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Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee

January 5, 2016

BP Energy Center, located at 900 E Benson Blvd

- I. Call to Order: Time by 6:30pm by Joel Doner
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Eric Weiss, Kevin Taylor, Phil Calhoun, Frank Neumann, Joel Doner, Norm Statem, Gerold, (Jerry) Gugel, Neil DeWitt, Willow Hetrick, Martin Weiser, Trevor Rollman, Kenny Rodgers.
Members Absent: Brian Nelson, Brett Barringer, Donald Sutherland, Dwight Johnson.
Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: Alaska Salmon Alliance
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Neil DeWitt moved to approve meeting agenda, motion seconded by Frank Neumann. All in favor, no opposed. Minutes for January 5, 2016 approved.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date:
Kevin Taylor motioned to approve minutes, Frank Neumann seconded motion. Minutes from November 3, 2015 approved as written.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
David Battle, Wildlife Biologist III, and Cory Stantor, Wildlife Biologist II.

Update from David Battle – second year in a row that conditions were not met to conduct surveys. Trying a new analysis method under guidance of Dave Sofeld within 14C. Used to use Gassaway developed in the 1980's (namely on JBER and Upper Ship Creek). Also do a combination of Gassaway + minimum counts in other drainages. In 2015/2016 planned on doing Gassaway method on the entire 14C but weather did not permit. Although there was snow on the ground, the Department need complete snow coverage, including coverage underneath trees, or else observers could miss moose bed down under trees. Try to wait for at least 12 inches of snow, but can do it with a little less than that. This year (2015) there was one day of potentially surveys, but airspace was shut down due to Presidential visit, then the weather warmed up. Typical window: from time of good snow conditions to a window of 3-4 weeks. Dec 8-10, too many bulls have dropped their antlers (typical of 14C moose to drop early) and sex composition is harder to get. Also, too many moose are leaving the survey areas as moose disperse into City in the winter. Flying the survey too late will skew the #'s. At this point, it is *unlikely* that the Department will survey the greater Anchorage area. There are metrics that the Department can use to estimate (to an extent) that there shouldn't be a high winter kill rate this coming winter unless snow falls. Department is suggesting an increase # of moose in the Anchorage bowl. With no snow in predicated in the next two weeks, survey is likely not going to be conducted.

Q (Neil DeWitt): Would there be any benefit of a total count in the Anchorage bowl? Can you still tell from the air the sex if the antlers have dropped.

A (David Battle): If we were in a different area, it may still be beneficial; areas like Kenai where there are large open tracts of land it would be beneficial. In Anchorage, an unknown percentage that move into

the City and the moose are not easily identifiable amongst buildings, etc. Sexing the animal is doable if conditions are ideal, but from a safe altitude, it's not beneficial.

Still planning on flying 20 Mile/Placer/Portage this regulatory year; moose in this area do not leave this survey area. When #'s in this area increase, there tends to be a high die off/waste when there is a year of high snow so the Department will issue more tags in this instance. Will not be able to provide a definitive bull/cow ratio, may be able to tell cow/calf ratios.

Q (Neil DeWitt): Future (next year) thoughts on a count for the greater Anchorage area since we are going into 2 years of no snow.

A (Dave Battle): Looking into thermal imagery technology to possibly count. At recent moose conferences, companies have been producing papers and research on thermal imaging from airborne platforms. Problem right now is cost of survey. As an estimate, it costs \$5,000 for Department vs. \$100,000 for thermal imaging survey. This is a 'pie in the sky' thought from the Department but it would help for years of low snow fall.

A (Corey Stanton): Need new survey pilots especially when Mat-Su and Anchorage area biologists need to fly at the same time. Would like a larger pool of pilots on board so that the Anchorage biologists do not have to compete with Mat-Su biologists when pilot schedules do not work well with survey timing.

A (Dave Battle): Need two pilots for the JBER surveys, but need at least 2-3 more to fly (for example) Eklutna or 20 Mile. Survey pilots have been flying for the Department for 20-30 years, and the survey itself is difficult. The low level transects are tiring and risky. It takes quite a bit to get onto the ADF&G approved pilot list. Continually looking for additional pilots but need more pilots who are loyal to the Anchorage office only.

Q (Frank Neumann): Will there be adjusted hunts for the greater Anchorage area?

A (Dave Battle): No anticipation of adjusted hunt opportunities the following year/

Q (Frank Neumann): Hunter harvest for 2015 down, what are the road kill lists so far?

A (Dave Battle): Hunter harvest is NOT down this year, 110-130 is the average # of harvest, currently around 100 harvests. Still have the JBER hunting season to close. Do not have the latest # of road kills at the time of this meeting. Anticipated the #'s of road kills will be low as of yet; since there isn't a high snow fall there aren't as many moose utilizing the roadways.

Q (Norm Statem): Is there a way to estimate the error from survey?

A (Dave Battle): Yes, that is what the Gassaway model does. Went on to explain model characteristics/basics in correction of sightability.

Q (Neil DeWitt): Bear Sightings yet in the City of Anchorage?

A (Dave Battle): Not this year yet, no reports to date. Some brown bears do stay out late and since it's warmed up so much, bears may start appearing.

VI. Guests Present:

~7 guests, 6 officially recorded as follows: David Hillstrand, Dan Wright, Anthony Adams, Don Frederick, Gary Stevens, Arni Thompson.

Public testimony:

- Dave Hillstrand - **Emergency Order (EO) Proposal #203** – at all BOF meetings, seeing a lot of hostility, anger, lack of understanding. Would like to see all Board's/AC's/Users working together. Would like to see that the Chairman of the BOF to be a local area biologist. Local area biologists need to be respected and protected. Dave thinks that this would help with allocation issues. Pat Shields, local area biologist for Homer, has indicated there are extreme highs and lows in fish returns in Cook Inlet. Global warming is of concern; understanding that issues in the States are slowly starting in Alaska. The resource is limited, and there has been a lot of use issues in the Kenai River especially. Kenai River has world-renowned salmon runs and thoughts are that we are on the brink of ruining this gift we Alaskans have. Would like to see commercial fisherman having the opportunity to harvest prior to fish reaching the rivers so that escapement isn't too large. Dave is in support of EO Proposal #203. Requesting the AAC to support EO #203 as well.
- Q (Norm Statem): Final decision on set-netting in Cook Inlet?
- A (Dave Hillstrand): allocative issue – will not have an instance when majority can overrule minority. Allocation should be only for the BOF of legislature and must follow certain fairness criteria. One of the largest things that stands out in the local areas and its effects on the area. BOF meeting should be in Kenai from time to time. The historic happenings of the Kenai Peninsula fishing industry happens in Kenai. Permit so valuable that it is extremely hard to separate people from permits (i.e. through divorce, IRS); limited entry permits are hard to lose.

VII. Old Business:

None

VIII. New Business:

1. Committee Reports:

- Game Chair - Frank Neumann
 - Sheep Working Group – meeting held early December. There are about 40 people at the meeting. There will be another meeting in Fairbanks at the end of January (30-31) 2016. Ideas were presented on a white board, discussed AC's vs. Board of Game concerns. Nothing solved at December 25, 2015 meeting. So many different users, and resource allocation will be difficult. All on working group have the same goal: see the sheep resource grow, but it's a small resource and a lot of users. Sherry Wright indicated January meeting may or may not happen depending on fall-outs from budget cuts just issued.
 - Game Subcommittee – looking for meeting locations. Meeting will likely occur within the next two weeks.
- Report on Caribou Working Group - Neil Dewitt
 - Western Arctic Caribou herd (WAC) meeting – Met December 15, 2015. Two day meeting. 1st day was to discuss ideal outcomes of the meeting. 2nd day was to begin public interaction. AD&G has not been able to survey the WAC herd as of yet. The way

they count the herd is by taking photos and have a biologist count post-survey. ADF&G is estimating that the herd went down again this year. Calf mortality rate thought for 2015, 46% died within 8 days, another 50% of that died within 30 days of birth. Want 30/100 bill/cow ratio. Almost into their 'intensive management' levels. People harvest 12,000-14,000, intensive management would allow for a harvest of ~8,000 animals. Most cows are harvested in February- April; harvesters are shooting pregnant cows. Neil DeWitt suggested reducing the # of females harvested. Next meeting is December 14-15, 2016.

- **Q (Phillip Calhoun):** Mortality rate of calves? Not using predator management as an option, putting onus on people instead?
 - **A (Neil DeWitt):** Department says that wolves, bears and golden eagles cause the highest mortality. 2014, Department did consider predator control programs. The efficiency of aerial gunning programs are not yet known. Anyone who does not live within the WAC her region are considered non-residents. 5-7% of take is from 'non-residents hunters'. 5-7% is not a big enough number. Have been studies conducted on lichens and other food sources. In 2014, wasn't as much freezing rain as years past. At this point, the AD&F has not provided many answers.
- **Update on BOF- Committee on Coastal Erosion – Sherry Wright**
 - Sherry Wright gave an informational update on the BOF Committee on Coastal Erosion Impacts on Set Gillnet Operations meeting that was held January 4th, 2016. Reed Morisky is the Chair of that committee with members Bob Mumford and Fritz Johnson serving. BOF Chair Tom Kluberton also sat in on the teleconference. The purpose of their meeting was to collect information and develop criteria when considering proposals dealing with erosion effects on set net sites. The Board committee will provide a report to the full board at the AYK meeting being held in Fairbanks in January.
 - 6 members of the public provided testimony. Caution of getting too specific, the need to look for solutions from the people involved in the fishery, a few specific considerations for criteria, and the need to review on a case by case basis were some of the key points expressed during public testimony. Seth Beausang (Department of Law) spoke about the BOF authorities and the need to be cognizant of a separate legal consideration of DNR's shore lease program. DNR staff Christianna Colles spoke about how the permitting process works and the 4 criteria they look at which includes: historical use; length of time set netting; proximity to the site; and ability to fish the site. BOF member Reed Morisky read a list of the Board's draft review criteria (would be similar to the allocation criteria the Board considers when deliberating on proposals). A request that the draft review criteria (both Reed's and the member of the public) items be posted on the Board's web site prior to the AYK BOF meeting for those public interested in reviewing was made by Sherry to Board Support HQ (Glenn).
 - **Statement(Joel Doner):** wanted to go to the Committee meeting to point out that AC's were not given enough time to have a meeting, discuss, and develop comments regarding erosion control issues. ACs should be given more time to do the above. AAC must be careful on addressing the statements brought to the BOF regarding very specific coastal erosion areas.

- **Statement (Neil DeWitt):** The solution to erosion control should come from the people actively involved in the fishery as they are the ones who are best knowledgeable to understand the issues and mitigate the outcomes. Changing coastlines are rendering set net sites almost completely unusable and users are often getting ticketed when sites are affected by coastal erosion.
- Fish Chair - Joel Doner.
 - Want to cover the Statewide BOF issues at this meeting. If not, will hold a fish sub-committee meeting until potentially February or March, 2016. Comments are due February 18, 2016 to the BOF. BOF proposals start on page 172.

STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES			
March 8–12, 2016			
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	203		Expand emergency order authority to close sport fishing in special harvest areas if hatchery cost recovery goals may not be met.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	<p>12</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Joel Doner indicated that historically the AAC has denied this proposal. Joel Doner is in support of Proposal #203 as written for the 2016 cycle. The fish under question have already been through the commercial fisherman and sport fisherman.</p> <p>Q (Trevor Rollman): What is the definition of a special harvest area? Has there been an overharvest in the special areas? Would give Commissioner another tool to manage the resource such that hatcheries are getting what they need to operate. Requested more explanation on cost recovery.</p> <p>A (Kenny Rogers): Permitted area where fishery spawns. Hatchery-driven management area. 1% (or so) of proceeds go to hatcheries to help with costs of operating hatcheries. Cost recovery gives the hatcheries operating revenue to either grow more brood stock or stock enhancement. Hatcheries contract processors to gather the fish.</p> <p>A (Joel Doner): Proposers potentially think that they don't have enough. Some projects that are a lot more valuable to fisheries. It costs a lot of money to operate a hatchery and cost recovery does not cover it all. Depending on area, there may be a higher sport take or commercial take.</p> <p>A (Gerold Jerry): Processors actually take a bid to harvest the hatchery fish for hatcheries. One seiner will go into area for brood stock collection, haul fish, take the fish, process it, and then the hatchery takes those funds from sale.</p> <p>Q (Neil DeWitt): The 1% that is paid by the commercial fisherman's gross wages, is this a fairly large number? If there is a year when there isn't a high return, would the hatcheries take more fish than commercial fisherman on years of low return when fisherman are already struggling.</p> <p>A (Kenny Rodgers): Could be as much as \$80,000 per permit depending on the activity of the fisherman or the area or the season. Set area in salt water in areas where specific species of fish are typically located. There is not a single cost recovery fishery for king salmon from Cook Inlet Aquaculture.</p> <p>Statement: (Dave Hillstrand): Even on Kenai River, escapement is critical and Commissioner and Area Biologist must have the power to be able to shut the fishery down. That one person needs to be fair and just to be able to make resource management decisions.</p> <p>Statement (Joel Doner): As a commercial fisherman, thinks Commissioner should have EO authority to close a hatchery special harvest area depending on resource allocation. In the 'common use area', Commissioner has authority to close harvest use. This EO would benefit the non-profit hatcheries. All cost recovery is shared amongst hatcheries so even if fisherman does not benefit from catching hatchery fish, those programs feed each other. If hatcheries do not get brood stock, they cannot make next year's smolt release.</p> <p>Neil DeWitt (opposed): hatcheries are getting funded either way and are not going to get shut down if they do not get their harvest for the year. Against the proposal at this point.</p> <p>Call to Question by Kevin Taylor. 12 in favor. 1 opposed. Neil DeWitt (opposed): hatcheries are getting funded either way and are not going to get shut down in they do not get their harvest for the year. Against the proposal at this point. Anchorage Advisory Committee in favor of EO Proposal #203 – 5AAC 75.003. Emergency order authority.</p>
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New Business:

If AAC members would like to propose on the Upper Cook Inlet proposals, Joel Doner encourages Board members to do so and *if* a subcommittee meeting is needed, will address appropriately with the addition of a meeting.

- Board Funding Issues/Concerns
 - Frank Neumann – funding cuts taking out the public process of the reason that ACs were even created. Concerned that ACs will slowly be removed and working groups used instead. Can Legislation fund the AC process, why does it have to come from Department fund(s).
 - Who paid for the Brinkman study?
 - Sheep working group funding source?
 - Sherry Wright- Alaska Statute (legislative) that created the AC. When ACs were created, ADF&G was the primary agency ACs operated under. Does not know why it was given to ADF&G in the beginning.
 - Brinkman study was likely Department funding.
 - Sheep working group funding is coming from the Division of Wildlife Conservation (ADF&G).
 - Joel Doner – creation of AC process and why they were set up, process should work and he believes in it. Lately, it hasn't been happened as originally intended and that is why AC turnover in Anchorage specifically has been high. The AC process is being ignored. Cutting Board Support funding won't change anything; AC Board Members are just wasting their time.
 - Neil DeWitt – taking money from ACs but at the same time creating additional working groups that cost money. Time and money are being wasted on working groups that don't seem to get much done. Would like to request Bill Stoltz to attend the next meeting. Bill would be a good person to discuss these issues. Had conversation with Sam Cotton, Commission: ACs are ineffective and want ACs to be disbanded.
 - Donald Frederick (public) – AC for almost 20 years. ADF&G does not want the ACs. The people broke the code! ADF&G wants Commission and Working Groups for everything. ADF&G has fought and done everything they can do stop the AC process. They de-fund and do everything to circumvent the AC's.

