motion to oppose carries 3-0
185	Allow additional pots if two permits are used.	Southeast King and Tanner Task Force	SE Shell	Oppose	Don motioned/Whady 2nd; motion to oppose carries 5-0
186	Require escape rings on pots used in personal use, subsistence, and sport fishing for Tanner crab.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	SE Shell	Support	Kara motioned/Ant 2nd; 9-0 motion to support carries
187	Move opening date in Yakutat District 10 sea ipp fishery from July 1 to June 1.	Alaska Scallop Association	SE Shell	No action	Don motioned/Woccy 2nd; no action; motion carries 9-0 as it is out of our area
188	Establish equal share program for geoduck fishery.	Sitka Geoduck Marketing Association	SE Shell	Oppose	9-0 see Frankovich notes
189	Change start date of geoduck season to July 1.	Sitka Geoduck Marketing Association	SE Shell	Oppose	9-0 see Frankovich notes
190	Establish trip limits for geoduck fishery.	Sitka Geoduck Marketing Association	SE Shell	Oppose	9-0 see Frankovich notes
191	Divide management area in Southeast into two areas for geoduck fishery.	Sitka Geoduck Marketing Association	SE Shell	Oppose	5-1 see Frankovich notes
192	Allow sub-regional area registration for geoduck fishery in Registration Area A.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	SE Shell	Support	5-0 see Frankovich notes
193	Correct latitude reference for closed area in Kikchevo Bay in District 12.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	SE Shell	Support	9-0 see Frankovich notes
194	Allow use of tenders in sea cucumber fishery.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	SE Shell	Support	9-0 see Frankovich notes
195	Move boundary for commercial sea cucumber fishery to the north end of St. Philip Island.	Klawock Fish and Game Advisory Committee	SE Shell	Oppose	9-0 see Frankovich notes
196	Reopen Clover Pass area near Ketchikan to commercial sea cucumber fishing.	SARDFA	SE Shell	Support	7-2 see Frankovich notes
197	Delete onboard observer requirements for red sea urchin fishery.	Tom Caruth	SE Shell	No action	9-0 see Frankovich notes
198	Develop an octopus management plan with octopus as a bycatch only species.	Southeast Alaska Fisheries's Alliance	SE Shell	Oppose	Don motioned to oppose/Rudy 2nd; motion to oppose carries 5-0

State Of Alaska
Board of Fisheries
Ketchikan Advisory Committee

November 15, 2008

Dear Sir or Madam:

I own a cabin on Bull Island in George Inlet and wish to voice my concern regarding the various proposals to expand eco-tourism in that area. Specifically, I am writing to express my views over current Proposals regarding George Inlet crabbing.

My husband and I have done quite a bit of crabbing in the upper George Inlet area over the past 5-6 years and it is our experience that in that timeframe, the quantity of crabs we have caught in the area has declined. I do not know what is causing the decline that I have witnessed. It could be due to a number of factors, including logging in the Inlet, tourism and commercial crabbing.

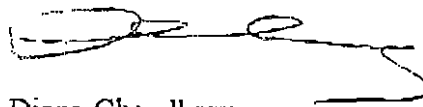
As a result of the decline that I have personally witnessed, I am troubled by the proposal to increase the number of pots allowed per Eco-Tourism vessel and the times per day that they may be lifted. Before increasing the number of pots per vessel, I would urge that a scientific study be conducted into the impact on the crab population in the area.

I am also concerned by the proposal to let tourists handle the crabs without first purchasing a fishing license. I wonder how much damage will be done to the crabs by letting them be handled (and dropped when they wiggle) by dozens of people per day? Again, has there been any type of study into what the mortality rate is for crabs that are handled so much and so often?

It is my opinion that before any of these proposals are adopted, the Board of Fish should conduct a scientific study into the impacts that these changes would have upon the crab fishery. The University of Alaska here in Ketchikan has a fisheries technology department that may be persuaded to take on this task - or maybe Oceans Alaska - or some other organization?

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns. I am out of town at the moment and unable to testify in person before the Board. Please feel free to contact me at 907-225-3854 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Diana Chaudhary
862 Forest Park Drive
Ketchikan, AK 99901

A/C Comment# 1

RECEIVED TIME JAN. 9. 4:15PM · 9/12

Ketchikan Fish and Game Advisory Committee

November 20, 2008

Meeting brought to order at 6:20 PM by President John Scoblic
 Full committee in attendance
 Committee members introduce themselves

President John Scoblic reads letter submitted by Diana Chaudhary. The letter states she is concerned about Proposal 162 if adopted. She is worried that increased handling of crabs could effect mortality rates. She believes that the quantity of crabs has decreased in George Inlet. Letter is included in these minutes.

Steve LaCroix comments: there are many proposals concerning geoducks. There is a discussion about the legality of equal shares. The Board of Fish could adopt the proposals and only then would the State Attorney General comment on the legality.

Phil Dougherty comments that the geoduck committee did not want to put proposals in front of the Board of Fish. The geoduck committee did not want any new regulations on the books.

Motion by Clay Beznek 2nd by Steve LaCroix to not support equal share concept. Don Westlund agrees, believes it would be difficult for fish and game to manage.

John Scoblic comments he would oppose equal shares concept.

Vote on Proposal 188 Ketchikan AC Opposes [9 to 0]

Proposal 189

Comments D. Westlund opposes

Vote on Proposal 189 Ketchikan AC Opposes [9 to 0]

Proposal 190

Clay Beznek motions to oppose, 2nd

Phil Dougherty for the record believes it is unmanageable by fish and game

Vote on Proposal 190 Ketchikan AC opposes [9 to 0]

Proposal 191

Beau comments that boundary lines could change week to week. D. Westlund motions to oppose and it is 2nd by Steve LaCroix.

Vote on Proposal 191 Ketchikan AC opposes [8 to 1] Clay Bezuck was the lone dissenting vote.

Proposal 192

Motion to support by Art Maioriel, 2nd by Clay Beznek

Vote on Proposal 192 Ketchikan AC supports [9 to 0]

Proposal 193

Vote on Proposal 193 Ketchikan AC votes to support [9 to 0]

A/C Comment# 1

RECEIVED TIME JAN. 9. 4:15PM

10/12

Proposal 194

Vote on Proposal 194 Ketchikan AC supports [9 to 0]

Proposal 195

Clay Beznec motions to oppose, D. Westlund 2nd

Vote on Proposal 195 Ketchikan AC opposes [9 to 0]

Proposal 196

Phil Dougherty states there is no reason to close this area for sea cucumbers. Steve LaCroix motions to support, 2nd by R. Franulovich. Westlund has problems with privacy issues, does not want boats in front of his house. R. Franulovich says people live on roads and people live on beaches and cars and boats pass by houses all the time.
Vote on Proposal 196 Ketchikan AC supports [7 to 2].

Proposal 197

Art Majoriello motions to take no action, 2nd.

Vote on Proposal 197 Ketchikan AC votes to take no action [8 to 0].

Proposal 146

Vote on Proposal 146 Ketchikan AC opposes [7 to 1].

Proposal 151

Motion to oppose 2nd, Mac comments, that it is not scientific, J Scoblic does not like the proposal, also believes it is not scientific.

Vote on Proposal 151 Ketchikan AC opposes [5 oppose, 1 support, 1 abstain]

Proposal 162

Kelly Piazza (sport fish biologist) gives an overview of the permitting process. B. of F. was contacted out of cycle. This was placed in a guided sport fishery. Public discussion; Mike Moyer states he has used George Inlet for personal use for 20 years. He opposes the ecotourism in George Inlet. He believes there are mortality issues in the handling of the crabs, and also predation on the crabs once in the pot. He cites a 1994 study indicating a 20% mortality of Dungeness Crab when handled excessively. He believes in the last 5 years there has been a reduction in the adult Dungeness Crabs in George Inlet.

He opposes Proposal 162. Motion by Don Westlund, 2nd by Art Majoriello to oppose.

Art comments that he has a cabin in George Inlet and has witnessed a reduction of adult Dungeness Crab also. He comments that Coon Cove is overwhelmed by crab pots.

Kelly Piazza states that she has no data on George Inlet Dungeness Crab. Don Westlund questions the word of "shall" to "may". He believes that since they make money it should be considered commercial fishing not sport fishing. Mike Moyer states that public fishermen can not place pots in Coon Cove because the eco tours have monopolized the area.

~~John Scoblic comments, agrees there is increased mortality after the crabs have been handled.~~

Vote on Proposal 162 Ketchikan AC opposes [8 to 0].

Proposal 163

Motion to oppose and 2nd, Art Majoriello would like this to be considered a commercial entity, not sport.

A/C Comment# 1

Vote on Proposal 163 Ketchikan AC opposes [8 to 0].

Ketchikan AC takes no action on proposals 164 through 168.

John Scoblic sets the next meeting date for Tuesday November 25, 2008 at 6:00pm

Motion to adjourn 9:03pm

Rudy Franulovich

RECEIVED TIME JAN. 9. 4:15PM

12/12

A/C Comment# |

1-08-09

Fish & Game Advisory Meeting Edna Bay, AK

Members present:

RECEIVED

JAN 09 2009

BOA-

Steve Hendershot, Bob Morgan (phone)
Eric Wyatt (phone) Ken Widmyer,
Bill Dodson, John Dodson

Proposals

133- 5 yes, 1 abstained due to
Thru wording of proposal, (sport)
135

all yes votes would like
proposal wording to include
Restrict Registered Charter
Boats on Outer Prince of
Wales area

136 - 6 yes

137, 138 - N/C (no comment)

139 - 5 yes 1 no

140 - 6 yes

A/C Comment# 2

(draft) 1/5

Colli. Fish + Game Advisory Meeting

141 - 5 yes, 1 no

142 - 5 yes, 1 no

143 - 6 yes

144 - N/C

145 - 6 no

146 - N/C

147 - 6 yes

148 }
Thru } N/C
156 }

157 - 6 no

158 - 6 no

159 - 6 no

160 - 6 no

161 - 6 no

162 - 6 no

163 - 6 no

164 - 6 yes

165 - 6 yes

166 }
168 } N/C

169 - 6 yes

170 } N/C

171 } N/C

172 - 6 yes

173 } N/C

174 } N/C

175 } N/C

176 - 6 yes

177 } N/C

Thru } N/C

185 }

186 - 6 yes

187 } N/C

188 } N/C

189 } N/C

190 } N/C

191 } N/C

192 - 6 yes

193 - 6 yes

194 - 6 yes

195 - 6 yes

196 - 6 yes

197 - 6 yes

198 - 6 no

A/C Comment# 2

page 2

1-09-09

The following are comments
on the proposals voted on
during fish + game advisory
meeting - Edna Bay, AK held
Jan. 08, 09.

#'s 133 thru 135 5 yes, 1 abstained
due to wording of proposal (Sport).
136 defining pot specs. will help
with incidental catch.

137 - 138 - no comment (N/C)

139 - if prop. 133 + 134¹³⁵ do not pass
there is a definite need to lower
non-resident harvest.

140 - we support Fish + Game

141 - 142 - Equal opportunity is best.

143 - will help trollers + pot fishermen equally.

144 - N/C

145 - wording unclear (injured)

Page 3 Comments Cont

Edna Bay F+G
Advisory Board

146 - N/C

147 - we agree & support troopers

148 thru 156 - N/C

157 thru 159 - local commercial fishermen should be included in local harvest.

160 - accepting 133 thru 135 will eliminate need for this prop.

161 thru 163 - Disturbing species could interrupt life cycles.

164-165 - we agree ^{with} local advisory board.

166 thru 168 - N/C

169 - we support F+G.

170-171 - N/C

172 - we support F+G.

173 thru 175 - N/C

176 - we support F+G.

177 thru 185 - NO/C

186 - we support F+G.

A/C Comment# 2

Page 4

Comments Cont. Edna Bay f + G
Advisory Board

187 thru 191 - N/C

192 thru 194 - we support F + G.

195 - We support local advisory com.

196 - We agree with SARDFEA logic.

197 - Improves resource options.

198 - we feel this prop. needs more research and less words.

A/C Comment# 2

SITKA FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RECORD OF MINUTES & ACTION TAKEN
MEETING DATE: 10-16-08

Members Present: 13

Public Present: 3

Dept Present:

Topic/Issue:

The Agenda for 10/16/08 was:

Proposal 152 through Proposal 181

Members present: Ken Ash, Jerry Barber, Moe Johnson, Karen Johnson, Dick Curran, Joel Hanson, Brian Massey, John Murray, Jack Lorrigan, Jeff Farvour, Eric Jordan, Tad Fujolu

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for 10/23/08

The votes on the agenda items are as follows:

Proposal #152

Motion to support amendment to regulation to require all permit holders to be onboard vessel when multiple permits are used in Dungeness crab fishery. Moved by Joel Hanson, seconded by Jerry Barber. 8 yes, 0 no.

Proposal #154

Motion to amend regulation to prohibit use of two permits in Dungeness crab fishery. Moved by Joel Hanson, seconded by Jerry Barber. 2 yes, 9 no.

Proposal #156

Motion to amend regulation to repeal closure of Chaik Bay to commercial Dungeness crab fishing. Moved by Tad Fujolu **seconded** by Jerry Barber. 10 yes, 1 no, 1 abstained.

Proposal #160

Motion for general provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska area: Amend the regulation to lower sport bag limit for Dungeness and tanner crab. Moved by Joel Hanson, seconded by Jerry Barber. 5 yes, 6 no.

Proposal #161

Motion for guided sport ecotourism requirements: Amend the regulation to allow ecotourism clients to handle gear or fish under direct supervision of registered guide. Moved by Jack Lorrigan, seconded by John Murray. 0 yes, 11 no.

Proposal #164

Customary and traditional subsistence uses of shellfish stocks: Motion to recognize customary and traditional use of king crab in the Hoonah area. Moved by Jack Lorrigan, seconded by Jerry Barber. 12 yes, 0 no.

Proposal #164 amendment: 11 yes, 1 no.

Proposal #168

Subsistence king crab fishery, and Personal use king crab fishery: Motion to amend regulation to allow subsistence and personal use fishing for red and blue king crab in Peril Straits and allow for reduced bag

limit as needed for conservation. Moved by Tad Fujolu, seconded by Jack Lorrigan. 10 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained.

Proposal #169

Personal use tanner crab fishery / Methods means, and general provisions . Motion to amend regulation as follows: Tanner crab may be taken only from July 1 through June 15. Moved by John Murray, seconded by Tad Fujolu. 10 yes, 2 no.

Proposal #171

Personal use king crab fishery – Start personal use king crab season in Hoonah Sound July as follows: Motion to go back to traditional king crab opening start time of July 1. Moved by John Murray, seconded by Jerry Barber. 0 yes, 12 no.

Proposal #176

Personal use king crab fishery – Motion to amend regulation: Moved by John Murray, seconded by Karen Johnson. 11 yes, 1 no.

Proposal #176 Motion for additional amendment that dept have the ability to set limits as needed due to conservation concerns. Moved by Eric Jordan, seconded by Tad Fujolu. 12 yes, 0 no

Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee
October 6, 2008

Advisory committee members present: Jerry Barber, Ken Ash, Moe Johnson, Karen Johnson, Dick Curran, Joel Hanson, Eric Jordan, Brian Massey, Jack Lorrigan

Department of Fish & Game employees present: Troy, Bill Davidson

Proposal 137: Moved by Joel, seconded by Jack – no vote 0/8

Proposal 138: Moved by Jack, seconded by Jerry – no vote 0/7/and 1 abstainer

Proposal 139: Moved by Joel, seconded by Jerry – this proposal had lots of discussion about how to limit the take of shrimp by the guided sport fishery. Vote was split 4 yes/4 no

Proposal 140: Moved by Jerry, seconded by Brian – 8 yes/ 0 no

Proposal 141: Moved by Jerry, seconded by Jack – tabled

Proposal 142: tabled

Proposal 143: Moved by Jack and Jerry – tabled

Proposal 144: Committee didn't take up

Proposal 145: Moved by Jerry, seconded by Joel – this proposal caused some discussion about the lawful, legal measurement of crab. 0 yes/ 6 no/ 2 abstain

Proposal 146: Moved by Jerry, seconded by Brian – 0 yes/ 8 no

Proposal 147: Not adopted

Proposal 148/ 149/150: Not adopted

Proposal 151: Moved by Ken, seconded by Moe – 7 yes/0 no

Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2009

I. Call to order

Chair, Mike Peterson called to order the scheduled meeting of the Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee at 6:03 pm on January 7, 2008 at the Hickel Room of Centennial Hall in Juneau Alaska.

II. Roll call

Robert Edwardson conducted attendance and confirmed a quorum. The following persons were present: Mike Bethers, Forrest Wagner, Mike Peterson - CHAIR, Jenny Purscell, Barry Brokken, Chris Conder- Vice-Chair, Gregg Brown, Ian Fisk., Robert Edwardson- Secretary, Mark Stopha, Jake Carte, and Todd Wicks.

III. Guests

Kyle Hebert, ADF&G Marine Fisheries; Brian Glenn-ADF&G Sport Fish Division. Lt Todd Sharp- Trooper Enforcement Division, Trooper Steve Hall- Alaska State Troopers, and Scott Crass -Board Support. Various members of public also in attendance.

IV. Open issues

Interested members of the public may seek vacant seats providing they meet the existing criteria set by the committee. Ian Fisk, a halibut and shrimp fisherman was appointed to the 2nd Commercial seat on the Committee (one year term) and took a seat at the table. NOTE :At the end of the meeting Yancey Nilsen was appointed to the 3rd and remaining Commercial seat (two year term), and Jason Kohlhase, having met the criteria for processor, was appointed to the Processor seat (three year term).

V. New business

The committee considered shellfish proposals for the Juneau Douglas area of Southeast Alaska. See enclosure 1 for a detailed listing of measures considered by the committee with discussion notes. Note: proposals not listed are N/A taken.

Set meeting dates for Finfish Proposals: January 27th, 28th, and 29th. Location and time to be decided at future date.