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourn at 8:23pm. Motion to adjourn by Neil DeWitt, seconded by Frank Neumann

Minutes Recorded By: Willow Hetrick, Anchorage Advisory Committee Secretary
Minutes Approved By: Anchorage Advisory Committee
Date: 2/2/2016

Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee

1-11-2016

CIAA Building on KBeach Road, Soldotna

- I. Call to Order: Meeting Called to Order by Chair Mike Crawford @ 6:30
- II. Roll Call:

Kenai AC Board Members	Present	Excused Absent	Absent
Andrew Carmichael-Subsistence	x		
Bob Ermold,Vice Chair-At Large		x	
Christine Brandt-Comm Fish-Set	x		
Dick Dykema-Trapping	x		
Dyer Van Devere-Comm Fish Drift	x		
Hans Nordstrom-Alternate			x
Jerry Strieby-Sport Fish Guide Alt	x		
Joe Cizek-Alternate			x
Joe Thomas-At Large	x		
Michael Hamrick- At Large		x	
Michelle Williams-Hunting		x	
Mike Crawford, Chair-Sport Fish Guide	x		
Monte Roberts-Sport Fish Guide	x		
Paul Shadura-Comm Fish	x		
Pegge Erkeneff-At Large		x	
Todd Smith-Comm Fish Alt	x		
Will LeeSecretary-Personal Use	x		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present:

- III. Approval of Agenda:
Discussion about Proposal 138 from public comment. Board has decided to wait on sheep proposals till something comes from the sheep working group.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 01/05/16

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Selinger

VI. Guests Present:3

VII. Old Business:

Term Limits – Mike spoke to Glenn Height, has not returned comment to Mike. Was going to look into it further. Discussion on meeting from 11/19/14 on support of term limits with new documentation on current board members and term expiration.

Also discussion on Alternate seats for Commercial Fish and Sport Fish Alternates pertaining to total board member numbers, though this has not been a problem historically.

VIII. New Business:

Dyer distributed booklet about commercial fishery economic analysis in the state. Continued talk about commercial fishing industry and expenditures by the state, going forward to look at taxation of the commercial fishing industry.

Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee

1-11-2016

CIAA Building on KBeach Road, Soldotna

Break @ 8:07

Back @ 8:16

Open discussion about the BOF cycle moving to a different yearly meeting cycle. Due to state budget concerns.

Options to change from current status Quo on the BOF Cycle.

Option 1 – 0 support

Option 2 (4-year Cycle) – 6 members for

Pros – More biological data, Financial savings, Closes to Status Quo

Cons – Terms of BOF and AC Members to match cycles

Option 3 – 0 Support

Option 4 (5-year Cycle) – 4 Members

Pros - Maximum Financial, less redundancy, More Data, more science accountable to salmon cycles.

Concern: Petitions and ACRs for Emergency actions between meetings, possibility of having too long of a period on a bad decision, the ability of the governor to change a board in 1-term

Discussion about vetting process on proposals using the AC as a public forum to sort through proposals before they make it to the board. This would help limit the number of redundant proposals and proposals that are time wasting.

RC 006 Brought to the table – Talk about board generated proposal the change that needs to happen within the BOF. Table RC 006 Move to Proposal 19

Board unanimously decided that we would like to submit a PC to BOF statewide on RC 006.

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Meeting, March 8-18, 2016, Fairbanks			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	4		Amend the definition of bag limit
Support	8	0	2 abstain. Agree with the point, but the definition needs clarification and are not against the proposal but would like a more clear definition.
BOG	5		Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds
Oppose	1	6	3 abstained votes; not enough knowledge, all game birds not equal. 1 in support for less want & waste. Opposed, proposal for taking all edible meat for all birds

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CIAA Building on KBeach Road, Soldotna

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Meeting, March 8-18, 2016, Fairbanks

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			is excessive.
BOG	6		Modify the definition of a moose antler
Oppose	0	10	Unanimous, this is more of a local issue than statewide
BOG	7		Clarify the definition of antler point
Oppose	0	10	Unanimous, definition is standard for all scoring and is pretty standard
BOG	13		Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts for hunters 65 years of age or older
No Action			Based on 11
BOG	14		Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts
No Action			Based on 11
BOG	15		Require certification for all big game hunters in Alaska using crossbows
Oppose	0	9	1 abstain, general hunts allow any weapon
BOG	16		Require successful completion of a crossbow education course for those hunting with crossbows
No Action			
BOG	17		Provide an exemption for bowhunter education requirements
Support	9	0	1 abstain. Allow general hunts to follow rifle hunts with education needs.
BOG	18		Prohibit the use of slingbows
Support	10	0	Unanimous, not a measurable lethal weapon
BOG	19		Establish a regulation for board-generated proposals
Support as Amended	10	0	Substitute language on proposal 19 with language from RC 006. Unanimously Supported as amended with substituted language.
BOG	88		Add sugar gliders to the clean list of animals legally recognized as pets
oppose	4	5	1 abstain, invasive species
BOG	89		Add sugar gliders to the list of animals allowed to be sold and possessed without a permit
No Action			

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 10pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
 Minutes Approved By: Kenai/Soldotna AC
 Date:2/18/2016

Kenai Advisory Committee
01/25/2016
CIAA

I. Call to Order: Meeting Called to Order by Chair Mike Crawford @ 6:35

II. Roll Call:

Kenai AC Board Members	Member Present	Member Excused Absent	Member Absent
Andrew Carmichael-Subsistence		X	
Bob Ermold,Vice Chair-At Large		X	
Christine Brandt-Comm Fish-Set		X	
Dick Dykema-Trapping	X		
Dyer Van Devere-Comm Fish Drift	X		
Jerry Strieby-Sport Fish Guide Alt	X		
Joe Thomas-At Large	X		X
Michael Hamrick- At Large		X	
Michelle Williams-Hunting			X
Mike Crawford, Chair-Sport Fish Guide	X		
Monte Roberts-Sport Fish Guide	X		
Paul Shadura-Comm Fish	X		
Pegge Erkeneff-At Large		X	
Todd Smith-Comm Fish Alt	X		
Will LeeSecretary-Personal Use	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

III. Approval of Agenda:

Robert Begich here to talk about BOF Proposal

Also spoke about King forecasts for 2016. Early run King Salmon forecast is looking low, but they are hopefully trending back upward.

King counts for last fall was approximately 22,600.

King count determination for sonar days determinations. 3day of less than 1% of the season total or August 20th. Last year the total king count ran till August 20th to reach the approximate number of 22,600 kings. This is a total of 51 days of calmative counts.

Big Fish goal vs total King Salmon goal: analysis is being looked at. Hopefully out for public comment for 2017.

Management would be targeted for large fish, with a target of 34" fish.

Nothing New, this has been used in the SE and other areas.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: not done

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Robert Begich

VI. Guests Present: 5

VII. Old Business: - none

VIII. New Business:



Gary Fandrei from CIAA came to talk about Proposal 203

Started on Board of Fish State Wide Proposals, ended at 8:40pm

Recess

Started on Board of Game State Wide Proposals at 8:50pm

STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES			
March 8–12, 2016			
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	202	Prohibit the use of felt bottom boots in all waters, while fishing.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	0	Unanimous
BOF	203	Expand emergency order authority to close sport fishing in special harvest areas if hatchery cost recovery goals may not be met.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	8	0	1 abstains, there are concerns about over reach to close down fishing areas that are not near any hatchery or special harvest area. strengthens inseason management authority to protect brood stock.
BOF	204	Modify the definition of an artificial fly to include the use of a bare single hook.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	0	Unanimous, cleans up ruling
BOF	205	Clarify that a bead not attached to a hook is an attractor, and not a lure or fly.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	0	Clears up the use of beads
BOF	206	Revise definition of "closely attended" as it applies to coho salmon fishing.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	Did not fix anything and would only confuse the issue of closely attended which is already defined. Also too many loops holes would be created.
BOF	207	Allow a bang stick to be used to dispatch sport-caught fish.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	0	
BOF	208	Establish bag limits by port of call.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	Would make resurrection bay completely closed to ling cod fishing
BOF	209	Designate Pacific herring as a forage fish.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	Don't feel like this is a state wide proposal, and that is should reginal issue. Department manages conservatively for herring stock
BOF	210	Prohibit directed fisheries on forage fish species, for the purpose of fish meal production.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No Action based on 209
BOF	211	Prohibit the production of fish meal from whole forage fish.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No Action based on 209
BOF	27	Require that a CFEC permit holder's name displayed on a set gillnet site marking sign complies with the same character size marking requirements for permit numbers. <i>(This proposal will be heard at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting, and heard and deliberated on at the Statewide Finfish meeting.)</i>	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Out of Area
BOF	28	Change the character size requirements for set gillnet marking signs. (This proposal will be heard at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting, and heard and deliberated on at the Statewide Finfish meeting.)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Out of Area
BOF	212	Repeal or modify the requirement to designate a single salmon net registration area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	Protect local commercial fisherman and resident fishermen, plus it does what the limited entry was intended
BOF	214	Specify that bycatch in excess of the allowable amount will be surrendered to the state and donated to charity and establish fines for bycatch in excess of the allowable amount.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	Bycatch would during salmon fishing is already established. 5AAC 28.330
BOF	194	Close all waters of Unalaska Bay to commercial fishing for groundfish with pelagic trawl gear. (This proposal will be heard at the Alaska Peninsula / Chignik / Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting, and be heard and deliberated on at the Statewide Finfish meeting)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Out of Area
BOF	218	Establish state-waters walleye pollock jig fishery management plans with guideline harvest levels deducted from total allowable catch (TAC) for the Eastern Gulf of Alaska, Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Chignik, South Alaska Peninsula and Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands areas.	
Tabled	6	2	1 abstained vote - Tabled for further discussion for more informaton
BOF	126-2014-2015	Establish a commercial open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound. (Proposal 126 from the 2015/2016 Meeting Cycle was tabled by the board for continued deliberations at the March 2017 Statewide Finfish meeting.)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Out of Area

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
Minutes Approved By: Kenai/Soldotna AC
Date:2/18/2016



Kenai/Soldotna Advisory Committee
2/11/2016
CIAA

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair Mike Crawford @6:40pm

II. Roll Call:

Kenai AC Board Members	Member Present	Member Excused Absent	Member Absent
Andrew Carmichael-Subsistence	X @ 7:45pm		
Bob Ermold,Vice Chair-At Large			X
Christine Brandt-Comm Fish-Set		x	
Dick Dykema-Trapping	X		
Dyer Van Devere-Comm Fish Drift	X		
Jerry Strieby-Sport Fish Guide Alt	X		
Joe Thomas-At Large			X
Michael Hamrick- At Large		X	
Michelle Williams-Hunting			X
Mike Crawford, Chair-Sport Fish Guide	X		
Monte Roberts-Sport Fish Guide			X
Paul Shadura-Comm Fish	X		
Pegge Erkeneff-At Large	X		
Todd Smith-Comm Fish Alt	X		
Will Lee, Secretary-Personal Use	X		

III.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present:

IV. Approval of Agenda:

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From [meeting date]

VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: Robert Begich

VII. Guests Present: 6

VIII. Old Business:

Kenai AC election process discussion: about term limits and number of total board members, plus the diversification of how the Kenai AC is comprised.

Conference call with Sherry Wright, so she can listen in on the AC to go over the election procedures.

Term Dates are still not resolved, AC is going to submit a letter of protest.

Need to provide a final draft of the election procedure for the Kenai AC to Sherry.

Break @ 8:15

IX. New Business:

Meeting reconvened @ 8:25pm

Robert Begich came to speak about king salmon projections: Forecast was sent out in email.

In river plan for both Kenai River and Kasilof Rivers

Kenai Early Run: escapement projection 5200

Start season with Fishery closed May 1st through June

July will continue to have fishing closed above the mouth of Slikok creek

Late run Projection is 30,0000

Kasilof River early season: Will restrict fishery by eliminating bait, hatchery fish and wild fish. Want to make sure they get enough fish for brood stock. 2 days of wild harvest by EO and hatchery will go back to allow 2. Will stay single hook no bait.

Kasilof juvenile king stocking has increased since 2014, approximately 150,000

Proposals – Trying to make regulations more simplified and make dates match more comprehensively.

Large fish goal – not enough time to get reports and information out till a future date. Analysis of new sonar data and report will should be done by Fall 2016.

Planning to return at next board meeting

Motion on Board of Fish Proposal 218

Member Pegge Erkeneff-At Large left meeting at 9:05pm

Motion on Board of Game Proposal 22

Statewide board of fish march 8th – 11th – Mike is going this meeting representing the AC 29th Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish - February 23rd – 29th – Paul is going to attend representing the AC

Statewide board of game March 18th – 28th - Andrew might be able to attend, will re-check at next meeting

Paul shares information about beluga whales in cook inlet and federal studies being done on beluga whales and possible restrictions that could be imposed.

Mike shares information about Meeting at 4:30 at Kenai Wildlife refuge about hunting on federal land.

Next Meeting on Thursday February 18th, 2016 at 6:30pm at CIAA

STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES

March 8–12, 2016

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form

BOF	218	Establish state-waters walleye pollock jig fishery management plans with guideline harvest levels deducted from total allowable catch (TAC) for the Eastern Gulf of Alaska, Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Chignik, South Alaska Peninsula and Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands areas.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	1	1 abstain – not enough information. 1 against due to not knowing where they were going to allow the fishing.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 10:20pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
 Minutes Approved By: Kenai/Soldotna
 AC

Date:
 2/18/2016



FROM : DAVID R MARTIN

PHONE NO. : 907 567 3306

FEB. 12 2016 01:04PM P1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): NiNlchik

DATE (of meeting): 1/13/16

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Clucas, Mikeschuster
Jeff Berger, Aaron Berger, Ron Vance
John McTamka, Madeline Thompson, Dave
Martin, Steve Vance, Gary Devmon, Joe Simpson

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
Greg Erskenski, Norber Muller

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Salinger, Ted Spahr

Time Meeting Called to Order: 6:05 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting ~~Adjourned~~ ^{ended} 10:00 PM rescheduled for

Jan. 25th
Steve Vance
Signature, Committee Secretary



FROM : DAVID R MARTIN

PHONE NO. : 907 567 3306

FEB. 12 2016 02:04PM P1

Minutes of Jan. 13th 2016 meeting

- ① minutes of last meeting read and approved.
 ② Election of members was held.

Dave Blossom
 Greg Encelwahi
 A Madeline Thompson

Rion Vanick
 A Aaron Berger

A Doug Blossom

Jan Presley

Joe Simpson

Milo Painter moved and Madeline seconded that nominations be closed. Passed

We decided that the terms would be decided by the number of votes each person got, Madeline Thompson and Doug Blossom were tied for the one year term and the other alternate term, Doug Blossom said he would take the alternate position and Madeline Thompson would be the one year member.

- ③ Steve Vanick moved and Madeline Thompson seconded that the Chairman or his designee would represent the AC at the BOF G and BOF statewide meetings passed unanimously.

④ we started on the same statewide proposals

- ⑤ we recessed the meeting until Jan. 25, 2016 to continue the statewide proposals.



FROM : DAVID R MARTIN

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FEB. 12 2016 01:15PM P20

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

RECEIVED

FEB 12 2016

BOARDS ANCHORAGE

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Niivilchik

DATE (of meeting): 2/2/16 continuation of Sec. Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Martin, Madeline Thompson
Gary Deimon, Joe Simpson, Robert Clucae, Mike Schuster
Dan Presley, John McCombs, Dave Blossom
Steve Vanek

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:

Pion Vanek, Jeff Berger, Aaron Berger
Greg Encelowski, Doug Blossom

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Salinger

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 10:01 PM

David Martin, Chair

Signature, Committee Secretary



FROM : DAVID R MARTIN

PHONE NO. : 907 567 3306

FEB. 12 2016 02:05PM P3

Minutes of Feb. 2, 2016 meeting

- ① meeting of Jan. 25, 2016 was reconvened to finish the statewide game and fish proposals.
- ② Finished the B. G. statewide proposals
- ③ Finished the B. F. statewide proposals.
- ④ Steve Vanek moved and Madeline Thompson seconded that the AC submit the relevant proposals that we submitted last cycle. Passed unanimously.
- ⑤ John McLamba moved and Steve Vanek seconded that we need to submit proposals that allow us to harvest the surplus salmon as required by the constitution. This would be accomplished by allowing for the proven and traditional time and area commercial harvest of surplus salmon



FROM : DAVID R MARTIN

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FEB. 12 2016 01:15PM P22

VOTER RECORD/COMMENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Central PeninsulaDATE: 2-2-16PAGE 1 OF 4Board of FishComments for State wide

Please use this format to record the votes and comments of members regarding proposals. The boards are particularly interested in hearing the reasons why proposals are supported/opposed. If committee members believe a proposal does not pertain to their jurisdiction, it is not necessary to spend time on that proposal.

Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
#202	7	3		Supporter want to do everything possible to eliminate the spread of diseases & foreign viruses. Once you get those invasive organisms & species the whole ecosystem changes forever and usually not for the better as many areas world wide have found out. Felt sole have been know to be a carrier. Those oppose didn't feel felt soles spread anything & made it safer for walking on wet surfaces.
#203	10	0		Strongly support. This is a true statewide issue drafted by a unified group of all aquaculture associations to address and fix a problem they all face. Everyone in the State benefits from the salmon production from these associations. Everyone should be responsible for making sure the natural spawning, brood stock & cost recovery goals are met. Without those three goals being met the projects and benefit to the people & State will cease. Parity & Responsibility; Non profits!
#204	10	0		clarification / housekeeping
#205	10	0		clarification



FROM : DAVID R MARTIN

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FEB. 12 2016 01:16PM P23

VOTER RECORD/COMMENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Central Peninsula
 DATE: 2-2-16 PAGE 2 OF 4
 Board of Fish Comments for Statewide

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Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
206	2	8	0	opposed felt it should not be a statewide proposal; rather area specific
207	0	10	0	oppose the use of bag sticks in fresh water - OK in saltwater
208	0	10	0	NO one supported this at all. Don't see a problem
209	0	10	0	We don't want it reclassified. NO gain from reclassifying it
210	8	2	0	opposed say that if it isn't a forage fish then don't need this. Those in favor say if it is reclassified as a forage fish then it is needed.
211	0	11	0	This wouldn't allow male hearing in a roe fishery to be used for fish meal.



FROM : DAVID R MARTIN

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FEB. 12 2016 01:16PM P24

VOTER RECORD/COMMENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Central Peninsula
 DATE: 2-2-16 PAGE 3 OF 4
 Board of Fish Comments for Statewide

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Proposal #	Proposal			Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
	Support	Oppose	Abstain	
212	7	2	1	abstainer had no knowledge of situation Those opposed didn't want persons coming at the peak of the season. Those in favor felt if you had more than one permit you should be able to fish them all.
213	10	0	0	This clarifies things
214	4	6	0	Those opposed feel it is too punitive because most fishermen try to stay within the guidelines. They already have to give up the excess to the state or Fed. Those in favor felt this may help to contain by-catch.
215	NO action			
194	NO action			



Copper River/PWS AC
01-28-16
USFS Courtroom
Cordova

E-MAILED

2-2-16

BOG comments for SW study
BOF comments for SW study

REUSED
2-17-16

- I. Call to Order: Tom Carpenter
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: carpenter, Collins, fode, hanson, jones, lohse, Obrien, sapp, zadra
Members Absent: bocci, baker, greenwood, king, wiese, renner, tirrell
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion hanson 2nd lohse
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date....November 2015
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Westing ADF@G, Alex Arduser State troopers, Andy Morris USFS Law Enforcement, Jim Wessel USFS Law Enforcement
- VI. Guests Present: Dennis Zadra Reg. Guide Unit 6,
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business: 2016 Elections, Sitka blacktail study, moose management plan, pws black bear study, federal subsistence update by usfs, Sate wide game proposal 115, statewide finfish 203

This space may be used to record minutes .minutes on separate pages

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	115		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C.
support	9	0	Done annually, this gives ADF@G area biologist the necessary tools to conduct a antlerless hunt if conditions warrant.
BOF	203		
support	9	0	If adopted, proposal would give hatchery managers statewide the ability to harvest cost recovery in a timely and cost effective manner without interruption from user groups. This would also give adfg sport fish division the ability to close hatchery management areas to sport fishing by EO authority.

AC NAME

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Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2016
Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim McCracken at 7:03 pm. The meeting was held in the Seward City Council Chambers at 5th and Adams.
2. Roll Call was taken as follows: Mark C. (excused), Trent F. (present), W.C. Casey (present), Jim Mc. (present), Bob W. (present), Nate S. (present), Jim H. (present), John F. (present), Andy B. (excused), Jerimiah C. (excused), Diane D. (excused), Arne H. (excused)
3. Bob W. made a motion to approve meeting minutes as submitted from March 26, 2015, Jim H. seconded.....passed unanimously. Bob W. made motion to approve meeting minutes as submitted from October 15, 2015, Jim H. seconded, ...passed unanimously
4. Correspondence, etc.....None
5. Committee members introduced themselves (those present), and Agency Representatives did also. Jay and Corey with ADF&G came from Anchorage and Ken and Scott from the AK. State Troopers were in attendance. The local newspaper attended and two members from the public.
6. There were no citizens comments on Fish and Fur issues.
7. Under old business, W.C. stated that he would be unavailable for chairing the Kids Fishing Day event. He and Trent will brainstorm a transition plan to keep this important event alive and well. More will be reported via email.
8. Fish Proposals:
 - #202.....No Action
 - #203.....Motion by W.C., second by Jim, limited discussion, Unanimous Opposition (This was from the 10/15/15 meeting, with no new amendments)
 - #204....Motion by Bob, second by Trent....discussed intent...Unanimous Approval
 - #205....Motion by Bob, second by Jim.....limited discussion...Unanimous Approval
 - #206....No Action



#207....Motion by Bob, second by Trent....lots of discussion about language, and word "dispatch" definition.....Committee asks that language be changed to use word "dispatch" and define "dispatch" clearly. Option #3 was preferred by committee.

#208....Motion by Casey, second by Jim.....limited discussion.....Unanimous Opposition

#209....No Action

#210....No Action

#211....No Action

#27....No Action

#28....No Action

#212....No Action

#213....No Action

#214....Motion by Jim, second by Bob.....Jim withdrew motion, Bob withdrew second

#215....No Action

#194....No Action

#216.....No Action

#217....No Action

#218....No Action

#126.....No Action

#116...Motion by W.C., second by Bob.....4 Yea 3 Nay....Nay's were opposed to cow hunts

#117....No Action

#118.....Motion by W.C., second by Bob.....4 yea 3 Nay.....opposed to cow hunts



#109.....Motion by Bob, Second by Nate....Unanimous support

#6.....Moose tines.....Motion by Bob, second by Trent.....3 Yea 2 Nay 2 Abstained.....Bob elaborated on how someone could be in violation because of an unusual configuration of tines....he opposed motion

#11.....Motion by W.C., Second by Bob.....Unanimous support

Election of Members to Committee:

Discussed term Dates (June 30-June 30)

Four seats were open, to be filled. Mark C., John F., Bob W., and Ken C. were only nominees. The Chairman asked for and received "Unanimous Consent" for Mark, John, Bob and Ken.

An impromptu discussion followed the election, regarding the IHC. Jim Hubbard shared his anecdotal comments on the functions that he attended. It was a very informative presentation, and he answered several questions by the Committee members present.

There were no citizens comments, and no committee responses.

The Committee chose to schedule the next Seward Advisory Committee meeting in the fall of 2016, with email notification.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:12 pm.



I. Call to Order: Time by

II. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Number Needed For Quorum on AC:

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present:

III. Approval of Agenda:

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date:

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

VI. Guests Present:

VII. Old Business:

VIII. New Business:



STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES March 8-12, 2016 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	202	Prohibit the use of felt bottom boots in all waters, while fishing.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action
BOF	203	Expand emergency order authority to close sport fishing in special harvest areas if hatchery cost recovery goals may not be met.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			See Oct. 15, 2015 minutes, unanimous opposed with public comments.
BOF	204	Modify the definition of an artificial fly to include the use of a bare single hook.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	8	0	
BOF	205	Clarify that a bead not attached to a hook is an attractor, and not a lure or fly.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	8	0	
BOF	206	Revise definition of "closely attended" as it applies to coho salmon fishing.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action
BOF	207	Allow a bang stick to be used to dispatch sport-caught fish.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action, Lengthy discussion on language, definition of dispatch needs to be defined clearly. AC prefers "option 3"
BOF	208	Establish bag limits by port of call.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	Limited discussion



BOF <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	209	Designate Pacific herring as a forage fish.	No action
BOF <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	210	Prohibit directed fisheries on forage fish species, for the purpose of fish meal production.	No action
BOF <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	211	Prohibit the production of fish meal from whole forage fish.	No action
BOF <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	27	Require that a CFEC permit holder's name displayed on a set gillnet site marking sign complies with the same character size marking requirements for permit numbers. (This proposal will be heard at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting, and heard and deliberated on at the Statewide Finfish meeting.)	No action
BOF <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	28	Change the character size requirements for set gillnet marking signs. (This proposal will be heard at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting, and heard and deliberated on at the Statewide Finfish meeting.)	No action
BOF <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	212	Repeal or modify the requirement to designate a single salmon net registration area.	No action
BOF <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	213	Clarify possession and landing requirements for Pacific cod and walleye pollock.	No action
BOF <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	214	Specify that bycatch in excess of the allowable amount will be surrendered to the state and donated to charity and establish fines for bycatch in excess of the allowable amount.	



<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action
BOF	215	Establish a 58' overall length limit for vessels participating in South Alaska Peninsula parallel walleye pollock fishery using trawl gear	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action
BOF	194	Close all waters of Unalaska Bay to commercial fishing for groundfish with pelagic trawl gear. (This proposal will be heard at the Alaska Peninsula / Chignik / Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting, and be heard and deliberated on at the Statewide Finfish meeting)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action
BOF	216	Establish a state waters walleye pollock purse seine fishery in Southeast Alaska.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action
BOF	217	Establish fishing season for walleye pollock that does not conflict with salmon season.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action
BOF	218	Establish state-waters walleye pollock jig fishery management plans with guideline harvest levels deducted from total allowable catch (TAC) for the Eastern Gulf of Alaska, Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Chignik, South Alaska Peninsula and Berling Sea-Aleutian Islands areas.	
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BOF	126-2014-2015	Establish a commercial open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound. (Proposal 126 from the 2015/2016 Meeting Cycle was tabled by the board for continued deliberations at the March 2017 Statewide Finfish meeting.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action

Old Business:
 Adjournment:



Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee DRAFT Minutes
October 15, 2015

- I. Call to Order: 19:00 by Jim McCracken, Chair
- II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Bacon, Casey, Clemens Dubuc, Hall, Hatch, McCracken, Smith, White
Members Absent Excused: Campbell, Foldager, Hubbard
Members Absent Unexcused: Flood

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present: Trapping, Sport, Subsistence, Hunting, Commercial Fishing, Photography, Guiding, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, Conservationist
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2015: Tabled
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Jay Baumer- ADF&G, Scott Sands- AWT
- VI. Guests Present:

Carl Norman, Fred Woelkers, Margarita McManus, Jan Bukac, Tom Buchanan
- VII. Public comment

Carl Norman re: Bear Lake Sockeye. Distributed a letter to the AC. Cites historical use of native sockeye run by natives, early residents. Then gave a synopsis of ADF&G actions taken in late 60's to apply rotenone to Bear Lake. Continued with a discussion about CIAA plans to eradicate Sockeye again and move production to 4th of July (Spring Creek). Recommends CIAA be forced to restore original sockeye run & remove the weir. Norman is fine with moving their operation to Spring creek. Norman feels the sport harvest of Sockeye is inconsequential to the amount that CIAA produces and sells as smolt and relocates elsewhere.

A committee member asked about size of the historical red run, whether the fish were larger like the sockeye on the Kenai. Another member recalled that they were large fish, especially Grouse Lake sockeye.

Tom Buchannan: Speaking regarding CIAA. Told story about original CIAA project in Grouse Lake, fish weren't marketable once they reached Grouse so the project was abandoned. Continued with history of Bear Lake and the common property fishery that existed for Sockeye in Resurrection Bay. Commented that CIAA, short of funds, instituted a 100% cost recovery program. Mentioned issues with commercial fish boats harassing sport fishermen at Spring Creek beach. Feels that CIAA is now seeking to remove sport fishing completely. States that the operating costs keep rising and cost recovery goal keeps rising. Does not agree with Resurrection Bay cost recovery programming financing all CIAA operations, no local benefit.

A committee member asked if there was any common property opportunity this year. And how many boats? And why no pink fishing?



Buchanan replies that 3 boats this year and 2 boats last year fished. No pinks due to poor ADF&G management

Jan Bucac: Speaking to proposal 203. Provided handout offering solutions to cost recovery issues. Had multiple conflicts with commercial fishermen fishing the cost recovery. States that he would be willing to pay a fee. Suggestions for reducing need for cost recovery: set up a mill station or institute a nonresident red salmon snagging stamp.

Margarita McManus: Gave brief history of the origin of hatcheries in Alaska, and feels that their primary responsibility is to the public, and to protecting the resource. Disagrees with the idea that CIAA owns the fish, disagrees with seiners being allowed to fish at the mouth of the creek.

VIII. Fish and Game report

Jay Baumer- ADF&G reports:

Starting in the early 60s there were coho surveys conducted on local streams. Research was discontinued eventually due to lack of funding. Research resumed in 2013. Notes this years return was low, but there were 5 years lower on record. Clear creek had the most coho observed. 4 ADF&G employees surveyed coho this year. White commented on abundance of silvers in Resurrection River as well and asked if ADF&G surveyed any of the habitat near the transfer station. Jay replied that they were trying to mirror the studies of the past to compare new data to old. Saw some changes to habitat between this year and last year. Arne asked about how they time their surveys. Due to staff allowances, they have to do the study at the end of the field season, and when weather and stream conditions allow for it.

IX. Old Business: None

X. New Business:

BOF Statewide proposals:

See attachment below

Seward AC tabled the following BOF Statewide proposals until they could get the department comments: Proposals 202, 204 – 205, 209-211, 27-28, 212-215, 194, 216 – 218, 126 2014/2015,

Seward AC rep to BoF meeting: Shall Seward AC request funding from boards support? Unanimous to adopt. Dianne Dubuc to serve as representative.

IPHC open seat: Karl Johnstone has an opportunity to take a seat on IPHC, asks for a letter of support from Seward AC. We have 30 days to sign on to a letter. We think individual letters would be more appropriate.

XI.