VI. Adjournment

Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Robert Edwardson: Secretary

Minutes approved by:

Enclosure (1) Proposal Listing

Proposal	Proposal description	Recommendation and Vote	Comments
133	Close Southeast Alaska area to sport fishing for shellfish.	0-11-1 OPPOSE	Chris Conder opposed this proposal as unneeded. Todd Wicks opposed. LT Sharp does not agree that it helps enforcement. Jenny Purscell asked if ADF&G would review the proposal in two years. Scott Crass said no, the measure would become permanent if approved by the Board of Fish. Ian Fisk asked if the department has data on the benefit of eliminating sport harvest, which the Department answered that the combined use would be reduced by 39% or 1% dungeness harvest. Mike Bethers opposed because the benefit includes such a small percentage of the total harvest.
135	Require that sport shellfish pots and rings be pulled by hand	0-10-2 OPPOSE	ADF&G does not collect data on how many people use powered pot pullers and has no comparison between hand and power pulled pots, therefore cannot predict benefits. Jenny Purscell asked if approving this proposal would increase the workload on law enforcement. Lt. Todd Sharp said yes
136	Require tunnel eye openings in sport crab posts not exceed 5 inches in height and prohibit top loading pots for nonresidents	5-6-1 OPPOSE	Chris Conder said this proposal includes square pots. Gregg Brown asked if existing methods are harmful to crab, the Department answered that handling could be harmful but pressure differential was not. Mike Peterson opposes this proposal but may support other measures. Jenny Purscell asked if there is a high occurrence of people keeping undersize crab. Mark Stopha believes that outlaws will keep undersize regardless of the opening.
137	Establish a sport fish bag and possession limit for all species of fish that do not currently have a bag and possession limit.	0-10-2 OPPOSE	Chris Conder opposed because he thought that this proposal was a back door effort to restrict access to species like black cod, sole, etc. Ian disagrees. Mike Peterson asked if there was an increase or decrease in black cod, the Department answered that Chatham Strait blackcod were in decline but not serious. Ian Fisk reminded the committee that quotas are down.
138	see Proposal 368 Bottom of page		
139	Reduce the sport bag and possession limit for shrimp.	11-0-1 AMENDMENT PASSES	Mike Bethers asked how many sport licenses were issued, the Department does not know, but the numbers of non-resident sport fishing licenses issued are increasing. Ian Fisk was concerned that we do not know statistics on non-commercial fisheries, and worried that enforcement troopers were improperly staffed. Mark Stopha asked where the 10 pound limit came from, the Department did not know. Chris Conder stated that 10 pound too much 3 pounds too little. Barry Brokka pointed out that there is a

Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee, Meeting Minutes, January 7, 2009

Proposa l	Proposal description	Recommendation and Vote	Comments
		11-0-1 SUPPORT AS AMENDED	weight difference between headed shrimp and shrimp in the round. Troopers agree. Mike Bethers is in favor of adopting and amending to 5 pounds of tails. Mark Stopha clarified that there is no current limits on residents, but agreed that limits should include both head on and head off. Lt. Todd Sharp stated that the current law doesn't specify whether or not the measurement was headed or in the round, making it a difficult offense to prosecute, head on would be more useful. Barry how does someone in a skiff weigh? Mike S, if one limit favored over the other, Todd S THE BODY AMMENDED THE MEASURE TO REPLACE: "3 pounds or three quarts" with "5 pound or 5 quarts".
145	Specify crab measurement devices and allow for broken spines.	10-0-2 SUPPORT	Ian is worried about fisherman misunderstanding the proposed regulations. Department favors better measuring devices, and legalizing broken spines. LT Sharp explained measuring variables.
146	Allow a 2 percent tolerance for mistakes made in sorting crab.	1-8-3 OPPOSE	Jake, question. Dept opposes may result in careless. Todd Wicks asked if there is there tolerance percentage now, Trooper Steve Hall said no.
147	Modify sport fish definition on of a legal size Dungeness crab.	11-0-1 SUPPORT	The Department explained that this proposal was a housekeeping proposal meant intended to make definitions consistent across all regulations.
154	Close sport fishing for Dungeness crab in areas closed to commercial fishing.	6-5-1 SUPPORT	Jenny Purscell asked why some areas were closed in the past, the Department answered that the closures were not conservational, but instead were for convenience of local citizens.
160	Reduce sport bag and possession limits for Dungeness and tanner crab.	12-0-0 SUPPORT AMENDMENT 6-5-1 SUPPORT PROPOSAL	Chris opposes, Mark S contests his opposition. Ian support to help residents. LT Sharp asked for amendment to replace carapace with shoulder. Amendment made and passed unanimously. Discussion revolved around: do non-residents need 5 crabs a day? Person staying a week could legally get 35 crabs. Proposal suggests that 21 crabs are enough for same non-resident. Majority of committee felt the same.
161	Allow ecotourism clients without sport fishing licenses to handle gear or fish under direct supervision of registered guide.	0-12-0 OPPOSE	Dept opposed. Dept considers them sport fishermen. Mar k S. - cost of one day NR license? \$20. Funds used for management. Unanimously, the committee believes that if one is going to handle any kind of shellfish or finfish in Alaskan waters, one needs a license to do so.

Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee, Meeting Minutes, January 7, 2009

Proposal	Proposal description	Recommendation and Vote	Comments
164	Recognize customary and traditional use of king crab in the Hoonah Area.	1-7-4 OPPOSE	The concern here is, if the Hoonah area is granted Subsistence use of King Crab, where does it stop? Chris condor opposed. Ian opposed. We almost took N/A on this proposal as it was submitted by another AC. Consensus was built that we needed to make a statement, so- we did.
169	Close personal use and sport season for Tanner crab prior to opening king crab season.	11-1-0 SUPPORT	Dept. supports, wants to stop red king prospecting. Barry Supports, and agrees with the purpose. Mark S, what about distinguishing between king and dungy pots? LT Sharp: the two-week closure is better for enforcement, no pots in the water vs. many pots.
173	Change allocation of red and blue king crab to personal use fishery in Section 11.	3-6-3 OPPOSE	Ian (Comm. Fish seat) questioned how the dept could be neutral. ??? Some support here from the personal use seats for this proposal. The concern was raised that to shut down Section 11-A to Commercial Crabbing could have a "disastrous" effect on the SE Crab Fleet. Some minds were changed and the proposal failed
174	Restrict commercial crab fishing in Section 11-A to rebuild stocks.	0-10-2 OPPOSE	Mark, Ian (comm. fish seats) opposed commercial guys provide crab to people with no boats. Jenny Purscell asked when was the season closed? It was not to personal use. Ian when was it open to commercial? 5 of the past 10 years. Mark S asks what about Glacier bay, Dept does not know. Barry supports, does not think that it is too much to ask. Mark clarified that the quota would not disappear; it would just all go to personal use. Ian opposes. Thinks that the current regulations are fine and new one is too extreme. Dept clarified that of the 5 commercial fishable years, 2 would have been unfishable 11-A was not included in this calculations. Public comment on this proposal: "again disastrous affects on the SE Commercial Crab Fleet if passed".
186	Require escape rings on pots used in personal use, subsistence, and sport fishing for Tanner crab	12-0-0 SUPPORT	Discussed Proposal out of sequence to accommodate committee member's schedule Mark asked if Dept was sure that the rings work, Dept. believes so. Acknowledged the cost. Ian supports, believed the cost not onerous, rings could be added with little extra cost. Committee unanimous in their support of lowering mortality rate on resource.
180	Prohibit square pots for taking golden king crab in Southeast Alaska.	0-11-0 OPPOSE	NOTE: M. STOPHA EXCUSED HIMSELF AND LEFT MEETING. Dept studies cited but they admit inconclusive. Public comment: 2-3 commercial boats in Juneau area fish square pots at a cost of \$100K per boat. Very expensive to switch to cone pots, and with studies inclusive tough, to sell Jenny Purscell asked if possible we could advise the board to use escape rings. Comment so noted.

Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee, Meeting Minutes, January 7, 2009

Proposal	description	Recommendation and Vote	Comments
<p>368 Supplemental</p>	<p>Establish possession limits for nonresidents at one daily bag limit for species not already specified.</p>	<p>5-6-1 OPPOSE</p>	<p>Ian, points out it is a daily limit, thinks it is enough. Mike- will enforcement be easier? Todd S. (Enforcement) not necessarily. Healthy discussion: do non-residents need so much fish to fill their freezers? Turning point was that this proposal needed to be more specific as to what species were being covered, rather than an umbrella.</p>

NOTE: THESE ARE NON-APPROVED MINUTES! SUBMISSION TIME CONSTRAINTS HAVE NOT ALLOWED FOR FULL COMMITTEE REVIEW. AMMENDED MINUTES, MAY ACCOMPANY A.C. CHAIR TO SHELLFISH MEETING IN PETERSBURG.

Rec. 1/9/09

UPPER LYNN CANAL FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JAN 9, 2009 CALLED TO ORDER 6:10 PM HAINES MUNICIPAL BUILDING

6:10 Meeting called to order by Chair, Gary Hess roll call for the record present, Gary Hess, Mike Saunders, Dave wernr Dean Risley John Katzeek, Les Katzeek, Tim McDunnah, Larry Pierce and John Tronrud via telecom from Skagway

ADF&G Staff present: Shannon Stone, Randy Bachman and Rich Chappel.

Public: Barbara Lewis and Pat Philpot, Adam Patterson, Nick Baggett
Representative of the 4th Estate Tom Morphet, CVN

Old Business: Minutes approved. Agenda approved.

New Business: General Public; Pat Philpot states a concern over theft of crab pots on Chilkat Inlet. Barbara Lewis expresses desire to comment on proposal to the Board of Fish ,Proposal having to do with expanded subsistence area.

Status of Chilkat Lake Weir Added to the Agenda

Discussion of Chilkat Lake Weir: Randy Bachman informs committee that F&G will re-engineer the weir this spring for better lake access.

BOF PROPOSALS:

Proposal 133: Take no action. (unanimous) This was brought back to the floor by a motion to reconsider Motion to TNA made by Dean R. Seconded by Mike S.

Proposal 368: Take No Action. Motion by Mike S. 2nd by Dean R. 8 to 1. Passes.

Proposal 141 and 142: Motion to Oppose, Dean R. 2nd by Mike S. motion passes (Unanimous)

Proposal 152: Take No Action. Motion by Mike S. 2nd by John K. (unanimous)

Proposal 242 discussion with Public Barbara Lewis is opposed. Reading the minutes shows committee voted Take No Action last meeting. Public is satisfied with this and discussion ends.

Proposal 154: Motion to Take No Action by Dean R. 2nd Mike S. Motion fails 4 to 5.

Proposal 161: Opposed. Motion made by Mike S. 2nd Dean R. (unanimous)

Proposal 176: Take No Action Motion made by Mike S. 2nd Dave W. (unanimous)

Proposal 218: Opposed. Motion made by Dean R. 2nd Mike S. 7 to 2.