More citizens comments: Carl Norman: It is absolutely wrong for any entity to claim complete ownership over a run of Salmon. He says the fish belong to all of us and the monetary burden falls on us.

Frederick Woelkers: Former guide, commercial fisherman, trapper, and Seward AC member, would like to apply for the next open seat when there are elections.



Tom Buchannan: Would like to see sockeye enhancement occur in Grouse Lake utilizing extra Bear Lake brood stock. Also would like to see higher coho escapement into Bear Lake, and would like to see the coho brood stock allocated to Seward, rather than selling bear lake smolt to other areas. Stated that our coho run has been going downhill due to this type of management.

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	203		Expand emergency order authority to close sport fishing in special harvest areas if hatchery cost recovery goals may not be met.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	8	<p>It was noted that all the private nonprofit aquaculture associations signed on here. CIAA operations director Caroline Cherry was given the floor to speak to the committee on the issue. She told us there were other cost recovery fisheries that finance CIAA operations: Tutka Bay and Port Graham. Cherry stated that the CIAA goal is to obtain 1/3 cost recovery from Resurrection Bay sockeye, and the remainder from the previously mentioned cost recovery fisheries. Eventually, the CIAA goal is to allocate 50% of the Resurrection Bay sockeye return to common property fishery. Hatch asked about this year's strong pink return in Tutka Bay, Cherry replied 1.5m fish in Tutka, worth 1.3m. Clemens notes the highest value fish is Resurrection Bay sockeye, due to our connection to the road system & higher price of early returning sockeye. Discussion shifted to 'What division triggers the EO?' EO could come from either sport or comfish AMB, or the commissioner. Discussion about sport harvest numbers and the value of those fish followed. Jay Palmer provided data from the statewide harvest survey. SHS from 2000-2013 said on average 5000 fish were taken by sport anglers. We estimated that 5000 fish at 5 lbs. average weight valued at 2.50/lb. represents 62,500 revenue lost to sport fishermen. We are concerned about implementing this regulation when CIAA operating costs are unknown and market variability could severely restrict sport anglers' opportunity to harvest sockeye in Resurrection Bay. We further acknowledge that while a majority of the sockeye harvested is of hatchery origin, there are also many native fish mixed in and we do not want to restrict sport anglers' access to these fish.</p>
BOF	206		Revise definition of "closely attended" as it applies to coho salmon fishing.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action
BOF	207		Allow a bang stick to be used to dispatch sport-caught fish.



<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action
BOF	208	Establish bag limits by port of call.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	8	The consensus of the committee is that due to the wording of the proposal this would create unwarranted violations for anglers fishing out of Seward. Smith brought up that mandatory retention of first 2 nonpelagic rockfish in PWS waters would create a de facto violation. Another example is that retention of lingcod is prohibited in Resurrection Bay, making that species off limits to Seward anglers under this proposal.

XII. Next meeting scheduled for February 4th at 7:00 PM

XIII. Meeting adjourned at 20:40

Minutes Recorded By: Andrew Bacon

Minutes Approved By:

Date:



WHITTIER FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 21, 2015
Anchor Inn

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BOARDS
ANCHORAGE

- I. Call to Order: 13:00 hr. by Chairman Jon Van Hying.
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Ric Vrsalovic, Jody Mason, Milton Stevens, Jon Van Hying, David Pinguoch.

Members Absent: Steve Aberle, Mike Durtschi, James Morris, Gordon Scott. Excused David Goldstein.

Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 5

List of User Groups Present: 0

- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: Chairman read the minutes of Feb. 21, 2015. David Pinguoch move to approve the minutes; Milton Stevens second.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mike Thalhauser.
- VI. Guests Present: Trooper Charles D. Taggart from Girdwood .
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:

Election of new members: For 2 1/2 years: Jody Mason
Gordon Scott
Milton Stevens
Alternates: Mike Durtschi
Brad Von Wichman.

Chairman ask if there is any objection to the nominees listed.

Chairman call for vote:

The present members vote unanimous to elect the new members as listed.

Mike Thalhauser from Fish & Game bring to the floor Statewide proposals 203 thru 215. Mike made a short review and explanation of each one.

Mike Thalhauser talked about the importance of logbooks for sport fishermen. Data collected especially from Guides and Charter operators are the only gathering of information from remote areas.

Also, Mike would like to have input from AC members about HB41 , which is a bill introduced by the State of Ak. to regulate and provide required guideline for professional fishing Guides and Charter business.

HB41 will show up again in 2016 legislative session.

Mike T. would like to collect input from members of requirements like Certificate of First Aid, Liabilities Insurance, Fees and Penalties, etc..



Following Mike review, the AC members put on the table 2 proposals to discuss:

STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES			
March 8–12, 2016			
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	203	Expand emergency order authority to close sport fishing in special harvest areas if hatchery cost recovery goals may not be met.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	4	0	David Pinquoch move to oppose prop. 203.- Milt Stevens second. Call for vote: support = 4 Abstain = 1 Oppose = 0 AC members would like to see more specific detail about how the closure will be decided.
BOF	207	Allow a bang stick to be used to dispatch sport-caught fish.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	0	David Pinquoch made a motion to put on the table Prop. 207. Second by M. Stevens. All members present agree with the intent of the prop. , but would like to see expanded definition.

Old Business: none
 Next meeting will be on February 13, 2016
 Adjournment: 14:30 hrs.

Minutes Recorded By: Ric Vrsalovic
 Minutes Approved By:
 Date:



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Cooper Landing Fish & Game Advisory Committee 12/5/15
Cooper Landing Community Hall

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DFG BOF Comments
.. BOG ..

- I. Call to Order: 11:00 am by George Heim
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Alex Kime, Robert Gibson, George Heim, Ed Holsten, John Pearson, Theo Lexmond
Members Absent: Billy Coulliette, Gerald Neis
Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date:
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: none
- VI. Guests Present: none
- VII. Old Business: none
- VIII. New Business:
Elections: re-elected Mike Adams as the alternate for a one year term, Jerry Neis and John Pearson to 2.5 year turns and added Todd Donahue as a new member with a 1 year term. I have the forms for Mike & John but Jerry was absent and Todd was nominated by Robert Gipson and accepted by phone. Billy Coulliette declined re- election.

BOF proposals: See attached

BOG proposals: See attached, some items marked "no action" will be addressed at January meeting, at that time those items will be updated on proposal voting sheet.

April 11th deadline for Board of Fish, next AC meeting January 17, 2016



STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES

March 8–12, 2016

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

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BOG or BOF		Proposal Numbe		Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal		
BOF	202	Prohibit the use of felt bottom boots in all waters, while fishing.			
X Support	6	0	In favor, too much of a gray area. Many aquatic diseases in state, may transfer between waters.		
BOF	204	Modify the definition of an artificial fly to include the use of a bare single hook.			
X Support	6	0			
BOF	205	Clarify that a bead not attached to a hook is an attractor, and not a lure or fly.			
X Support	6	0	Many people are confused in fly fishing only zones. This would take pressure off of law enforcement as well.		
BOF	207	Allow a bang stick to be used to dispatch sport-caught fish.			
X Support Amended	6	0	Amend to option 3, salt water only. Could be a safety issue in freshwater using bang stick.		
BOF	208	Establish bag limits by port of call.			
X Oppose	0	6	Doesn't clean up any problems of overharvest in any areas.		
BOF	27	Require that a CFEC permit holder's name displayed on a set gillnet site marking sign complies with the same character size marking requirements for permit numbers. <i>(This proposal will be heard at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting, and heard and deliberated on at the Statewide Finfish meeting.)</i>			
X Support	6	0	It will make law enforcement easier		
BOF	214	Specify that bycatch in excess of the allowable amount will be surrendered to the state and donated to charity and establish fines for bycatch in excess of the allowable amount.			
X Support Amended	4	1,	1	Remove words "over the amount allowed." May help less waste.	
		abstain		Opposing statement: Won't change anything, people will still throw bycatch overboard.	



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Togiak
Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2015 at 10:00am in the
Togiak Senior Center

I. Call to order

JF called the meeting to order at 11:10

II. Roll call

JF present JA present MK present FL present WS present PL present
TP present MS present GB 12:00 NG present MG present WK present

III. Approval of Agenda

MK made a motion to approve the agenda items seconded by PL,
federal subsistence proposals were added to new business, question was
called, motion carried

IV. Approval of Minutes from the 3/23/15 meeting

WK made a motion to table the 03/23/15 meeting minutes till our next
meeting, seconded by JA, question was called, motion carried

Break 11:10-11:30



V. Introduction:

- Staff

Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Ted Kreig, Matt Jones, Ian Fo

- Guests

Tony Poulson, Darren Byayuk, Molly Dishner, William and Marie Snyder, Andi Lockuk, Pete Abraham

VI. Updates from ADF&G Staff

Andy Aderman, Jeff Hicks

Break 1:21-1:31

VII. Elections for AC Members

FL Made a motion to open the floor for nominations, seconded by MK, question was called, motion carried

WK nominated Darren Byayuk

FL nominated Peter Lockuk

JF nominated Thomas Dock

FL made a motion to close the floor for nominations, seconded by MK, question was called, motion carried

The two highest votes were seated in the two undesignated seats and the lowest votes was seated in the alternate seat

WK made a motion to seat DB and PL in the undesignated seats and TD in the alternate seat, seconded by FL, question was called, motion carried



VIII. New business:

I. Comment on proposals for the BOF Bristol Bay Finfish Meeting

MK made a motion to adopt Proposal 44, seconded by FL

Discussion- FL would like to see a deadline cutoff date for the blue cards to be dropped so people can't reserve permits to come to Togiak NG agrees that a deadline would be good JF there will always be loopholes unless we go super exclusive and there was support for going super exclusive from the Nushagak AC MK we have justification as Togiak is a small late run fishery JF this proposal would make it one step harder for the determined fishermen that want to capitalize on another district and Togiaks late run fishery and this addition to include the vessels with the permits for transfer period would just align the regulations with the rest of Bristol Bay District transfer periods MK Nushagak AC may support us but others won't FL blue cards should have deadline until the date it opens to all (July 27th) NG people will just drop their cards earlier we need to come up with something better GB to go super exclusive we need a proposal MK for now we need to focus on proposal 44 and work on super exclusive in the future FL we should be able to extend the date(for the transfer period) like we did last summer we should make it so the biologist can EO a later date instead of having to go through the board JF we have support for this proposal as is and may not want to amend it as we will lose our support and any traction this proposal has gained FL asked if we can amend the proposal to give EO authority to the manager TOB not sure if majorly adding to Proposal 44 would be good or damaging when you have regional support as is JF concerned adding to 44 at this time would lose support from other AC's this proposal only ties the vessel and permit transfer regulations together as it is throughout the other districts in our Bay JF question MJ is there a list of latent permits and contacts in season available to the Public MJ this is not public info in season and it isn't advertised but we do if a permit is tied to a district FL Supports 44 as is and it will help



in the future he wants to see EO authority for the biologists for the July 27th transfer date change

Question was called and the proposal was adopted unanimously

MK made a motion to adopt Proposals 45-48 and 50, seconded by FL

Discussion-WS if they have the energy let them run more nets JF it will make costs go up and site and permit availability will go down and it won't be good for young people in our region trying to enter into the fishing industry MK BBEDC offers opportunities to locals to get into fisheries I have children and grand children I'm training them they will take over the fishery this would increase their opportunity to learn and get kids in to a permit JF worries about supply and demand and permits going up and kids not getting in because of demand across the bay MK agrees with permit stacking to increase opportunity WS stacking was a bad idea to begin with JF Nushagak AC and BBEDC do not support stacking as it doesn't distribute wealth and it could let one person be greedy FL in fall time in Togiak some set netters use more than one net without having two permits why are they doing this? but they are all from out of area I'm neutral towards the rest of the bay WK we may get people with set nets reserving a permit to transfer to Togiak and set netters would see more competition JF that is exactly right and imagine trying to cram twice as many set net permits into our already limited good sites

Question was called and the proposals failed to be adopted by a vote of 1 support and 11 opposed

51-52 No action Togiak doesn't allow drift permit stacking by regulation

MK made a motion to adopt proposal 75, seconded by WK

Discussion-WK wants line gone MK doesn't think it will help in the preservation of king having the line it's not conserving kings created it



thinking it would help Chinooks recover we agreed to it because it included the development of a Chinook management plan which didn't happen ADF&G has not committed to developing a Chinook management plan and the only people benefitting from this line is the sports fishermen JF no funding for our tower or management plans MK would be satisfied if ADF&G came up with a management plan to conserve Chinook JF questioned MJ how he will show the Board that the line is working MJ Set nets have been catching proportionately more kings JF not seeing drift and set net numbers separated MJ if the table is missing you will just have to trust me and I really don't think the board will be receptive to less PL trawlers intercept kings as bi-catch wonder what number they are allowed JF supports the proposal and doesn't think the board will approve of getting rid of the line all together, but this is a step in the right direction MK opposes, the numbers aren't telling us that set net has been getting a better yield since the line went in and that it works Proportional increase but not catching less NG suggest closing sport, com and subsistence for a couple of years MJ there is no goal for kings in Togiak FL sport fish are taking more kings then subsistence Guides play with lots of fish and let them go JF should we amend the proposal to do away with sport and com fishing of kings? MK we want a conservation plan we are facing meager numbers and biggest users are the sports fishermen MJ the only reason Nushagak has a management plan is because they have sonar and trigger points no sonar no trigger points to manage JF why should sport catches double while com fish proactively sacrifices our catch MJ it could have been a great proposal but I think king line should stay in place and error on the side of caution because kings are in dire straights

Question was called the proposal failed unanimously

MK made a motion to adopt proposal 76, seconded by WS, question was called, motion carried and proposal was adopted unanimously



MK made a motion to adopt proposal 77, seconded by PL, question was called, motion carried and proposal was adopted unanimously

WK made a motion to adopt proposal 82 with option B, seconded by MK, question was called, motion carried and proposal was adopted unanimously

PL made a motion to adopt proposal 89, seconded by FL, question was called, motion carried and proposal was adopted 5 support 2 opposed

PL made a motion to adopt proposal 91, seconded by WK, question was called and motion carried unanimously

FL made a motion to adopt proposal 221, seconded by PL

Discussion-WS we need room between set net, drift fishermen and tenders, the tenders should not impede fishermen

Question was called and the motion carried unanimously

II. Comment on proposals for the BOF Statewide Finfish Meeting

MK made a motion to adopt proposal 209-211 seconded by PL

Discussion-PL if we used to see lots of tiny herring jumping we knew that we would catch lots of kings

Question was called and motion carried unanimously

III. Discussion of Minute approval for comments to BOF(BBFF comment deadline Nov,19)

WK made a motion to have the Chairmen approve the minutes on behalf of the AC, seconded by PL, question called and motion carried unanimously



IV. Federal Subsistence Proposals

FL made a motion to adopt proposals WP 16 25-28 and 31,32 seconded by WK, question was called and motion carried unanimously

IX. Old Business: Approval of Minutes from the 1/5/2015 meeting

I. Set date and location of next meeting.

Call of the chair

Adjournment

MK made a motion to Adjourn at 7:00



Chignik Fish and Game Advisory Committee
January 19, 2016
Teleconference Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order by Alfredo AbouEid at 1:42 pm on January 19th, 2016
- II. Roll Call:
 - Jacob Shangin, Chair, Ivanof Bay, 06/2018
 - Alfredo AbouEid, Vice Chair, Chignik Lagoon, 06/2017
 - Raechel Allen, Secretary, Chignik Bay, 06/2017
 - Ben Allen, Chignik Bay, 06/2018
 - Debbie Carlson, Chignik Bay, 06/2016
 - Mitchell Lind, Chignik Lake, 06/2017
 - Ronald Lind, Chignik Lake, 06/2016
 - Al Anderson, Chignik Lagoon, 06/2018
 - Gary Anderson, Chignik Lagoon, 06/2016
 - Edgar Shangin, Ivanof Bay, 06/2017
 - Stephen Shangin, Ivanof Bay, 06/2016
 - Patrick Kosbruk, Perryville, 06/2018
 - Marvin Yagie, Perryville, expired
 - Boris Kosbruk, Perryville, 06/2016
 - Rame AbouEid, Alternate 06/2017
 - Ernest Carlson, Alternate 06/2017

Members Present: Alfredo AbouEid, Al Anderson, Gary Anderson, Edgar Shangin, Patrick Kosbruk, Ben Allen, Raechel Allen, Debbie Carlson, Ernest Carlson

Members Absent: Mitchell Lind, Ronald Lind, Jacob Shangin, Stephen Shangin, Marvin Yagie, Boris Kosbruk, Rame AbouEid

Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 8

Members Present: 9

List of User Groups: Chignik Bay, Chignik Lagoon, Chignik Lake, Ivanof Bay, Perryville

List of User Groups Present: Chignik Bay, Chignik Lagoon, Ivanof Bay, Perryville

List of User Groups Absent: Chignik Lake

Note: Further into the meeting, Austin Shangin, Perryville, 06/2017, was seated in place of Marvin Yagie's expired seat which raised the Members Present to 10.