Proposal 236: Take No Action. Motion made by Dean R. 2nd John K. (unanimous)

Proposal 238: Take No Action. Made by Gary H. 2nd John K. (unanimous)

1/8

AC COMMENT# 5

Proposal 237: Opposed. Motion made by Dean R 2nd Mike S. (motion passes 7 to 2)
Proposal 267: Opposed. Motion made by Mike S. 2nd Tim M. (Motion passes 5 to 3)
Proposal 308: Support. Motion made by Dean 2nd Tim M (unanimous)
Discussion over hatchery King Salmon fin clipping
Time and Date for next meeting left to the Chair
Motion to Adjourn. Pases

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM.



UPPER LYNN CANAL FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE
COMMENTS on SHELLFISH PROPOSALS

RECEIVED
JAN 12 2009
504P 13

- Proposal# Page#
- 133 99 Oppose-We feel there is enough shellfish for everyone. Also there is already a limit for sport fishing for out of State fishermen.
- 141 107 Oppose-The fisherman who are fishing the small pots would be forced to put out a lot of money to get larger Pots or would be at a disadvantage of fishing smaller Pots.
- 142 107 Oppose-Would force fishermen to buy different pots at Great expense.
- 161 120 Oppose-The proposal is trying to make it cheaper for Ecotourists to charter a ecotour which would benefit the Tour operator.

Shannon:

I haven't written in the proposals that we didn't take any action on.

Thank you a ton for all your help. Will get the fish comments to you

later.

Gary

Upper Lynn Canal Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes, December 19, 2008
6:00pm, City of Haines municipal Building

6:10pm, call to order – Gary Hess, Chairman does role call for the record.

Duck Hess
Gary Hess
John Katzeek
Dave Werner
Dean Risely
Don Turner

Determined there is a quorum. Call to order.

ADF&G Staff present : Ryan Scott, Shannon Stone, Brian Elliott

Public turnout, see attached sign-in sheet.

First order of Business:

Ryan Scott discuss BOG findings for proposals regarding the Upper Lynn Canal area. Speaks to board findings and fields questions from both board and public present.

Gary Hess reads letter from Kevin Saxby, ADF&G DOL to all present regarding issue of illegal meat.

Next order of business:

Member of public communicates concern over commercial crab fishing in Portage Cove area. Stated he is having a problem with commercial fishermen sitting on his subsistence pots, cutting his lines and other illegal acts. Stated he has confronted the issue by both speaking to the fisherman responsible and reporting the aforementioned activities to the local authorities. Stated he has not seen any results and the behavior continues. Don Turner offered to speak to the local authorities for him on behalf of him and the AC.

Next, Elections:

Gary announces 3 seats open,
Mike Saunders nominated, seconded
Tim McDonough nominated, seconded
Duck Hess nominated, Duck declines nomination
Gary Hess nominated, seconded
All seats filled by unanimous votes in favor.
Election of officers – Gary Hess, re-elected to Chair, Les Katzeek, re-elected for Vice Chair, and Mike Saunders elected Secretary.

Conclusion of elections, Duck stands down and excuses himself from the meeting and Mike Saunders steps in as the newly elected member present to complete a quorum.

Next order of business – Addressing BOF proposals for both Southeast Shellfish and Finfish meetings.

Proposal 133 – Support. 4-2. Two members of the public opposed and 2 members of the public supported this one. Discussion touched on the fact that if shellfishing was closed to sport fishing, the subsistence and personal use would still get what they needed so they did not see a problem with this as shellfish is not really a catch and release fishery anyway.

Proposal 160 – No Action as Committee did not really have an opinion one way or another

Proposal 221 – Oppose. Committee felt this proposal was shortsighted and limiting to the Department. They did not agree it should be put into regulation to have 1 bag limit across the board and understood that if passed, essentially, that is what this would do.

Proposal 223 – No Action

Proposal 224 – No Action

Proposal 240 – Opposed. Committee feels the regulations already cover this issue and provide more than enough laxity already. It was agreed that the regulation as it stands should apply, nets should be attended while fishing.

Proposal 242 – No Action

Proposal 244 – Support. (5 support, 1 Abstain due to lack of knowledge on the subject). Additional comments provided.

Proposal 245 – Support. (4 support, 2 Abstain due to lack of knowledge on the subject). Additional comments provided.

Proposal 255 – Oppose. Committee felt this simply was not fair, people with less money or gear could not compete and would simply have to just not fish. Also felt it was a bit of a slippery slope.

Proposal 256 – Oppose. For the same reason as opposition to proposal 255.

Proposal 262 – Support.

Proposal 273 – Oppose. Would negatively impact the gillnet fleet. See attached comments.

Proposal 274 – Opposed. For the same reasons as stated for proposal 273, see attached comments.

Proposal 284 – Support. Felt this was a housekeeping proposal by the department.

Proposal 285 – Support. Again, felt this was housekeeping by the dept.

Proposal 286 – Motion to table to next meeting. Committee felt they did not have enough information to vote one way or another on this one as they were not sure of the author's intent due to the choice of the word domicile in the proposal. They felt that left the door too far open to interpretation (does it mean hotel room/camp site or place of permanent residence?)

Proposal 290 – No Action due to the fact that Brian Elliott, dept. staff commented that the department was going to withdraw the proposal.

Proposal 292 – Oppose. Due to the fact that the committee did not really feel Dolly Varden are a targeted species.

Proposal 295 – No Action.

Proposal 298 – Oppose. This is just laziness on the part of fishermen.

Proposal 300 – No Action.

Proposal 305 – Support. Due to information provided by Department staff and a member of the committee regarding the spread of invasive species due to these waders, the Committee felt this was a serious issue that deserved the Boards attention.

Proposal 368 – Tabled to next meeting. The Committee did not feel they had enough information at this time to vote on the issue. They chose to table this one till they had more information.

Next order of Business:

Nominated Mike Saunders to represent the ULC AC at the upcoming BOF southeast finfish meeting in Sitka.

Motion to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 10:00pm.

UPPER LYNN CANAL FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Comments on Board of Fish Proposals affecting Upper Lynn Canal

PROPOSAL 233: SUPPORT; This proposal from the committee. At issue is Conservation of local King Salmon stocks. Opportunity for subsistence users To target local sockeye stocks would only marginally be impinged.

PROPOSAL 242: No action.

PROPOSAL: 244: Support. Allocation issues in the commercial salmon fisheries prompted this proposal from our local gillnet representatives. The Committee voted to support the proposal.

PROPOSAL 245: SUPPORT: Allocation issues prompted this proposal by gillnet representatives in Juneau. The committee voted to support the proposal.

PROPOSAL 255: OPPOSED: Gillnet representatives on the committee were not in favor of this proposal and described how it would create two classes of gillnet fishermen. Many local fishermen from Haines, Kluckwan and Skagway would find it hard to compete in this two tiered system and a financial burden to have to purchase a second permit in order to remain competitive. It may not be in accord with the State Constitution. The committee voted to oppose.

PROPOSAL 256: OPPOSED: This proposal almost identical to 255 and the committee voted to oppose for the same reasons. That it would create an unnecessary hardship on the local gillnet fleet by having to re capitalize their investments in permits to remain competitive. The Committee voted to oppose.

PROPOSAL: 261: OPPOSED: Any increase in fishing pressure by the Seine fleet in Northern Chatham Straits/ Lower Lynn Canal would be detrimental to local Stocks for all user groups. The Committee voted to oppose.

PROPOSAL 262: SUPPORT: Some additional regulations may be necessary to protect sockeye in these mixed stock seine fisheries. The committee voted to support.

**Mike Saunders
Secretary**

Upper Lynn Canal Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

7/8

AL COMMENT# 5

UPPER LYNN CANAL FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Comments on Board of Fish proposals effecting Upper Lynn Canal

PROPOSAL: 273: OPPOSED: This proposal would change rotation time in the Deep Inlet SHA from current 2 to 1, Gillnet/Seine to 1 to 1. Gillnet representatives to the committee explained that on good years in Deep Inlet, up to 40% of our local fleet goes to and fishes there in August/September. If the rotation were changed to one to one, then very few Lynn Canal gillnetters would go to Sitka. The multiplier effects of this, include increased pressure on local wild stocks that would impact all user groups and perhaps escapement levels. And economic shortfalls to the Haines Borough that would effect all citizens as local processors that follow the fleet to Sitka would no longer be bringing back expected Raw Fish Tax revenue. In addition; fleets from Juneau and Petersburg that no longer find it profitable to go to Deep Inlet may instead come to Lynn Canal, putting more pressure on local wild stocks and further diminish revenues to local fishermen and processors, especially if those fish caught by the transient fleet are taken back to Petersburg and Juneau for processing thereby diluting further the Raw Fish Tax revenue that pays for Borough services. The committee voted to oppose.

PROPOSAL 274: OPPOSED: Identical to proposal 273, The committee voted to oppose for the same reasons as above for proposal 273.

PROPOSAL 284: IN FAVOR:

PROPOSAL 285: IN FAVOR

ACTIONS OF THE WRANGELL FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AT IT'S MEETINGS OF,
November 10, and November 24, 2008

Members Present 11/10/2008 (10)

Tom Sims	Tony Guggenbickler	Marlin Benedict
Chris Guggenbickler	Mike Bauer	Robert Rooney
Otto Florschutz	Janice Churchill	John Yeager
Brian Merritt, (Acting Secretary/Scribe)		

Members Present 11/24/2008 (12)

Tom Sims	David Rak	Chris Guggenbickler
Marlin Benedict	Janice Churchill	Tony Guggenbickler
Otto Florschutz	Alan Reeves	Robert Rooney
Bill Knecht	Randy Easterly	Mike Bauer

Following are the results of the Wrangell Advisory Committee actions on the shellfish proposals presented in the Alaska Board of Fisheries, 2008/2009 Proposal Book. Listed here are the proposals the Wrangell Committee chose to act upon during its November 2008 meetings.

The November 10 meeting was called to order by Tom Sims, Committee Chair at about 7 PM.

SOUTHEAST AND YAKUTAT SHELLFISH PROPOSALS

Proposal #133 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Tony (11/10/08)

Second by: Chris

Motion to table proposal by: Otto (11/10/08)

Second by: Chris

Number in favor to table action: 10

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Motion to consider tabled proposal 133 by: Otto (12/29/08)

Second by Bill

Number in favor to consider tabled proposal: 8

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Action on original Motion to Adopt Proposal 133 (12/29/08)

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 8

Number abstaining: 0

Comments 11/10/2008: This proposal would basically allow resident sport fisherman to harvest shellfish with a personal use license, but stop nonresidents from harvesting shellfish. Mike shared that this proposal has a chance of harming charter businesses and local out of town relatives who may want to catch some shellfish while visiting relatives. John shared that both residents and charter operators are harmed because of a lack of enforcement. Tom noted that since king salmon and halibut nonresident bag limits have been cut down in recent years, charter clients have switched to different species: ling cod, shrimp, crab etc. Tom also noted that in years past roughly 50,000 cohos a year were caught by nonresidents. Last year 600,000 cohos were caught! The Wrangell AC as a whole feels that Alaska should not be a meat fishery that allows nonresident fishermen to come and pillage the waters. The Wrangell AC would like to see limits placed on nonresidents in regards to crab, shrimp, lingcod etc. Concern was noted that some charter fishermen leave their pots in one spot and completely fish it out, this is very harmful.

Comments 12/29/2008: Closing shellfish harvest to all sport harvest would be a very broad action. Alaskan residents could continue to harvest shellfish as personal use or subsistence. Non resident sport fishers who want to set a pot as part of the Alaskan experience would suffer. The Wrangell AC prefers that proposal

RECEIVED TIME JAN. 9. 11:51AM

16

PRINT TIME JAN. 9. 11:54AM

A/C Comment# 6

Wrangell Advisory Committee November 2008

page 3 of 6

Proposal #144 OPPOSE
 Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Chris
 Number in favor: 0
 Number opposed: 10
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: The Wrangell AC assumed the area proposed for closure is a pot fish area. The Wrangell didn't want to impact a possible lucrative sidestripe fishery. Non Commercial fishing would happen before the commercial pot fishery opens.

Proposal #145 OPPOSE
 Motion to adopt by: Chris Second by: Otto
 Number in favor: 1
 Number opposed: 9
 Number abstaining: 0
 No Comments:

Proposals #146 and 147 NO ACTION
 No Comments

Proposal #148 OPPOSE
 Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Chris
 Number in favor: 0
 Number opposed: 10
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: Otto feels the crab fishery has been fine-tuned as much as possible. A lot of the people that bought crab permits plan/rely on the season staying set like it has been for the last 18 years.

Proposals #149 and 150 SUPPORT
 Motion to adopt by: Rob Second by: Otto
 Number in favor: 10
 Number opposed: 0
 Number abstaining: 0
 No Comments:

Proposal #151 SUPPORT
 Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Chris
 Number in favor: 8
 Number opposed: 0
 Number abstaining: 2
 No Comments:

Proposals #152 and 153 NO ACTION
 No Comments

Proposal #154 SUPPORT
 Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Chris
 Number in favor: 10
 Number opposed: 0
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: The first time the Wrangell AC looked at this and Otto shared that he testified in favor of this proposal. The proposal obviously didn't pass due to lack of support. One problem with this proposal is it only deals with Dungeness crab. The second time Otto supported this proposal at the State BOF; a board member stated that Brennan and Otto were trying to line their own pockets. This proposal does not deny residents from harvesting crab in these areas.

A/C Comment# 6

RECEIVED TIME JAN. 9. 11:51AM

3/6

PRINT TIME JAN. 9. 11:54AM

Wrangell Advisory Committee November 2008

page 4 of 6

Proposal #155 SUPPORT

Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Mike

Number in favor: 10

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This area is being abused by lodge owners, and commercial fishers can't fish there. Another state sanctioned meat fishery for foreigners.

Proposals #156 NO ACTION

No Comments

Proposal #157 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Chris

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 10

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: Pots could be moved to Whale Pass where it is closed to commercial fishing, charter clients continue to rape and pillage, another state sanctioned meat fishery for foreigners

Proposal #158 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Chris

Number in favor: 10

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: Same comments as 157, attempt to create another special area for charter folks.

Wrangell AC recess meeting until November 24, 2008.

The Wrangell AC resumes it meeting on November 24, 2008 at 7 PM.

Tom Sims, Chairperson, reported to the Committee on the following recent actions of the BOG:

- 1) Legal moose in GMU 1B and 3 now includes bull moose with two brow tines on both sides.
- 2) A tag will be requires for resident sport hunters to harvest black bears.
- 3) The harvest of elk on Zarembo Island had been closed because not enough elk had been harvested. The Wrangell AC would like the Area Biologist to educate the Committee on the guidelines used to close the hunt. What conditions need to exist to close and open the hunt?

Following are the results of the Wrangell Advisory Committee continued actions on the proposals presented in the Alaska Board of Fisheries, 2008/2009 Proposal Book.

Proposal #159 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Chris

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 11

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This Wrangell AC opposes this proposal for reasons similar to comments for proposals 157 and 158. The AC opposes closing areas to commercial harvest in favor of the charter/guide fleet. There are very few areas for the crab fishers and there are sea otters in Naukati who will impact the crab population.

Note: Mike Bauer joins the AC Meeting.

Proposal #160 SUPPORT

Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Alan

A/C Comment# 6

RECEIVED TIME JAN. 9. 11:51AM 4/6

PRINT TIME JAN. 9. 11:54AM

Wrangell Advisory Committee November 2008

page 5 of 6

Number in favor: 12

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would lower the limit of sport caught crab down to 3 crabs for non-residents. There would be no effect on personal use by AK residents. ADF&G needs a tool to manage crab harvest in small bays, and this proposal is a good start.

Proposal #161 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Bill

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 11

Number abstaining: 1

Comments: This proposal is too open ended and vague. It lacks specific information on keeping crab or not.

Proposal #162 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Otto

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 12

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would result in the loss of more commercial crab grounds.

Proposal #163 NO ACTION

No Comments

Proposal #164 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Otto

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 11

Number abstaining: 1

Comments: This proposal would be acceptable if subsistence harvesters were also required to use traditional king crab harvest gear, not 6' x 6' pots. The Wrangell AC is not in favor of proposals that could result in the limiting of commercial crab fishing that produces income for residents of SE-AK.

Proposals #165, 166, and 167 NO ACTION

No Comments

Proposal #168 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Bill

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 12

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This Wrangell AC feels that if stocks are low enough in an area to close the harvest for one use, harvest should be closed for all users of that that stock. ADF&G needs the right to manage a stock to all users. They should not be required to keep an area open to one user group while closing it to another. Sport and personal use can take more of a stock than commercial harvest in some areas. The large populations in Juneau and Sitka can impact the stocks in Peril Straits.

Proposal #169 SUPPORT

Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Chris

Number in favor: 12

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This ADF&G proposal is for an action that needs to be done to get the gear out of the water 2 weeks before the season opens.

A/C Comment# 6

RECEIVED TIME JAN. 9. 11:51AM

5/6

PRINT TIME JAN. 9. 11:54AM

Wrangell Advisory Committee November 2008

page 6 of 6

Proposal #170 NO ACTION
 Comments: Prefer proposal #169.

Proposals #171, 172, and 173 NO ACTION
 No Comments

Proposal #174 OPPOSE
 Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Otto
 Number in favor: 0
 Number opposed: 11
 Number abstaining: 1

Comments: This proposal is an allocation issue where some people are more equal than others are. The Wrangell AC is not in favor of deleting the last sentence as described in the proposal as it agrees that commercial use of crab is historic, economically important, and should be maintained. However, ADF&G needs to get a handle on the number of crabs that are harvested.

Proposals #175, 176, 179 and 179 NO ACTION
 No Comments

Proposal #179 SUPPORT
 Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Bill
 Number in favor: 12
 Number opposed: 0
 Number abstaining: 0

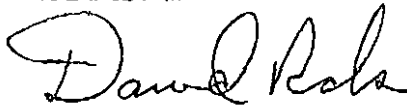
Comments: This house keeping proposal would allow golden king crab to be taken in a tanner pot by a dual permit holder. The crabber must hold both permits. It is assumed the golden king stocks are adequate for harvest, and that only legal size king crabs would be kept. It is also assumed that the crabber has only one legal limit of gear in the water. And it was noted that the escape ring in a tanner pot is not large enough for king crab, but this should not be an issue for a 5-day season.

Proposals #180 NO ACTION
 Comments: Would this proposal change the harvest? Do square pots catch more than cone pots? Concur that the pots can catch halibut.

Proposals #181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, and 198
 NO ACTION
 No Comments

Note: Wrangell Advisory Committee meeting was recessed until December 1 2008.

/s/David Rak



DAVID RAK
 Wrangell AC Secretary

A/C Comment# 6

RECEIVED TIME JAN. 9. 11:51AM

6/6

PRINT TIME JAN. 9. 11:54AM

East Prince Of Wales (EPOW) Fish and Game Advisory Committee

EPOW Advisory Committee:

The East Prince of Wales AC met several times between October 28 and December 3, 2008 to discuss Board of Fisheries Proposals. Not all members were present at all meetings, but a quorum was at least present at meetings where voting on proposals did take place. Not all Public members listed, or all ADF&G staff listed were present at all meetings. Meetings typically started at around 6:00 p.m. and ended at 9:00 p.m. Meetings were held in the conference room at the USFS Office in Thorne Bay.