- III. Approval of Agenda: Gary makes motion to approve the agenda. Ben seconds. Alfredo asks if there are any changes to be made. Taryn would like to pull the elections: Chignik Lake because it was not properly noticed, Ivanoff because it held an election, Chignik Lagoon because they held an election, and Patrick verified that Perryville held an election on Jan. 15, 2016. Taryn requests a letter from the Perryville council confirming their vote. The chair seated the new members after unanimous consent. Discussion was held on the Chignik Lake vacancy and it was resolved that a vote needed to be held with time and place posted for at least two weeks prior to the election. Patrick made a motion to accept the agenda without elections. Al seconded. The agenda as amended was unanimously approved.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: November 4, 2015 Gary makes a motion to approve the minutes. Al seconded. There were no objections. The motion to approve the minutes is unanimously approved.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Board Support; Dawn Wilburn, Chignik Salmon Management; Lucus Stumpf, Chignik Salmon Management; Nick Sagalkin, Regional Supervisor; Jeff Wadle, Regional Salmon Management; Mark Stichert, Groundfish/Shellfish Management; Nat Nichols, Groundfish/Shellfish Management; Lisa Scarborough, Subsistence; Mary Beth Loewen, Salmon Research; Tyler Polum, Sport Fish; George Pappas, OSM

Guests Present: Axel Kopun, Chignik Bay; George Anderson, Chignik Lagoon; Chuck McCallum, Lake & Peninsula Borough; Bruce Barret, United Chignik Salmon Fishermen; Wallace Hinderer, Chignik Bay; Don Bumpus, Chignik Lagoon; Clem Grunert, Chignik Lagoon; Tony Gregorio, Chignik Lagoon; Gayla Hoseth, BBNA; Laura Tanis, Aleutians East Borough; Johnny Lind, Chignik Lake; Sandra Aleck, Chignik Lake

- VI. ADF&G Staff Updates: Dawn Wilburn presented the 2016 Chignik Salmon Forecast and that it has been posted to the Fish & Game website. Mark Stichert gave a report on Pacific Cod Fisheries. There was no actions taken at the December Board Meeting that will affect this coming season in Chignik. Alfredo inquired about the high % of smaller cod. Mark said in 2013 a big recruitment arrived and we are still seeing remnants of that year from Kodiak to False Pass. Reports of dead fish and birds were given from Debbie in Chignik Bay, Johnny in Chignik Lake, Patrick in Perryville, and Gary in Chignik Lagoon as well as Alfredo. Mark Stichert said observations and frozen samples could be reported to him and he would get samples to the labs. Lisa Scarborough added to get freshly perished samples to the lab within three days and gave a number to Fish and Wildlife Service (866-527-9958) to call into and give reports. She mentioned photos taken being useful for identification purposes as well.

VII. New Business:

I. Discussion of Proposals for Statewide Finfish, 213, 215, 218, and 2, commenced first so Mark could be dismissed for other business. Next, the Proposals for the Board of Fish Alaska Peninsula/ Aleutian Island/ Chignik Finfish Meeting were addressed with Sport Fish proposals 198-201 being discussed first, followed by Commercial proposals 172-187, 192, and 189. The discussions and voting records are recorded in the template format below.

STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES MARCH 8-12,2016 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	213	Clarify possession and landing requirements for Pacific cod and walleye pollock.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	0	Mark Stichert explained this is a "housecleaning" state proposal aimed at offshore trawl fisheries to stop high grading and it really didn't change Chignik pot fishery. Al moved to adopt. Gary seconded.
BOF	215	Establish a 58' overall length limit for vessels participating in South Alaska Peninsula parallel walleye pollock fishery using trawl gear.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	10	0	Ben moved to adopt. Al seconded. Alfredo stated that 58' limit protects our fishery. The bigger boats clean us out. Ben asked for clarification. Mark Stichert explained this was for federal parallel fishery within 3 miles. Alfredo described his experience fishing with these bigger boats around and that they are competing with the pot fisherman. He stated we should ask the Board of Fish to include Chignik in this list or proposal as well to protect ourselves and help the local communities. There was agreement with this. Ben makes a motion to amend to add Chignik to this proposal. Al seconds. Amendment carries 10-0.
BOF	218	Consider establishing state-waters walleye pollock jig fishery management plans with guideline harvest levels deducted from total allowable catch for the corresponding federal areas.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Al stated that should the board move forward with this that the Chignik area would remain a SUPER EXCLUSIVE area (similar to our current cod regs). Mark Stichert said to make this a comment in the discussion for the Board to see. All are in agreement with the addition of a super exclusive designation for Chignik.



ALASKA PENINSULA / ALEUTIAN ISLANDS / CHIGNIK FINFISH

FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 1, 2016

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes ?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	172	Increase the passage of sockeye salmon above the Chignik River weir to provide additional subsistence fishing opportunity.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	9	1	<p>PROPOSAL 172 - Lisa Scarborough reported according to ADF&G the late run subsistence harvest is less than 10K Sockeye Salmon annually. A member stated there is frequent under reporting. Another stated that some had trouble with dried fish and they were going out and getting more for drying without reporting. Johnny said the household surveys were the most accurate. The general comments are that report estimates are low. George asks dept stance on the proposal. Dawn Wilburn stated they were neutral and if raised to 75K it would be difficult to reach the upper escapement goals needed. Al asked why that is. Department states there is just not that many coming in and Didson sonar is used now so it is more accurate reporting. Al stated that there were a lot of fish caught in the past in Sept and now we are killing of the Aug portion of the run because of Area M and Chignik fishing. Al believes the first run was reduced (by the Department) and transferred to the late run rather than adding additional fish in the past. Bruce stated that some biologists believe that the loss of Sockeye Salmon rearing habitat at Black Lake has put more pressure on the Chignik Lake habitat due to the earlier migration of the Black Lake fry into Chignik Lake. The fry, likely most vulnerable to an increase in predation and greater competition for rearing habitat or food, are logically those produced from the real late or near end component of the Chignik Lake run as they would be the smallest and later emerging fry. Not like it was when there was better rearing conditions. Alfredo suggests fertilizing the lake or being proactive to fix the problem or getting more females for the escapement. Ben asked for the negative and positive aspects of the proposal. Dawn suggested it will create a more aggressive management style early in July. Trying to put in 50% after peak of run is a concern. Clem notes we have predation and underreporting. Are we getting enough escaped for subsistence need? Coho predation is also a problem notes Bruce. George Papas asked what is the upper end of the goal that could be managed for plus 25K fish in the month of Aug? Dawn said Aug needs 66K and 25K is 91K fish. George Papas notes that since 2007 the run exceeded the goal 4 times . The proposal would put us over the escapement goals. George asks for examples how strategy would change in July? Dawn Wilburn states that harvest would have to be more aggressive in early July. Bruce states that overfishing the early July component and having weak component management will decrease overall late run. Al agrees with Bruce and said we can't be cutting escapement back. The escapement goal needs to be increased. Ernie notes we haven't been shut down early [Aug 20] until recently.</p>



BOF	174	<p>In July and August close Chignik Area commercial salmon fisheries between Castle Cape and Kupreanof Peninsula when the Southeastern District Mainland is closed to commercial salmon fishing with set gillnet gear.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	09	<p>Al moved to adopt. Ben seconded. Dawn reported the department stance was to oppose this proposal - it limits the Department to manage local stocks and the Department would lack control of over escapement. Also, there is no precedent for managing our stocks on other areas. Alfredo opposes to 174 - it closes us down and seems anchored on greed. It is irrational as the fish predominately travel east, and there is no evidence of any notable South Peninsula Pink, Chum, and/or Coho salmon contribution in either of the subject two districts. The WASSIP study showed that South Peninsula Area Chum salmon contributed an average of 6.6% of the catch for the three years 2006-08 and that Chignik Sockeye Salmon dominated the sockeye catch from the two districts in the same period. WASSIP indicated that the SP Southeastern District Mainland is an interception, non-local stock fishery on Chum Salmon with the Chignik/Kodiak stock aggregate dominating the catch for the two years evaluated (2008-09). Al is against 174 and foresees that we will wind up with watermarked fish to harvest. Alfredo said we should be utilizing our resource. Many of the salmon streams near these villages of Perryville and Ivanof Bay are of distinct cultural and economic importance. To suggest that local resources in these districts should be restricted based on non-local stocks is most unreasonable and a callous disregard of our people. There was some discussion on how to expedite this meeting and it was decided it was prudent to address each proposal separately. Ernie then reminded folks that there were 46 streams in the Western and Perryville Districts that needed to be managed and this proposal doesn't address this .</p>
BOF	2	<p>Allow bycatch retention of Pacific cod in the Chignik Area salmon seine fishery. (This proposal will be heard at the Pacific cod meeting and heard and deliberated on at the Alaska Peninsula / Chignik / Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting.)</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	100	<p>Al moves to adopt. Ben seconds. Al reaffirmed that he is most concerned about preventing waste. Ernie asked if there is a weight percentage in the proposal. Al said that he thought the Board could decide that. Mark Stichert said the Department usually sets the % said the Default % was 20%.</p> <p>The following is the discussion of Proposal 2 at the September 23,2015 Chignik AC meeting: <i>Mark Stichert comments that there might be some catch accounting issues. The fish ticket data base for salmon is separate from groundfish and management will need information in season to react. The data base folks are being asked about how this issue can be addressed. Motion to adopt by Rodney and seconded by Alfredo. Rodney asks what permit cards are needed to qualify and Mark Stichert lays out some options. Don asks if salmon season could be closed if cod bycatch is too high and Mark says no, and they would manage to the cod GHL and if cod bycatch was high they would close cod and stop the retention of cod but not close salmon. Tony asks if you have to have a pot or jig license to deliver cod on salmon fish ticket and how it effects the exclusivity of the fishery. Mark says that you don't have to be in the cod fishery so the super exclusive would not apply because you are not in the fishery. Rodney states that there is a problem with cod going and he would like to see this solution even if it has to come off the jig quota. Mark Stichert notes that seine mortality for cod is high but technically the dead cod is supposed to be reported on the fish ticket and accounted for. Mark Stichert asks what level, in the fishermen's experience, should the bycatch level be set at? Tony notes that right now the Chignik jigfishery is not a viable fishery but if, in the future, the jig fishery becomes viable we may have to deal with that. Tony asks if anyone has approached the canneries and if the companies will buy? Al Anderson says that he wrote the proposal and hates to see the waste and that last year everyone was swamped. George asks if the department would be more favorable if there was a sunset clause. Mark said that he wasn't sure he had a good answer. Mark noted that this is less complicated and that waste might be of interest to the BOF. Catch acct is the crux of the issue. Sunset probably won't make a difference on how the department comments. George asks if there will be additional costs for the department. Mark says there will be some additional costs to mesh the two systems, groundfish and salmon, together. The cost could be a problem in this fiscal environment. Rodney calls for question. Motion passes with all in favor.</i></p>

BOF	175	Create a pink salmon management plan in the Chignik Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	9	0	<p>Proposal 175 was discussed and voted concurrently with 173. The same minutes are repeated here as follows: Al moved to adopt. Gary seconded. Bruce addressed that this proposal would give the Department plenty of latitude and ample authority to close these areas, stated these are historical fishing areas, and that Chignik had lost harvest opportunity even while there was no shortage of escapement, and on average there was over escapement. There are other methods to calculate the escapement used in other areas that should be applied. Streams in other areas have 500 yard closed water boundaries yet have regular weekly openings. The areas in the proposal are not sockeye areas. Al agrees with Bruce and believes there should be weekly openings and after a catch was reported, then close the area, and fly it to assess as was done in the past. Al supports 173 and 175. George says they are historical lines used in the past. Dawn Wilburn said the current lines were set in 1987 to protect milling fish. Some issues in Ivanof Bay with dumping dark fish. Alfredo stated he fished Ivanoff in 70's and it can't be fished to close to the boundaries or nets will rip. Also, the large closed area where fish mill often holds over escapement. He supports this proposal and believes we should go back to the historical lines in the 70's. Ernie asks the Department what are the escapement goals/capacity vs. what are they producing? Dawn Wilburn gave figures of 6-116k for Ivanoff and 17-204k Kajulik. Actual goals are area wide and no specific goal for each bay. An example was given for Ivanoff of 37k escapement. Ernie -we've over escaped and taxed the rivers some years and need a better "handle" on the situation so we can utilize our resource. Alfredo notes Dorner Bay seems to have lower return lately but Ivanoff and Kajulik are over escaped. Bruce notes that a single survey isn't enough and waiting for peak count goal loses harvest opportunity and reduces harvested fish quality. Conservation is the area fishermen's goal. Patrick moves to amend the proposals to add a sunset clause to both 173 and 175. Austin seconds. Motion to amend carried 9-0. Al calls the question for 173 and 175 as amended.</p>
BOF	176	Amend Southeastern District Mainland commercial salmon set gillnet fishery season opening times and fishing periods.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	<p>Ernie is opposed to the proposal as it does away with the allocation plan we have worked for years on. He went on to say the gentlemen in that area created their own problem when they were given three permits through limited entry and then sold some of them off creating more competition and now they want us to pay on this end. Ben makes a motion to adopt. Gary seconds. Dawn Wilburn said the department was neutral on the allocative aspects and said the department was opposed to establishing a set schedule that would limit their ability to manage local stocks and be difficult to meet local stock escapement in area M. Bruce expressed this would expand an interception fishery and Orzinski was the only terminal run in the area and he felt the department was remiss in not stating that this expansion of an interception fishery was contrary to Board of Fish policy. George stated that if implemented, it would supersede the SEDM plan, removing all allocation assignment and all conservation requirements. Ben- the proposal would expand an existing interception fishery monumentally. If approved, it would wrongly permit SEDM setnetters to intercept Chignik-bound Sockeye Salmon absent of any allocation assignment or conservation requirement. The proposal represents nothing less than whole-hearted greed to pirate Chignik-bound Sockeye Salmon by a select group of Area M fishermen.</p>