EPOW Members:

Jim Beard, Thorne Bay, Sport Fisherman and Hunter, USFS Fish Biologist
Doug Black, Thorne Bay, Trapper and Commercial Fisherman
Jana Carpenter, Thorne Bay, Sport Fisherwoman and Hunter, B&B Owner
Bryce Brucker, Coffman Cove, Charter Boat Operator, Hunter
Lavenia Sylvia, Thorne Bay, Outdoors woman, Photography (Hobby), Conservationist, resigned
in December 2008
Raymond Slayton, Thorne Bay, Subsistence Hunter and Fisherman, Trapper, USFS Wildlife
Technician
Jim McFarland, Thorne Bay, Sport Fisherman, Retail Store owner

Public Present:

Richard M. Cabe, Thorne Bay resident, business owner,
Lynnette Carlson, Thorne Bay resident and commercial fisherman
Bill Carlson, Thorne Bay resident and commercial fisherman
Frank Wetherbee, Coffman Cove resident, lodge owner
Charlie Jennings, Thorne Bay resident and commercial fisherman

ADF&G Present:

Steve McCurdy, ADF&G Craig, Sports Fish Division (via teleconference)
Scott Walker, ADF&G Ketchikan, Commercial Fish Division (via teleconference)
Justin Breese, ADF&G Ketchikan, Commercial Fish Division (via teleconference)

ADF&G Biologists helped clarify many of the shellfish proposals. For example: the definition of "Personal Use" vs "Sport" fishing. An Alaskan resident with a sports license is referred to as "personal use fishing", any non-Alaskan with a sports license is referred to as "sports fishing"

Proposal details at a Glance

East Prince Of Wales (EPOW) Advisory Committee

Table 1. Final tally on EPOW proposals

Proposal	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Chair calls...	Date of vote
133	3	2		Support carries	10/29/08
134				No Action	10/29/08
135	5	1		Support Carries *Doug Black arrived.	10/29/08
136	1	5		Opposition Carries	10/29/08
137	0	5		Opposition carries *Bryce left the meeting due to illness	10/29/08
368	0	7		Opposition carries	11/15/08
139	5	0		Support carries	10/29/08
140	0	5		Opposition carries	11/24/08
141	0	5		Opposition carries	10/29/08
142	0	5		Opposition carries	10/29/08
143				No Action	11/15/08
144				No Action	10/29/08
145	0	5		Opposition carries	10/29/08
146	0	5		Opposition carries	10/29/08
147	5	0		Support carries	10/29/08
148	0	7		Opposition carries	11/15/08
149	0	7		Opposition carries	11/15/08
150	0	7		Opposition carries	11/15/08
151	5	0		Support carries	10/29/08
152	7	0		Support carries	11/15/08
153				No Action	11/15/08
154	1	3		Opposition carries	11/15/08
155	2	5		Opposition carries	11/15/08
156				No Action	11/15/08
157	5	2		Support carries	11/15/08
158				No Action	11/15/08
159	4	3		Support carries	11/15/08
160	5	2		Support carries	11/15/08
161	0	5		Opposition carries	11/24/08
162	0	5		Opposition carries	11/24/08
163	0	5		Opposition carries	11/24/08
164				No Action	11/15/08
165				No Action	11/15/08
166				No Action	11/15/08

167				No Action	11/15/08
168				No Action	11/15/08
169	4	0	3	Support carries	11/15/08
170	4	1		Support carries	11/24/08
171				No Action	11/24/08
172				No Action	11/24/08
173				No Action	11/24/08
174				No Action	11/24/08
175	0	5		Opposition carries	11/24/08
176	5	0		Support carries	11/24/08
177	0	5		Opposition carries	11/24/08
178	0	5		Opposition carries	11/24/08
179				No Action	12/03/08
180				No Action	12/03/08
181				No Action	12/03/08
182				No Action	12/03/08
183	5	0		Support carries	11/24/08
184				No Action	12/03/08
185				No Action	12/03/08
186	5	0		Support carries	11/24/08
187				No Action	12/03/08
188	0	6		Opposition carries	12/03/08
189	0	6		Opposition carries	12/03/08
190	0	6		Opposition carries	12/03/08
191	0	6		Opposition carries	12/03/08
192	6	0		Support carries	12/03/08
193				No Action	11/24/08
194	5	0		Support carries	11/24/08
195	6	0	0	Support carries	12/03/08
196	0	3	3	Opposition carries	12/03/08
197				No Action	12/03/08
198	4	0	1	Support carries	11/24/08

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC supports

Date: 10/29/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
133	Close Southeast Alaska to sports fishing for shellfish	Jeff Farvour	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
	Jim Beard	
Ray Slayton		
Lavenia Sylvia		
	Bryce Brucker	
Jana Carpenter		

Doug Black was not present during this vote

Support

The AC members who supported this proposal expressed conservation concerns.

Oppose:

Opposing members expressed concerns that this proposal, if passed as it stands, will impact visitors (i.e. family members, visiting residents), summer people who own property in the Southeast, "weekenders" as well as charter and other tourist businesses.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW—no action

Date: 10/29/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
134	Close sport shellfish fishing in the Sitka Sound Special Use Area and restrict charter vessel use May 15-Sept. 15.	Zach LaPerriere	No Action

After discussion AC committee decided for No Action due to being outside of Southern SE Alaska area.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC supports

Date: 10/29/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
135	Require that sport shellfish post and rings be pulled by hand	Tad Fujioka	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
Jana Carpenter		
Lavenia Sylvia		
Ray Slayton		
*Doug Black		
Jim Beard		
	Bryce Bruckner	

* Doug Black arrives.

Support:

AC members expressed concerns regarding abuse depleting shrimp in areas like Union Bay by visitors who fill “chests” with shrimp for non-personal and non-commercial, and non-true sports uses, without regards to others who rely on the shrimp for their livelihood or true personal use.

Oppose:

Those opposed felt that this proposal was another anti-visitor proposal that would contribute towards chasing away tourist monies to the Southeast.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposes

Date: 10/29/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
136	Require tunnel eye openings in sport crab posts not exceed 5 inches in height and prohibit top loading pots for nonresidents	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
*Bryce Bruckner	Jana Carpenter	
	Lavenia Sylvia	
	Ray Slayton	
	Doug Black	
	Jim Beard	

*Bryce left after this vote. He attended the meeting via teleconference due to illness up to this point.

Support:

The AC Member supporting felt that this would protect sports fishing.

Oppose:

This proposal was confusing, and not clearly written; for example, it does not draw distinction for out of state sports and out of state charter sports fishing

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposes as written; would support if amended

Date: 10/29/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
137	Establish a sport fish bag and possession limit for all species of fish that do not currently have a bag and possession limit.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
	Jana Carpenter	
	Doug Black	
	Ray Slayton	
	Lavenia Sylvia	
	Jim Beard	

Support:

Not as the proposal is written.

Note: AC members would support if amended so that bag limits for individual species be established by ADF&G

Oppose:

Committee members expressed concern about the species that do not have bag limits established, too many may be taken as proposed.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposes

Date: Tabled 10/29/08, voted 11/15/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
368	Establish possession limits for nonresidents at one daily bag limit for species not already specified.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
	Jana Carpenter	
	Doug Black	
	Ray Slayton	
	Lavenia Sylvia	
	Jim Beard	
	Bryce Brucker	
	Jim McFarland	

Support:

None

Oppose:

The committee members expressed concern that the definition of "possession" was not clear. For example possession limit differs from bag limit.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC supports

Date: 10/29/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
139	Reduce the sport bag and possession limit for shrimp.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
Jana Carpenter		
Doug Black		
Ray Slayton		
Lavenia Sylvia		
Jim Beard		

Support:

AC members felt that non resident take from charter fishing sometimes went beyond "sport" fishing. At times may effect personal use & commercial catch.

Oppose:

None.

10/46

A/C Comment# 7

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposed, would support with amendment

Date: 10/29/08, 11/15/08 tabled, voted 11/2/09

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
140	Amend reporting requirements for commercial shrimp fishery in Registration Area A.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
	Jana Carpenter	
	Doug Black	
	Ray Slayton	
	Jim McFarland	
	Jim Beard	

Discussion: ADF&G explained that this proposal was a housekeeping proposal to reduce failure and/or extended delays in reporting to F&G in KTN when they start and stop fishing. These delays or failures result in erroneous estimates by the F&G on estimates that lead to under fishing or overfishing.

Lynnette and Bill were concerned about the short window of time provided if they stop or start fishing Friday night – F&G is not open over the weekend of holidays.

The pros and cons of new technological options of communicating with ADF&G was explored with the conclusion that there is no failsafe method of getting information across to the ADF&G under the aforementioned conditions.

There was additional discussion over the definitions refined in the proposal. ADF&G explained their attempt to get their arms around the loopholes in the current definition.

Lynnette offered a shorter definition that ADF&G would have to study. The decision was made to table the proposal initially. The AC supports the proposal but would additionally prefer the following amendment ...48 hrs, exception weekends/holidays” to avoid “making criminals out of honest folks”

Support:

None as written. Would support amendment, see above.