BOF	177	Revise the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to allow commercial salmon fishing with set gillnet gear concurrent to the Chignik Area commercial sockeye salmon fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	Ben moved to adopt. Al seconded. Department is neutral to the allocative aspect and is opposed to allowing concurrent fishing with CMA because it would limit the department's ability to manage local area M stocks. It would make it difficult to meet escapement goals. Alfredo states this is more greediness and would create more interception. Hopefully, the Alaska Board of Fisheries will recognize the proposal for what it signifies--- a total disregard for a long-standing BOF policy against non-local stocks fishery expansions. Al asked to address if they rarely catch the 7.6% and Jeff said they get pretty close and last year they went over. Alfredo said he tendered in the Shumagins - they are mostly Chignik fish being caught and aren't recorded on the allocation. Bruce said they won't make the 7.6 % in all the years because Chignik is "on their lips" with poor fish returns. This plan would expand an interception fishery. Ernie asked what they are targeting after July 25. Jeff said that they are managing to target for chums and pinks and some sockeye. Bruce- Orzinski sockeye are well over by then and Jeff Wadle agreed. Alfredo -it's just an interception fishery after that. The proposal, if approved, would expand an historic interception fishery and remove the harvest preference granted to Chignik fishermen. Gary clarifies that Chignik has a 300,000 minimum catch and that the department must still guarantee that Chignik catches 600,000 in the current plan. Ben states the proposal is similar to Proposal 176 as it reflects greed and a willingness to damage Chignik fishermen who invest significantly in the conservation of Chignik's two Sockeye Salmon runs and that it's nothing more than a fish grab. If approved, the proposal change would effectively take sockeye salmon away from the Chignik terminal fishery.
BOF	178	In the Southeastern District Mainland establish weekly fishing through July 10 for set gillnet gear and from July 11 through July 25 establish 48 hour open fishing periods and closures for set gillnet and purse seine gear.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	Dawn Wilburn explains it gives 600 hrs fishing time with 96 hrs open and 72 hour closure. She said it is unclear if it removes allocation criteria. The Department is neutral on the allocation aspect but opposed to set fishing schedules as it limits the department's ability to manage local stock. Ben moves to adopt. Al seconds. Ernie suggests submitting an allocation plan into this proposal. Ben cites the some of the same comments from 177. The proposal, if approved, would expand a historic interception fishery and remove the harvest preference granted to Chignik fishermen. The proposal is similar to Proposal 176 as it reflects greed and a willingness to damage Chignik fishermen who invest significantly in the conservation of Chignik's two Sockeye Salmon runs. Hopefully, the Alaska Board of Fisheries will recognize the proposal for what it signifies--- a total disregard for a long-standing BOF policy against non-local stocks fishery expansions. If approved, the proposal change would effectively take Sockeye Salmon away from the Chignik terminal fishery. Ernie stated that this proposal would do away with an allocation plan with a long history that's been working and asked how this would be prosecuted with allocation criteria? Jeff said it would be opened as the schedule would dictate and Dawn clarified that if it was under an allocation plan the department could still close it as necessary. Ben calls question.
BOF	179	Amend the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan to establish that 40 percent of the sockeye salmon taken in the East Stepovak, Stepovak Flats, Southwest Stepovak, Balboa Bay, and Beaver Bay sections are considered to be of Chignik River origin.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	Al makes motion to adopt. Ben seconds. Ben asks if this would double the SEDM allocated catch? Bruce answers yes, it would increase interception of salmon and to keep it allocatively neutral cut the 7.6% allocation to 3.8%. The ADF&G testified in the last Area M BOF meeting that the 80% Chignik stock assignment is not inconsistent with the findings of the GIS study funded by the Aleutian East Borough several years back. Also, the results of the 1963 tagging study that the pre-July SEDM Plan is founded on, clearly shows 80% of the tagged fish were Chignik bound sockeye. Chignik stock abundance varies however it would increase the amount of harvestable fish intercepted, contrary to policy. Alfredo reaffirms that it's just a way for Area M to intercept more salmon.

BOF	180	Require all salmon harvested in the Southeastern District Mainland fishery to be landed within the Southeastern District.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	0	Ben made the motion to adopt. Gary seconded. Dawn commented that the dept was neutral on allocation but had concern about enforcement. Bruce verified a provision in the proposal to waive this requirement if necessary. Dawn Wilburn believed this was correct. Bruce- the department should verify if misreporting is or is not happening and show evidence. Ben supported this proposal saying the department should be able to verify and check if the rules [allocation] are being applied properly. It was commented that there must be a tendency to under report. Ernie questions the percentage of sockeye being caught when it is just gillnetters vs when seiners are present as well. Department didn't know. Seiners can move so this proposal would improve honest reporting. Alfredo states that if we have an allocation on our run then they [the beneficiary] must be accountable for the fish they catch. He supports the proposal. The statement should be made that if you cheat you will be penalized.
BOF	181	Repeal the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	7	Ben made motion to adopt. Gary seconded. Dawn Wilburn explained it would repeal the management plan and no alternative was given. The Department said there was some question why it did not oppose and request more info. Ben questioned if this could potentially be used as a fish grab. Al said we don't really understand what they are trying to do. Chuck suggested they are trying to shut down a fishery. Bruce suggested letting it go and not make it more of an issue. Al did not like leaving an open ended ticket. There was general agreement to that. 2 abstentions
BOF	182	Modify the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to shift the opening date for the drift gillnet fishery to coincide with the set gillnet fishery opening date.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	Raechel moved to adopt. Gary seconded. Al says this will create "infighting" and the Board will allocate fish to them and it will negatively impact us. Raechel said it gives them more fishing days. It would increase interception. Jeff Wadle verifies it would increase fishing time. Ben says it is allocative amongst the fisherman and amongst areas with no accounting where they are going. Chuck stated it will increase effort.
BOF	183	Modify the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to stagger opening days for the drift and purse seine fisheries.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	Ben moved to adopt and Gary seconded. Raechel clarified that they would fish staggered the entire season. While the hours for each gear type remain the same the hours of gear in the water is increased. Al states that the two groups would be fishing without competition with the other, giving them increased interception. Ben agrees. Raechel stated it makes less competition for each gear type making increased interception. Jeff said there is always gear in the water. Al - it adds a day for the drift gillnetters. Ben sees more interception. Jeff clarifies that, yes there would be more effort. Bruce states that Chignik stocks are present in these fisheries
BOF	184	Repeal the current South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and readopt the management plan in place during 2003-2004.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action	8	0	Ben moved to adopt. Gary seconded. This appears to insure more Chum to AYK. Chignik doesn't have a chum issue. Ben made a motion to take no action. Agreement was expressed. Gary seconds. 1 abstention

BOF	185	Establish a Dolgoi Island Section and Dolgoi Island Section Management Plan.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	9 0	<p>Ben moved to adopt. Al seconded. Bruce - It anchors to the Chignik harvest preference of 300k and 600k. We negotiated the 120k # with Area M fishermen but there was not enough notice given for that board cycle. It puts a management tie to conservation of Chignik stocks. There are less than/ about 2% local sockeye. It's an intercept fishery and should have a conservation burden. George- this proposal ensures that local pink and chums are harvested. Alfredo- 120K is too much. Gary asks if Dolgoi is tied to the 7.6% allocation. Bruce clarified- no constraint or conservation burden on this area now. Gary- in 2006 they intercepted a very large component of the Chignik run. Alfredo - the fleet has been growing more efficient, better gear, larger vessels and states why not attach an allocation percentage instead of 120K. Bruce- the harvest preference will give accountability when Chignik runs are depressed. Ben asks what years records were analyzed. Chuck mentioned his dad fished there and was aware they were catching Chignik fish. George doesn't want a hangup on the 120K #. It was discussed at length with AreaM fisherman and 120K was palatable after looking at 60K and 80k. Most important to get conservations ties. Bruce stated that it would be difficult to tie anything into the existing 7.6% allocation because SEDM fishermen[setnets] don't move much. Ben - by setting up conservation ties this proposal will help SEDM have a greater potential to fish as Chignik will get its escapement. It would have positive effects clear to Igvak. There was consensus in discussion that the issue of lacking conservation must be addressed. It was noted that the 120K was agreed on with Area M and that it was Sue Jeffery that called a lack of adequate public notice. Alfredo and Al have concern that the 120K will be caught and then later in the bays they will pursue more sockeye with no constraints. Bruce felt the lines were reasonable. In 2014, 280k caught in Dolgoi while we caught 600K total. Dawn - the department is concerned with enforcement of required delivery in Dolgoi area. General discussion of accuracy of fish ticket reporting. George and Bruce pointed out the delivery requirement could be negated by the Department or removed by the BOF. Gary suggests negotiating with Area M fisherman again to minimize differences. Ben asked where the 120K came from. Bruce explained the last 10 years after removing the high and low. Earnie and Ben asked for various comments to be entered into the record [noted at end of Proposal 185 minutes]. Patrick suggests starting negotiation where we started last year. Bruce read the Dolgoi catches from 2006-15. 851,000 catch for 2015 was startling. General discussion of what figure should be in proposal. Patrick and Gary suggest 80K. Bruce agreed. Ernie asks to tie 186 with this proposals discussion. Patrick makes an amendment to 80K. The vote to amendment from 120K to 80K carried unanimously (9-0) . Additional Comments entered into record for Proposal 185</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ About 50% of the Sockeye Salmon harvested in the Dolgoi Island fishery through July 25th are Chignik-bound early and late run fish as reported by the comprehensive WASSIP study. ▪ Chignik bound Sockeye Salmon are the dominate stock taken in this fishery even when Chignik runs are weak or well below average, as established by the WASSIP study. ▪ Per the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy, it is reasonable to address the impact of the Dolgoi Island fishery. In accordance it is prudent to set some side-boards on that fishery to address conservation of Chignik-bound Sockeye Salmon as well as limit the degree of non-local stock harvest occurring annually. ▪ Currently there are no constraints to protect Chignik-bound Sockeye Salmon even when Igvak and the SEDM fisheries are closed to meet Chignik Sockeye Salmon escapement shortfalls. Too often Dolgoi Island fishermen harvest more Chignik-bound Sockeye Salmon than caught at Igvak and in the SEDM combined. ▪ While there is some historic basis for this fishery, there has been increased gear efficiency and effort advancing the killing power and targeting of migrating Sockeye Salmon, namely fish destined to Chignik and Cook Inlet and Kodiak. ▪ While not a prominent stock in Dolgoi Island fishery (per WASSIP findings), Bristol Bay Sockeye Salmon could be alternatively harvested in fisheries west of Dolgoi Island as well as on the north side of the Peninsula by Area M fishermen. ▪ The proposal would not limit local stock harvest opportunity as there are no terminal Sockeye runs in the Dolgoi Island Area, and the proposal, as drafted, adequately ensures that local Pink and Chum Salmon can be harvested.



BOF	186	Establish a Dolgoi Island Section and Dolgoi Island Section June Management Plan.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	8	1	The purpose of 185 and comments there apply to 186 as well. Ben moved to hear proposal 186. Gary seconded. Bruce explained this is easier/simpler for the Department to manage (than proposal 185). It reduces fishing time [25%] and applies the 300K and 600K harvest preference numbers. Dawn Wilburn explains the figures of the current plan hours and proposal 186. Bruce - the times align with what is currently done. Ben - the other plan [185] is better. George - this is a reasonable plan that gives them fishing time. Dawn says the Department is neutral as this is allocative. Al moves to adopt. Gary seconds. Ben asks if we should change to 33%. George- 300K/600K is the crux of the issue. Status quo is unreasonable and shutting them down completely is unreasonable. This is a good compromise, a good start. Al would rather the cap of proposal 185. There was discussion over what the appropriate time % reduction should be. It is noted that the Chignik component of fish caught in the Dolgoi area is 43% in June and 51% post June. Ben suggests amending to 33% reduction in fishing time as 25% was not enough of a reduction. Al points out they are intercepting greater than 45% of Chignik sockeye, and to put that into perspective. General agreement - 25% reduction was not enough. Al suggests 50%. Gary moves to amend to reduce the fishing time in proposal from 25% to 50%. Ben seconded. Amendment passed 8-1.
BOF	187	Modify the Post-June Salmon Management Plan for South Alaska Peninsula to provide the department authority to make openings for specific gear groups.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	Al moved to adopt. Gary seconded. The department stated it is a vague proposal and there was not enough detail. Bruce stated it could provide greater interception. We are unclear about all the implications.
BOF	189	Allow for dual permit vessels and increased gear limits for dual permit vessels in the Alaska Peninsula Area commercial salmon purse seine fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	Ben moved to adopt. Al seconded. Chuck stated that there were many latent permits and it would bring more effort [net length] into the area. Ben opposed it and stated it limits the ability of new participants to enter the fishery. The State can do buy backs if there is an issue. Ernie said it's against the effect of the limited entry.
BOF	192	Allow commercial fishing for salmon with set gillnets in the area between Popof Head and Dark Cliffs any time the area is closed to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	Pat moved to adopt. Austin seconded. Jeff said currently we are opposed to the proposal. Ernie asks if it is a potential expansion of interception fishery. Alfredo asked if it would potentially expand the time fished. Jeff said, potentially yes.
BOF	198	Require non-retention of king Salmon in the Sandy River.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Out of our area.
BOF	199	Amend the freshwater bag limit provisions for salmon species other than king salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	Tyler Polum introduces the proposal. It would increase the bag limit for under 20 inches. It aligns the AK Peninsula with Kodiak. Al asks if this applies to Chignik and specifies that he adamantly does not want to increase bag limits in Chignik River at all. George Pappas gives information about federal subsistence regulations. Ben has concerns that we have a subsistence issue already and doesn't want an increase in sport fishing pressure added to the subsistence problem. Al sees this applying to hunters flying in. Ben would like Chignik excluded from this. Al moved to adopt and Ben seconds. Patrick states his understanding is that it doesn't change the number of fish you can keep a day. Tyler said this is correct but it does increase the bag limit for under 20 inches. Patrick suggests if we are worried about this then we would oppose this action. Ben again suggests amending to exclude Chignik to give the Department a way to apply the proposal without including Chignik. Patrick points out that every area and fishery is different and just because it works for Kodiak doesn't mean it will for us. Clem Grunert opposes this proposal. Comments during the vote were "not as written" and "it leads to more."



BOF	200	Close Swanson Lagoon and its tributaries to sport fishing for sockeye salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Out of our area.
BOF	201	Reduce the possession limit for coho salmon in Illiuliuk Creek.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Out of our area.

- II. Al makes motion to authorize Alfredo AbouEid, the Vice Chair, to approve the minutes in case of the AC not being able to make quorum. Ben seconds. Motion carries with unanimous approval.

VIII. Set date and location of next meeting.

Al suggests meeting in Anchorage before the Board of Fish meeting. Having time to seat any new Chignik Lake members was discussed. There is a CRAA meeting on February 19th, 2016. Taryn could run a teleconference on February 16th, 2016. Al mentions chartering Iliamna Air as a cost effective way to get everyone to Anchorage. The next meeting is tentatively set for February 16th, 2016 at 1:30pm to address the proposals 185, 186, and other topics that would apply to the BOF meetings.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05pm

Minutes Recorded By: Raechel Allen
 Minutes Approved By: Alfredo AbouEid
 Date: February 8, 2016



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- B) Scott Kent
Escapement Goals

VIII. New Business:

- a) Conducted election to fill the empty at-large board position; four candidates – Louie Greene Jr., Brandon Ahmasuk, Tonya Ablowaluk, Sean Komonaseak Sr. Vote count: Louie Green Jr. 6, Brandon Ahmasuk 23, Tonya Ablowaluk 0, and Sean Komonaseak Sr. 3. Brandon was then seated as the At-Large member for three years.
- b) ACR-4 Establish an aggregate pot limit of no more than 20 pots per permit holder for the Norton Sound Section winter through the ice commercial fishery for Red, blue and Hanasaki King Crab.

MM: Paul Kosto to support ACR-4 as is. 2nd Adem Boeckman. Motion Carried by unanimous vote.

Scott Kent described the procedure that would be put in place to manage the pot limit.

Frank McFarlan: I have seen crews up to four. Maybe you could limit pots per crew. I see it as a source of revenue for the state. With the 8% quota, is there a way to have an adjustable weight limit for the winter like we do for the summer? I think we need to think about how to control the number of permits out there.

Charlie Lean: Explains the need to reduce and address the pot loss.

Frank McFarlan: A crew of four doesn't need to have 80 pots. I just see people buying more permits. I don't think we want more permits out there.

It was recommended to get the proposal in place and see how it goes for a couple of years and see if there were modifications required at that point.

- c) Identifying an NNSAC member to be the representative At the WACH;

Kevin Knowlton asked Brandon Ahmasuk if he would be interested, Brandon declined
Charlie Lean was nominated to represent by Nate Perkins, board voted unanimously in agreement.

- d) Identify a representative to attend the AYK, Statewide BOF and BOG meetings.

Nate Perkins: Nominates Charlie Lean to attend all of the meetings, and the BOF meetings that Adem Boeckman as the alternate. Unanimous vote in support of nomination.

- e) Musk Ox Survey Update: Bill Dunker and Tony Gorn

Musk Ox bull composition is up to 20% and recruitment is at 8%. Continuing to manage population density and range.

BOF	48	Allow Permit Stacking for set gillnet operations in the Bristol Bay Area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Adem Boeckman, wants to support the Southern Norton Sound AC because of their stake in the fishery.

BOF	129	In the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area during times of conservation, require the return of a specified salmon species immediately to the water unharmed when beach seining.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	14	0	Motion to support: Nate Perkins, 2nd Paul Kosto, Motion Carried
BOF	130	Allow the restriction of gillnet mesh size during times of conservation for chum and king salmon in any portion of the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	14	0	Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2nd Nate Perkins. Tom Gray: Inquires whether Teller and Brevig are going to have problems with fishing for reds. Scott Kent: Explains reasoning for this particular proposal.
BOF	131	Increase subsistence fishing time with gillnets and beach seines in Subdistrict 1 of Norton Sound District.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	14	0	Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2nd Adem Boeckman. Adem Boeckman: Inquires about relationship to the subsistence opener. Provide for more responsive management during times of pink and chum abundance.
BOF	132	Add cast net as a legal subsistence fishing gear and allow both dip net and cast net gear to be used in all subsistence fisheries in the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	14	0	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2nd Adem Boeckman. Dan Reed: Explains it makes fishing more available to people with cast nets to catch fish when they cannot afford expensive nets and boats. Charlie Lean: Explains the previous try before the BOF, there is adequate public notice and I believe it has a chance. Brandon Ahmasuk: Inquires about then number of people who are fishing with dip nets- very few.
BOF	133	Allow the use of beach seines for commercial harvest of chum and pink salmon in Subdistricts 5 and 6 of the Norton Sound District during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	14	0	Motion to support: Adem Boeckman, 2nd Paul Kosto. Adem Boeckman: Would like to amend to all of Norton Sound, you can see the potential for Golovin and Elim to catch pink salmon and I think it is an economic opportunity. Adem Boeckman: Explains in years of pink abundance being able to fish for them with a seine. Roy Ashenfelter: Inquires about the management plan, and how to change it for subdistricts 1 and 2, if it is the wish of the AC. Nate Perkins: This will lay the ground work for putting this into action in our region eventually.



BOF	134	Change the boundary line separating the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area and Yukon Area at Point Romanof in area and district descriptions.	
X Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	14	0	Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2nd Nate Perkins. Jim Menard: Explains the problem of bisecting the Yukon Delta. This proposal is for all of the species of fish.
BOF	141	Recognize rod and reel fishing as a legal means for subsistence fishing in all of the Kotzebue District.	
X Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	14	0	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2nd Nate Perkins. Some of the rationale for this proposal for us convincing there were some elders that were accepting fish in small quantities and those amounts were manageable. Tier II management was in place and allowable harvests were very low. It leaves fair allocation of a limited resource, with hook and line where everyone gets a few. Nate Perkins: I have no problem with this proposal I think rod and reel is acceptable subsistence gear.
BOF	146	Create a directed commercial fishery for cisco in Norton Sound or Port Clarence Districts.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended X Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	14	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2nd Nate Perkins. The department makes some valid points, without having the adequate research to see if the population is supported. The department believes the reproductive base is on the Yukon River. Little is known about the cisco of Port Clarence District. Sara Okboak: Explains we don't want a commercial fishery we care about the resources to be sustainable.
BOF	181	Repeal the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose X No Action			
BOF	184	Repeal the current South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and readopt the management plan in place during 2003-2004.	
X Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	14	0	This is the best approach of Proposals 181-184. 182 and 183 will both result in reallocation of salmon away from BB and AYK. Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2nd Tom Gray.
BOF	214	Specify that bycatch in excess of the allowable amount will be surrendered to the state and donated to charity and establish fines for bycatch in excess of the allowable amount.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended X Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	14	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2nd Paul. Kevin Knowlton: Explains the comparison that if you shoot an illegal moose, you have to surrender it. Paul Kosto: Inquires about what happens to excessive bycatch? Scott Kent: Explains that it is fishery dependent. Paul Kosto: Inquires about enforceability.

Minutes Recorded By: *Mike R. [Signature]* Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]* Date: *11/10/2015*



Alaska Board of Game Statewide Meeting, March 8-18, 2016, Fairbanks

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG Opposed	55		Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year
	3	6	Motion in support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Peter Buck. Tom Gray: Inquires about good management, I have a problem with the broad management. Nate Perkins: I think we have worked hard on our proposals, and I am going to oppose it because of the other ACs hard work. Paul Kosto: Explains the percentage of total exceptions currently, and there are other tools in the tool box for the state to manage bears.
BOG No Action	57		Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls
			?
BOG Support	68	14	Outlaw use of forward looking scope Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2 nd Paul Kosto. Discussion explaining FLIR
BOG Opposed	69	0	Prohibits use of dogs in hunting Examples of using dogs for bear hunting, and duck hunting, and uses dogs for getting wounded bear. Dogs are good for safety.
BOG Support	71	14	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Nate Perkins.
BOG Opposed	72	0	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Nate Perkins, Also for proposals 73 and 74. A 22-250 or 223 is completely capable of harvesting a moose. Sometimes people only have one gun and it is more expensive ammo to carry a bigger gun.
BOG Opposed	73	0	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts
BOG Opposed	74	0	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts
BOG Opposed	79	0	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2 nd Paul Kosto. If you check your traps too soon you can scare the animals. If weather keeps you from trapping it every 24 hours. Some trap lines are really long and it makes trapping extremely expensive. Charlie Saccheus: Explains check trapping every 48 hours is best.
BOG Opposed	80	0	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Adem Boeckman.
BOG Support	81	14	Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2 nd Paul Kosto. Charlie Saccheus: Explains



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			that trapping beaver requires setting traps underwater. Clarifying to allow for part of the trap being under water not fully submerged.
BOG No action	85		Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou We are hopeful that this proposal will be deferred to the Region V meeting and as a consequence we have taken no action.
BOG Opposed	103 0	14	Require Tier I subsistence permit holders to report harvest information Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Nate Perkins.
BOG Opposed	104 0	14	Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report Motion to Support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Nate Perkins.
BOG Opposed	105 0	14	Modify the qualification under the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Nate Perkins.
BOG Support	131 13	1	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2 nd Peter Buck. Tom Gray: Thinks tag fees allow us to get numbers on who is out there hunting and now you don't.
BOG Support	132 14	0	Modify the hunting season for snowy owls Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Kevin Knowlton. Seems to be a house keeping reg.
BOG Support	133 14	0	Modify the hunting season for cormorants Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton, 2 nd Paul Kosto. The cormorants used to be wide open and now there is a season, people prefer to eat fledging chicks that occur in August as the preferred type of cormorant to be eaten. Charlie Saccheus: People from St. Lawrence Island eat them. April 1-October 31 st .
BOG Support	135 14	0	Increase the number of nonresident drawing permits for brown bear in 22 Remainder. Motion to support: Paul Kosto, 2 nd Stanley Tocktoo. There is interest in having more bears taken.

Minutes Recorded By: *Wini R. Smith*
 Minutes Approved By: *Paul Kosto*
 Date: 11/10/2015 11-10-15



Federal Proposal Discussion:

WP 16-43: Change hunt area description and closure for caribou (Unit 18, 22A)

WP 16-44: Change hunt area descriptions, harvest limit and season for brown bear (Units 22 C, 22D)

WP 16-45: Change hunt area description for caribou (Unit 22E)

WP 16-46 Rescind closure for moose (Unit 22E)

WP 16-47 Create antlerless moose season (Unit 22E)

WP 16-37 Change in harvest limit and season for caribou (21D, 22,23,24, 25, 26A, 26B)

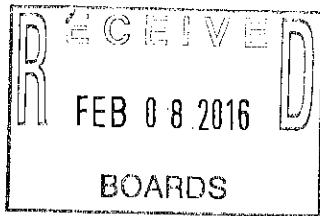
This is a confusing proposal and undoes all of the work we did in the spring time. Charlie Lean: Explains what happened in the WACH working group meeting. We made some concessions that we thought would be the least painful. We didn't get everything we wanted. Explains the next round of cuts is going to be more pain and changes. There is a lot of stuff in the works, and it is going to get tough. I was alarmed by the comments I heard earlier. That Unit 23 needs to cut back, that is a recipe for non-cooperation. We all are owners. There are some of the points we should work at, between federal and state regulations. Maybe trigger points needs to be laid out better. What kind of population are we trying to have?

No Action: Due to lack of time to deal with the proposal.

Move to support: Paul Kosto

Seconded: By Kevin Knowlton

Adjourned 8:22 pm



February 2, 2016

Tom Kluberton, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries (Attn. ADF&G Board Support)
P.O. Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526

Subject: Comments letter from the Unalaska/ Dutch Harbor Advisory Committee meeting held on December 16, 2015 in Unalaska, Alaska for Proposals to Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues meeting March 8-11, 2016 in Anchorage, Alaska

Proposal 202 – 5 AAC 01.010. Methods, mean, and general provisions; 5AAC39.105.Types of legal gear; 5AAC75.020. Sportfishing gear; 5AAC75.022. Freshwater sportfishing: and 5AAC77.010 Methods means and general restrictions.

Prohibit the use of felt bottom boots in all waters, while fishing. Motion to support by Mahoney, seconded by Good. Discussion focused on whether this proposal is necessary at all. ADF&G currently has regulations in place for lakes, streams and rivers already. It was noted that felt boots are still sold and are allowed in salt water. Motion to support failed 0-9.

Proposals 203- 206 No Action

Proposal 207 – 5 AAC 75.027. Use of explosives or toxicants.

Discussion to allow a bang sticks to be used to dispatch sport-caught fish as follows: The committee had a long discussion on how bang sticks are used, or intended for use; also definition of “catch” versus “dispatch” as it relates to the harvesting of fish. Intentions of the proposal were not clear to committee it was decided to take No Action.

Proposal 208 – 5 AAC 75.010 Possession of sport-caught fish. Establish bag limits by port of call. Motion to support by Good, seconded by Holman. Discussion focused on difficulty of managing harvest limits by port-of-call, rather than by location of catch; unreasonable impact on sport fisheries in areas like Homer. Motion to support failed 0-9.

Proposal 209 - 5 AAC 39.212. Forage Fish Management Plan. Designate Pacific herring as a forage fish, as follows. Motion to support by Rowland, seconded by Holman. Discussion included the possibility of changing the herring designation to a Forage Fish was intended to curtail commercial herring fishery. Matt Keyse, ADF&G staff, confirmed that a reduction in commercial fisheries was a possibility if the designation was changed. Roger Rowland pointed out that there are similar proposals across the State and believed them to be an attack on commercial fishing and could impact fisheries in the



Unalaska area such as the Pollock and Pacific cod fisheries. Motion to support failed 0-8 with 1 abstention.

Proposals 210/211 5AAC39.212 Forage Fish Management Plan. Prohibit directed fisheries on forage fish species for the purpose of fishmeal production. Discussion as follows: The committee took both of these proposals together as they both had to do with the forage fish herring designation. Motion to support by Good, seconded by Rowland. The committee felt that these proposals would hurt the commercial and processing sectors in the Sitka area and the committee referenced the comments made on Proposal 209 as further concern that if these proposals were approved, these regulations could spill over to other areas of the state. Motion to support failed 0-9.

Proposals 27-28 No action Bristol Bay salmon issues.

Proposal 212- 5AAC 39.115. Designation of salmon net registration area. Repeal or modify the requirement to designate a single salmon net registration area, as follows: The committee had a short discussion on whether this proposal could impact salmon fishers in this area, and it was decided that we didn't need to weigh in on this proposal. No Action.

Proposal 213- 5AAC 28.070. Groundfish possession and landing requirements. Clarify possession and landing requirements for Pacific Cod and Walleye Pollock, discussion as follows: Motion to support by Good, seconded by Shockley. This was an ADF&G proposal on bycatch requirements for Pacific Cod and Walleye Pollock fisheries in Alaska state-water fisheries. Miranda Westphal, ADF&G staff, explained this proposal is primarily a clarification of existing rules, committee members were in support. Motion to support passed 9-0.

Proposal 214-5AAC 39.010. Retention of fish taken in a commercial fishery. Specify that bycatch in excess of the allowable amount will be surrendered to the state and donated to charity and established fines for bycatch in excess of the allowable amount, as follows: Motion to support by Rowland, seconded by Good. Discussion centered on the retention and subsequent disposal of bycatch in Alaska state-water fisheries. Roger Rowland believes the proposal would encourage dirty fishing; he also mentioned that potential fine amounts are not detailed in the proposal. Roger Rowland felt that donation of fish to the State undercuts commercial fishermen. Mike Holman noted that costs involved in managing such a proposal would be high. Motion to support failed 0-9.

Proposal 215- 5ACC 28.XXX South Alaska Peninsula Area Pollock Management Plan and 5 ACC.XXX. Establish a 58' overall length limit for vessels participating in the South Peninsula parallel walleye Pollock fishery using trawl. Discussion as follows: Motion to support by Shockley, seconded by Dickerson. The intent of the proposal would force out trawlers over 58' that have many years of history in Area 610 of the Western Gulf. It was noted that this proposal would not allow harvesting and processing of Pollock from Area 610 in Unalaska by trawlers over 58'. If proposal 215 is adopted it



would impact tax dollars from harvesting and processing as well impacts to the local support sector business that do business with the larger trawl vessels that deliver in Unalaska. The proposer intent is to reduce effort and slowing down the fishery. Brent Paine, Executive Director United Catcher Boats, who represents the large catcher-vessel trawler association, noted that the proposal only closes State waters, and that several years ago, the State put in a daily catch limit, so that large vessels are not able to catch more than small vessels on a daily basis. Dan Martin, fleet manager for Icicle Seafood's, noted that Icicle uses only two vessels over 125' for the Area 610 fishery and doesn't think there are many large trawl vessels that go into Area 610. He also stated that his fleet doesn't take more than their fair share of quota based on the daily catch limited. Motion to support failed 0-9.