Oppose:

AC in general agreement, but not in agreement with the change from 72 to 48 hour call-in, and the definition of "catcher processor"

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposes

Date: 10/29/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
141	Amend pot limit in Southeast Alaska spot shrimp fishery to 100 pots no larger than 48 inches.	Alan Reeves	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
	Jana Carpenter	
	Doug Black	
	Ray Slayton	
	Lavenia Sylvia	
	Jim Beard	

Support:

None

Oppose:

“Beating a dead horse”; this problem previously addressed at previous BOF meetings. Sounds like this person does not want to adjust to current regulations.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposes

Date: 10/29/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
142	Amend shrimp pot size limit to 140 36-inch small pots or 100 48-inch large pots.	Alan Reeves	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
	Jana Carpenter	
	Doug Black	
	Ray Slayton	
	Lavenia Sylvia	
	Jim Beard	

Support:

None

Oppose:

AC felt this was the same in intent as 141. Same reasoning for opposing.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: tabled 10/29/08, voted 11/15/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
143	Eliminate the 10 percent trip bycatch limit on coonstripe shrimp for beamtrawlers and replace with a harvest level in pounds for each area or bay.	Dennis Sperl	No Action

Tabled 10/29/08; After discussion, AC decided to take NO ACTION as no committee members or public present at meeting knew enough about the potential impact on the industry.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: 10/29/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
144	Amend pot limit in Southeast Alaska spot shrimp fishery to 100 pots no larger than 48 inches.	Alan Reeves	No Action

No Action----Out of Area

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposes

Date: 10/29/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
145	Specify crab measurement devices and allow for broken spines.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
	Jana Carpenter	
	Doug Black	
	Ray Slayton	
	Lavenia Sylvia	
	Jim Beard	

Support:

None.

Oppose:

Based on the phrasing in the proposal, one could conclude that the fishermen are not sizing the crabs before reaching dock. They should follow the spirit and intent of the law as it stands and throw out the undersized and broken crabs. *Why make it complicated when it does not necessarily need to be so?*

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposes

Date: 10/29/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
146	Allow a 2 percent tolerance for mistakes made in sorting crab.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
	Jana Carpenter	
	Doug Black	
	Ray Slayton	
	Lavenia Sylvia	
	Jim Beard	

Support:

None.

Oppose:

The committee members discussed the merits and decided that fishermen should comply with current law and sort by measuring before they reach towns/harbors.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC supports

Date: 10/29/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
147	Modify sport fish definition on of a legal size Dungeness crab.	Department of Public Safety, Alaska Wildlife Troopers	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
Jana Carpenter		
Doug Black		
Ray Slayton		
Lavenia Sylvia		
Jim Beard		

Support:

This is a housekping issue to make the proposal as it stands more enforceable by clarifying the definition in the regulation for sports, commercial, and personal the same in all regulatory documents.

Oppose:

None.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposes

Date: tabled 10/29/08, voted 11/15/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
148	Change season dates for Dungeness crab fishery.	Dick Gregg	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
	Jana Carpenter	
	Doug Black	
	Ray Slayton	
	Lavenia Sylvia	
	Jim Beard	
	Bryce Brucker	
	Jim McFarland	

Tabled 10/29/08

Support:

None

Oppose:

The AC, after discussion of the season changes and impact on commercial crabbing, the consensus was that the current setup defined by the State is "working" and did not see a reason to support the proposal.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposed

Date: tabled 10/29/08, voted 11/15/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
149	Match the season description of Districts 1 and 2 with all other waters of Registration Area A.	Ryan M. Littleton	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
	Jana Carpenter	
	Doug Black	
	Ray Slayton	
	Lavenia Sylvia	
	Jim Beard	
	Bryce Brucker	
	Jim McFarland	

Tabled 10/29/08

Support:

None

Oppose:

This proposal is similar to proposal 148.

19/46

A/C Comment# 7

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposed

Date: tabled 10/29/08, voted 11/15/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
150	Match the season description of Districts 1 and 2 with all other waters of Registration Area A.	Ryan Littleton	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
	Jana Carpenter	
	Doug Black	
	Ray Slayton	
	Lavenia Sylvia	
	Jim Beard	
	Bryce Brucker	
	Jim McFarland	

Tabled 10/29/08.

Support:

None.

Oppose:

This proposal is similar to proposals 148 and 149

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC supports

Date: 10/29/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
151	Allow flexibility in Dungeness crab management plan if soft shell crab landings significantly affect harvest forecast.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
Jana Carpenter		
Doug Black		
Ray Slayton		
Lavenia Sylvia		
Jim Beard		

Support:

The intent of the ADF&G is to exercise more flexibility in deferring end of crab season. Sometimes the soft-shelled crabs harden later in the season; being able to change the length of the season based on new data is preferable.

Oppose:

None

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC supports

Date: tabled 10/29/08, voted 11/15/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
152	Require all permit holders to be onboard vessel when multiple permits are used in Dungeness crab fishery.	Ryan M. Littleton and Ralph A. Strickland	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
Jana Carpenter		
Doug Black		
Ray Slayton		
Lavenia Sylvia		
Jim Beard		
Bryce Brucker		
Jim McFarland		

Tabled 10/29/08.

Issue is "stacking" of pots and permits. Enforcement is an issue as there is "finger-pointing" if there are illegal pots.

Support:

The AC is concerned that permit stacking is not enforceable as the law stands, and that proposal 152 will help change that situation.

Oppose:

None.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: tabled 10/29/08, voted 11/15/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
153	Prohibit use of two permits in Dungeness crab fishery.	Dick Gregg	No Action

The AC voted to take no action since the intent of 153 is similar to the intent of 152 in that proposal 153 is enforceable but handled differently. The methodology defined in 152 is preferred.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposes, would support with amendment

Date: 10/29/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
154	Close sport fishing for Dungeness crab in areas closed to commercial fishing.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
Doug Black	Jana Carpenter	
	Lavenia Sylvia	
	Jim Beard	

Support:

Why are non-resident fishermen not currently regulated when commercial are? Question though on enforceability?

Oppose:

2 out of 3 votes would support with amendment to clarify enforcement. Other opposal is because would hurt local Lodges in those cities, towns, villages were closed to commercial fishing.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposed

Date: tabled 10/29/08, voted 11/15/08

Proposa

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
155	Open commercial Dungeness crab fishing during fall season in Twelve-mile Arm closed area.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
Jana Carpenter		
Doug Black		
	Ray Slayton	
	Lavenia Sylvia	
	Jim Beard	
	Bryce Brucker	
	Jim McFarland	

Discussion: ADF&G pointed out this was for Whale Pass, not 12-mile. Discussion on whether there was a conservation reason for the restriction of commercial fishing in Whales Pass. Some felt that the issue was one of allocation rather than conservation. Also concern was expressed over the confusion and lack of clarity in the language and mistakes in location description, etc.

Support:

AC members that supported wanted to see opportunity for commercial fishermen.

Oppose:

The AC members who opposed were concerned about impact of commercial crabbing on local community and that local community would have no area to crab. The area is small and there has been competition between commercial crab pots and locals in the past, with the small local community losing to the systematic methods employed by commercial crabbers.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: 11/15/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
156	Reopen Chaik Bay to commercial Dungeness crab fishing.	Pete Roddy	No Action

After discussion, the AC unanimously decided to take no action on this proposal as it is outside the area of knowledge of members and attending public.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC supported

Date: 11/15/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
157	Close waters near Coffman Cove to commercial Dungeness crab fishing during summer months.	Bryce R. Bucker	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
	Jana Carpenter	
	Doug Black	
Ray Slayton		
Lavenia Sylvia		
Jim Beard		
Bryce Brucker		
Jim McFarland		

Support:

The members who support wanted to ensure harvest for local community.

Oppose:

Those opposed were concerned of the loss of commercial fishing ground.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: 11/15/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
158	Close commercial Dungeness crab fishing from the north end Wrangell Narrows to Mountain Point for five years.	Steve Burrell	No Action

Unanimously voted No Action – Out of area.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC supported

Date: 11/15/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
159	Close Naukati Bay to commercial crab fishing.	Larry Wilkinson	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
	Jana Carpenter	
	Doug Black	
Ray Slayton		
	Lavenia Sylvia	
Jim Beard		
Bryce Brucker		
Jim McFarland		

Support:

The members who support wanted to ensure harvest for local community

Oppose:

Those opposed were concerned of the loss of commercial fishing ground.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC supported

Date: 11/15/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
160	Reduce sport bag and possession limits for Dungeness and tanner crab.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
Jana Carpenter		
Doug Black		
Ray Slayton		
Lavenia Sylvia		
	Jim Beard	
	Bryce Brucker	
Jim McFarland		

Support:

AC members who supported felt that the number of crab bags should be reduced from 5 to 3 crab bags per day. There was additional discussion supporting a yearly limit.

Oppose:

Members who opposed felt that there was no current problems with the regulations as they currently stand.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposed

Date: tabled 11/15/08, voted 11/24/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
161	Allow ecotourism clients without sport fishing licenses to handle gear or fish under direct supervision of registered guide.	Patricia Shaughnessy	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
	Jana Carpenter	
	Doug Black	
	Ray Slayton	
	Jim McFarland	
	Jim Beard	

Support:

None.

Oppose:

The consensus is that fishing requires a license and no special privileges be given.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposed

Date: tabled 11/15/08, voted 11/24/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
162	Allow ecotourism clients without sport fishing licenses to handle gear or fish under direct supervision of registered guide.	Patricia Shaughnessy	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
	Jana Carpenter	
	Doug Black	
	Ray Slayton	
	Jim McFarland	
	Jim Beard	

Support:

None.

Oppose:

The AC felt the commissioner already has authority to reduce the number of allowable pots and that a biological basis does not need to be substantiated.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposed

Date: tabled 11/15/08, voted 11/24/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
163	Increase number of pots and lifts per vessel in the George Inlet superexclusive guided sport Dungeness crab fishery.	Patricia Shaughnessy	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
	Jana Carpenter	
	Doug Black	
	Ray Slayton	
	Jim McFarland	
	Jim Beard	

Support:

None.

Oppose:

All opposed to proposal 163 as it just adds more pots and lifts.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: 11/15/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
164	Recognize customary and traditional use of king crab in the Hoonah Area.	Icy Straits AC	No Action

All members voted to take no action -- out of immediate area.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: 11/15/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
165	Open Port Frederick to subsistence and personal use king crab fishing.	Icy Straits AC	Oppose

All members voted to take no action -- out of immediate area.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: 11/15/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
166	Establish a customary and traditional use finding for red king crab in Section 6-A, District 8, and portion of District 10.	Brent Akers	No Action

All members voted to take no action -- out of immediate area.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: 11/15/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
167	Designate king crab in area 13B and 13C as a subsistence resource.	Robert J Hartman	No Action

All members voted to take no action -- out of immediate area.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: 11/15/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
168	Close sport fishing for Dungeness crab in areas closed to commercial fishing.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	No Action

All members voted to take no action -- out of immediate area.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC supports

Date: 11/15/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
169	Close personal use and sport season for Tanner crab prior to opening king crab season.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
Jana Carpenter		
		Doug Black
		Ray Slayton
Lavenia Sylvia		
Jim Beard		
Bryce Brucker		
		Jim McFarland

Support: AC members supported the ADF&G sponsored regulation's goal of preventing crabbers prospecting for King Crab under the guise of hunting for Tanner Crabs.

Oppose: None.

Abstain: Did not know enough information on subject to make a vote.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC supports

Date: 11/24/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
170	Close sport and personal use Tanner crab fisheries prior to start of personal use red and blue king crab fishery.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
4	1	0

Support:

Closes for shorter time frame than proposal 169, less impact to fishermen

Oppose:

Because shorter time frame than proposal 169.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: 11/24/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
171	Start personal use king crab season in Hoonah sound July 1.	Jon M. Shennett	No Action

All members voted to take no action -- out of immediate area.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: 11/24/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
172	Align seasonal closures for red and blue king crab subsistence and personal use fisheries in Yakutat.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	No Action

All members voted to take no action -- out of immediate area.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: 11/24/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
173	Change allocation of red and blue king crab to personal use fishery in Section 11.	Petersburg Vessel Owners Association	No Action

All members voted to take no action -- out of immediate area.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: 11/24/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
174	Restrict commercial crab fishing in Section 11-A to rebuild stocks.	Territorial Sportsmen, Inc	No Action

All members voted to take no action -- out of immediate area.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposed

Date: 11/24/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
175	Specify a seven day long red and blue king crab fishery in Registration Area A.	Roger Gregg	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support:

None

Oppose:

ADF&G has option to close by emergency order if needed. Better to error on side of resource.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC supports

Date: 11/24/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
176	Amend bag limit and season for personal use king crab fishery.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support:

Gives ADF&G and Board of Fish flexibility

Oppose:

None

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposed

Date: 11/24/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
177	Increase seasonal quota for golden king crab in management areas.	Southeast King and Tanner Task Force	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support:

None

Oppose:

Current GHl's adequate. If areas can sustain more harvest, emergency order would allow.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposed

Date: 11/24/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
178	Set guideline harvest ranges based on logbook information and dockside sampling.	Yancey Nilsen	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support:

None

Oppose:

Let ADF&G manage as it has.

36/46

A/C Comment# 7

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: Tabled 11/24/08, voted 12/03/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
179	Allow king crab to be taken in a Tanner pot if both seasons are open and both permits are held.	Southeast King and Tanner Task Force	No Action

AC decided No Action – Not familiar with issue.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: Tabled 11/24/08, voted 12/03/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
180	Prohibit square pots for taking golden king crab in Southeast Alaska.	Steven Thynes	No Action

AC decided No Action – Not familiar with issue.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: Tabled 11/24/08, voted 12/03/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
181	Modify Tanner crab management plan and reporting requirements.	Southeast King and Tanner Task Force	No Action

AC decided No Action – Not familiar with issue.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: Tabled 11/24/08, voted 12/03/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
182	Specify two week long Tanner crab fishery in Registration Area A.	Roger Gregg	No Action

AC decided No Action – Not familiar with issue.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC supports

Date: 11/24/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
183	Extend gear storage time to 5 days for Tanner crab fishery in Registration Area A.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support:

Will fix inconsistencies with previous decisions.

Oppose:

None.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: Tabled 11/24/08, voted 12/03/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
184	Allow 120 pots for vessels with two Tanner permits onboard.	Southeast King and Tanner Task Force	No Action

AC decided on No Action – don't know enough about issue.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC

Date: Tabled 11/24/08, voted 12/03/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
185	Allow additional pots if two permits are held.	Southeast King and Tanner Task Force	No Action

AC decided on No Action – don't know enough about issue.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC

Date: 11/24/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
186	Require escape rings on pots used in personal use, subsistence, and sport fishing for Tanner crab.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: Appears to be a good stock/conservation measure.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: 12/03/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
187	Move opening date in Yakutat District 16 scallop fishery from July 1 to June 1.	Alaska Scallop Association	No Action

All members voted to take no action -- out of immediate area.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposed

Date: 12/03/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
188	Establish equal share program for geoduck fishery.	Sitka Geoduck Marketing Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support:

None

Oppose:

To prevent monopoly on the harvest and unfair practices.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposed

Date: 12/03/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
189	Change start date of geoduck season to July 1.	Sitka Geoduck Marketing Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose:

Regulatory issue—let ADF&G manage; PSP issues in earlier months.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposed

Date: 12/03/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
190	Establish trip limits for geoduck fishery.	Sitka Geoduck Marketing Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: Similar to proposal 188, prevent monopoly on the harvest and unfair practices.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposed

Date: 12/03/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
191	Divide management area in Southeast into two areas for geoduck fishery.	Sitka Geoduck Marketing Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: Similar to proposal 188, prevent monopoly on the harvest and unfair practices.

42/46

A/C Comment# 1

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC supported

Date: 12/03/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
192	Allow sub-regional area registration for geoduck fishery in Registration Area A.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
6	0	0

Support: Will allow ADF&G to manage better.

Oppose: None

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: 11/24/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
193	Correct latitude reference for closed area in Kliuchevoi Bay in District 13.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	No Action

AC decided No Action – outside of area

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC supported

Date: 11/24/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
194	Allow use of tenders in sea cucumber fishery.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: Good for product and for fisherman

Oppose: None

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC supported

Date: 12/03/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
195	Move boundary for commercial sea cucumber fishery to the north end of St. Philip Island.	Klawock Fish and Game Advisory Committee	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
6	0	0

Support: Leaves sea cucumbers for community—personal use & subsistence

Oppose: None

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC opposed

Date: 12/03/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
196	Reopen Clover Pass area near Ketchikan to commercial sea cucumber fishing.	SARDFA	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	3	3

Support: None

Oppose: Keep area as it is now.

Abstain: Did not know much about the issue to make to cast a vote.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC decided No Action

Date: 12/03/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
197	Delete onboard observer requirement for red sea urchin fishery.	Tom Carruth	No Action

AC decided No Action – Did not know enough about issue.

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC supported

Date: 11/24/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
198	Develop an octopus management plan with octopus as a bycatch only species.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
4	0	1

Support: Seemed logical.

Oppose: None.

Abstain: Did not know enough about issue to vote.

Petersburg Fish and Game Advisory Committee December 16, 2008

RECEIVED
JAN 09 2009
BOARDS

The Petersburg Advisory Committee met at 7:00 Pm to consider Shellfish proposals. Attending from the ADF&G were Joe Stratman, Troy Thynes, Doug Fleming. There were 10 members present, which was a quorum.

Proposal #

187 No Action
 188 Carried 9/0
 189 Failed 0/10
 190 No Action
 191 Failed 0/10
 192 Carried 10/0
 193 Carried 10/0
 194 Carried 10/0
 195 Failed 0/10
 196 Carried 10/0
 197 Failed 0/10
 198 Carried 10/0
 133 Failed 0/10
 134 Failed 0/10
 135 Failed 0/10
 136 Failed 0/10
 137 Failed 0/10
 138 No Action, same as # 137.
 139 Carried 10/0
 140 Carried 10/0
 141 Failed 0/10
 142 Failed 0/10
 143 Carried 10/0
 144 Failed 0/10
 145 Failed 0/10
 146 Failed 2/8
 147 Carried 10/0
 148 Failed 0/9 One member left the meeting.
 149 Carried 9/0
 150 No Action, Same as #149
 151 Carried 9/0
 152 Carried 9/0
 153 Failed 0/9 We felt proposal #152 was better than #153.
 154 Carried 10/0
 155 Carried 8/2 There was confusion about area described in the proposal.
 156 Carried 9/1

RECEIVED TIME JAN. 9. 4:57PM

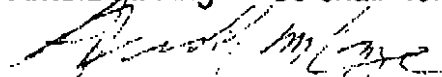
1/2

A/C Comment# 8

- 157 Failed 0/10
158 Failed 0/10
159 Failed 0/9
160 Failed 0/9
161 Failed 0/9
162 Failed 0/9
163 Carried 6/3 In an exclusive use area and until a conservation problem is identified, some members saw no reason to limit pot lifts.
164 No Action
165 No Action
166 Carried 9/0
167 Failed 0/9
168 Failed 0/9 see # 176
169 Carried 9/0
170 No Action due to # 169
171 No Action
172 Carried 9/0
173 Carried 7/1 one abstention. Most members felt if commercial fishing was closed for conservation; those crab should be saved for stock rebuilding.
174 Failed 0/8 one abstention.
175 Failed 0/9
176 Carried 9/0
177 Carried 9/0
178 Failed 0/8
179 Carried 8/0
180 Carried 7/1 Most members felt that if square pots have bad buy-catch reputation with halibut something needs to be done. We realize that the impact is relatively minor since most fishermen have given up fishing square pots. We also feel that some sort of phase out of gear be employed so those fishermen who own square's don't have to go right and buy new gear.
181 Failed 0/8
182 Failed 0/8
183 Carried 8/0
184 Carried 8/0 We feel that consolidating effort has worked in some fisheries and would probably be beneficial in this fishery as well.
185 Carried 8/0
187 Carried 8/0

The Petersburg Advisory Committee adjourned at 11:30 PM.

Arnold M. Enge vice chair for:



Mike Bangs Chairman

A/C Comment# 8