Proposals 216-217 No Action by the committee.

Proposal 218 - 5 AAC 28.XXX State-Waters Walleye Pollock Management Plans.

Establish state-waters Walleye Pollock jig fishery management plans with guideline harvest levels deducted from total allowable catch (TAC) for the Eastern Gulf of Alaska, Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Chignik, South Alaska Peninsula and Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands areas. Discussion as follows: Motion to support by Rowland, seconded by Coleman. Jig fishing for Pollock in state waters would take quota from federal water Pollock fisheries for a jig allocation to be harvested in state waters. The AC felt that this proposal was unrealistic and economically wouldn't work, as you couldn't catch enough Pollock with this type of gear. Motion to support failed 0-8.

Proposal 194- 5AAC28.650.Closed waters in the Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Area.

Close all waters of Unalaska Bay to commercial fishing for groundfish with pelagic trawl gear. Discussion as follows: Motion to support by Rowland, seconded by Good. Discussion on history of the Unalaska AC discussions on the UNFA past proposals to close Unalaska Bay to trawling and the history of concessions and agreements made resulting in the current closure of June 10th through August 30th annually. Public testimony by Dan Martin, trawl fleet manager for Icicle Seafood's, reported that all local four processors participated in fishing for Pollock in Unalaska Bay this year and harvested 14 million pounds of Pollock with very low bycatch and had 100% observer coverage. Dan Martin also noted that commercial operators are tired of making concessions; this sentiment echoed by Brent Paine Executive Director of United Catcher Boats, the catcher-vessel association. Paine noted that Unalaska Bay is currently mostly trawled in September, and this year was completed during the third week of September. Unalaska Bay Pollock is attractive to the fleet due to high quality product that it is very fresh with having only a short run to the local processing plants. Committee member Roger Rowland reiterated and supported comments by Martin and Paine. Committee member Frank Kelty noted that no Unalaska Native Fishermen Association (UNFA) members were present at the meeting to support their proposal. UNFA had been contacted about the AC meeting. Committee member Kelty also stated that to the best of his knowledge bycatch has been very low during

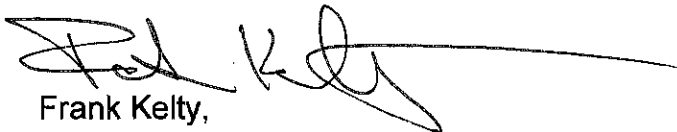


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September, with little salmon or Halibut taken and didn't think further closures were needed. Shari Coleman noted close call with her sportfish vessel with a Pollock trawler this past summer in Unalaska Bay. Motion to support failed 0-8.

**Committee member Dickerson had to leave meeting during the discussion on proposal 194.*

Regards



Frank Kelty,

Chairman Unalaska /Dutch Harbor AC

CC: Unalaska AC Members



Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee
February 17, 2016
834 Lincoln Street, Sitka, AK 99835

- I. Call to Order: 6:03pm by John Murray, Chairman
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Dick Curran, Karen Johnson, Moe Johnson, Wayne Unger, Randy Gluth, Brian Massey (Vice-chair), Jerry Barber, Tad Fujioka, Bradley Shaffer, Jessica Gill (Secretary), John Murray (Chair), Joel Markis, Luke Bastian
Members Absent: Jeff Feldpausch, Peter Roddy
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7
List of User Groups Present: Seine, Hand Troll, Alternate 1, Alternate 2, Hunting, At-Large 1, Longline, Power Troll, Conservation, Charter, Resident Sport Fish, At-Large 2, Processor, Guide
- III. Approval of Agenda:
No formal agenda
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From January 28, 2016:
Minutes were approved electronically through email.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Kristen Green
- VI. Guests Present:
Many guests were present for the voting of new AC members. Most people left after elections occurred. Matt Donahoe, Steve Reifienstuhl, Linda Behken, Eric Jordan, and Troy Tydingco were participating in the meeting.
- VII. Old Business:
Brought back BOF proposal 216 (see original notes below). Dick moved to adopt, Tad seconded. Kristen Green (ADF&G) discussed the commissioner's permits in South Central and Southeast. For the two permits issued in Southeast, there has only been a test set, and no marketable pollock caught on that test set. She read an RC from Jan Rumble, Area Biologist in Homer for the Cook Inlet commissioner's permits, which will be submitted to BOF. In the RC, specific information about each openings and species caught was mentioned, including by-catch of some Chinook salmon adult and smolts, as well as herring by-catch. The fishery started to cover a niche market, but the fish caught didn't make the market specifications. Brian mentioned that was pretty high Chinook by-catch, especially with the mortality of smolts. Steve Reifienstuhl (public) mentioned this fishery was an initiative by F&G Commissioner Sam Cotton, after starting a working group at BOF. The idea behind the fishery would be to pull biomass out of federal fishery (trawl) that occurs in state waters, bringing money to Alaska, not Seattle where the trawlers are based out of. Pollock biology is such that adults come into fjords in late February/early March, and the market the fishery is trying to fill is for adults not juveniles. Better market conditions for seine caught fish than trawl caught fish. Dick mentioned that the areas that set up a seine fishery (Cook Inlet/Prince William Sound) have a trawl fishery too, and if we had one here in Southeast it could create more by-catch. Linda Behken (public) asked about the by-catch in the one Southeast set that occurred. She mentioned Forrest Bowers (ADF&G Juneau) told her there was more herring than pollock caught in the Southeast set, so it didn't work out very well. She thinks there's justification to be concern about potential by-catch of multiple species. Joel asked if boats are eager to catch pollock, because this fishery requires different nets. Kristen mentioned there were only two people that contacted her about the fishery. Tad mentioned the math/economics of pollock fishery versus king salmon by-catch doesn't make sense. John asked about the commissioner's permit. Kristen mentioned that it's for potentially developing a fishery on a

species that doesn't have a management plan right now. There are specific guidelines in permit to change as needed, which is easier to change than changing a management plan. Matt Donahoe (public) asked if the commissioner's permits is kind of like asking for a management plan before having one in place. Brian asked to clarify what we're voting on for this proposal. John mentioned the proposal is to start a management plan for a seine pollock fishery. Eric Jordan (public) asked if on the granted commissioner's permit if the size of seine was specified. Kristen mentioned there was no set gear for the permit because the fishermen were testing what would work best. Eric mentioned that in the late 1970's there was a trawl and seine fishery for pollock in Southeast, that turned into a trawl fishery because seine gear wasn't working. A discussion about merits of trawl versus seine ensued. Moe mentioned he'd support the commissioner's permit, and then come back for a management plan because it's too early now for a plan (i.e. the proposal). Kristen mentioned they have to identify a market first to get the commissioner's permit. Floyd asked about what happened with the by-catch herring. Kristen replied there was no by-catch allowance in the permit, so the herring were released. There appeared to be some consensus among AC members about keeping it at the commissioner's permit then move to a management if it's a viable fishery. Many members didn't think was appropriate for the management plan proposal yet, but they were not in opposition of the commissioner's permit. Dick asked about the juvenile black cod by-catch. Brad would like to leave it as a tabled proposal. Debate and discussion will have more relevance when read out loud at the BOF meeting. Steve mentioned that there are people in the room who have started fisheries and have innovated throughout changes in fisheries, and that this fishery isn't something that can be figured out in one season. Every fishery has its problem with by-catch and mortality, and it's not perfect out of the gate. Linda urged that the AC votes this proposal down, as there's a difference between a commissioner's permit and the proposal, especially given that ADF&G doesn't have enough money to do assessments and create management plans. Brian called the questioned. Vote: 0 in favor-13 in opposition-2 abstained. Brian asked to submit comments to BOF by the February 18 comment deadline.

VIII. New Business:

See BOG meeting minutes from February 17, 2016 for more information.

BOF	216	Establish a state waters walleye pollock purse seine fishery in Southeast Alaska.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TABLED January 28, 2016,	9	3	<p>Jeff moved to adopt, Dick seconded. Dick asked why it was put forth out of cycle. Jeff agreed and thinks some strings were pulled to get it on the statewide meeting. Mike Vaughn (ADF&G) was unsure about how this proposal was brought forth out of cycle. A commissioner's permit was issued to two fishermen to see if pollock could be caught with seine gear in Prince William Sound and there was limited success in it. One permit was allowed for Southeast. There is a pollock TAC in the federal waters which is largely unfished (less than .5% of the allowable biological catch). John asked about bycatch in the PWS fishery. Mike mentioned there was some salmon bycatch, which was released healthy. Part of the permit is experimental, and there would be observers on board (because it's a pollock fishery). Matt Donahoe (public) asked about a management plan for a commissioner's permit. Mike mentioned that it doesn't exist for test fisheries. Matt Donahoe thought this proposal is a little premature. Mike thinks the permit was issued before the proposal was put forth. Jeff asked about the expiration of the permit and if there was any harvest. Mike mentioned they did not actually fish, but they did a "test" to see if there was a possibility of catching these fish with a seine net. Wayne liked that we can start the dialogue about it. Frank Bolivich (public) mentioned that it the proposal is preemptive. Floyd suggested that a 200,000 lb trip limit seems a little high for a commissioner's permit. Dick suggested there's not enough information to start a fishery, and maybe extend the commissioner's permit. Maybe with more information, the proposer can go to BOF and create a management plan in-cycle. Moe agreed with Dick, and would move to table. Brian seconded the motion to table it. The group voted to table the proposal with a 9-3 vote. Jeff questioned how the proposal got added to the Statewide agenda and would like clarification on it.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE February 17, 2016,	0	13, 2 abstain	

Adjournment: 8:18pm

Minutes Recorded By: Jessica Gill, Secretary
 Minutes Approved By: John Murray, Chairman
 Date: February 9, 2016

Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee
January 28, 2016
834 Lincoln Street, Sitka, AK 99835

- I. Call to Order: 6:00pm by John Murray, Chairman
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Dick Curran, Karen Johnson, Moe Johnson, Wayne Unger, Randy Gluth, Brian Massey (Vice-chair), Jerry Barber, Jeff Feldpausch, Bradley Shaffer, Jessica Gill (Secretary), John Murray (Chair), Floyd Tomkins, Jon Martin, Kim Elliot (vacated her seat during this meeting)
Members Absent: Cody Loomis, Tad Fujioka, Peter Roddy
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7
List of User Groups Present: Seine, Subsistence, Hand Troll, Alternate 1, Alternate 2, Hunting, At-Large 1, Longline, Power Troll, Conservation, Charter, Resident Sport Fish, At-Large 2, Processor
- III. Approval of Agenda:
No formal agenda
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From February 2, 2015:
Brian motioned, Jeff seconded. Minutes approved.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Troy Tydingco, Dave Gordon, Matt Catterson, Mike Vaughn
- VI. Guests Present:
Mike Svenson, Harvey Kitka, Al Wilson, Ty Barkinhoff, Frank Bolivich, Matt Donahoe, Doug Jenny, Kim Elliot
- VII. Old Business:
No old business to discuss.
- VIII. New Business:
Elections--
John told the group Cody Loomis resigned his seat as Guide seat. At-large and alternate seat is for one year service. Questions about guide seat not being advertized was raised, and we will postpone that election until next meeting.
Hand Troll— Bradley nominated Jerry. Motion was seconded by Kim. Motion was approved with a vote of 12 in favor.
Hunting—Kim nominated Randy for hunting seat. Wayne seconded. Randy suggested he would vacate his seat if there were other interested parties. Motion was approved by a vote of 11.
Subsistence—Kim would not like to continue her seat. She nominates Jeff. Brian seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a vote of 11.
Alternate—Jessica nominated Joel Markis for Alternate seat. Jessica read a letter given to her from Joel to the group. Brian seconded the motion. Discussion arose on the legality of Joel's presence (can he be nominated without being here?). It was moved to the next meeting pending two weeks of advertisement.
Seine—Randy nominated Moe, Brian seconded. Motion was approved by a vote of 10.
At-Large—Moe nominated Karen, and Dick seconded. Motion was approved by a vote of 11.

Proposals were read in this order: 126-2014-2015, 209, 210, 211, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 212, 213, 214, 215, and 216.

STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES

March 8–12, 2016

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form

BOG or BOF		Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	202	Prohibit the use of felt bottom boots in all waters, while fishing.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	1,2 abstain	Bradley left prior to the adoption of this (voting members down to 12). Jon motioned to adopt, Wayne seconded. Troy Tydingco (ADF&G) mentioned that the proposal would apply to all fishing activities, including sport fishing, subsistence fishing, etc. This is to prevent the spread of invasive species in saltwater, which isn't known to occur. Wayne called the question.
BOF	203	Expand emergency order authority to close sport fishing in special harvest areas if hatchery cost recovery goals may not be met.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	Brian moved to adopt, Wayne seconded. Troy Tydingco (ADF&G) clarified that ADFG can't close fisheries for cost-recovery, but can for conservation/brood-stock purposes. The proposal would also require setting an escapement goal for a hatchery to include brood-stock and cost recovery, which means possibly modifying the way ADF&G manages those fisheries. Randy asked what harm sport fishing can do and questioned how hatcheries can justify closing for cost recovery if they are private non-profits. Troy mentioned that when there are concerns, ADF&G utilizes a management plan, and haven't been asked to manage for cost recovery. Sport fisheries weren't really thought of when Special Harvest Areas (SHAs) were put into place. Brian clarified that cost recovery is run by fishermen, so they want as little cost recovery fishing as possible. Discussion about our local SHA and the fisheries associated with it and what would happen with the implementation of this proposal. Brian would like to remind the group that it is by Emergency Order, not shutting it down every year at a certain time. Troy suggested that this proposal would also add an element of an escapement goal. John asked how it would work if the cost recovery for chum was going on, if all sport fishing for all species are closed. Troy mentioned that's correct. Jerry mentioned that it's for hatchery cost recovery of a public resource, and sport fishing does so little damage. Jerry called the question.
BOF	204	Modify the definition of an artificial fly to include the use of a bare single hook.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No motion to adopt.
BOF	205	Clarify that a bead not attached to a hook is an attractor, and not a lure or fly.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	0	Brian motioned to adopt, Jerry seconded. Troy Tydingco (ADF&G) would consider this as a housekeeping proposal. Jerry called the question.
BOF	206	Revise definition of "closely attended" as it applies to coho salmon fishing.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	Brian motioned to adopt, Wayne seconded. Troy Tydingco (ADF&G) mentioned the proposal could affect our area, even though it comes from Kenai and is specific to coho fishing. There already is a regulation for closely attended, which is "the line or strike indicator is within view and accessible to the angler at all times" (75.995 40). Jerry mentioned he is opposed to it and called the question.
BOF	207	Allow a bang stick to be used to dispatch sport-caught fish.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11, 1 abstain	Jerry moved to adopt, and Brian seconded. Troy Tydingco (ADF&G) mentioned this happens in other parts of the State, but it's not clearly defined

			in regulation. John looked it up, and bang sticks are kind of dangerous. Brian mentioned they should learn to use a gaff. Matt Donahoe (public) mentioned that it is commonly used in other parts of the state. Jeff called the question.
BOF	208	Establish bag limits by port of call.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	Brian moved to adopt, Jeff seconded. Troy Tydingco (ADF&G) mentions there's no definition in regulation for port of call. Jerry sees this as an unnecessary law.
BOF	209	Designate Pacific herring as a forage fish.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	5	6	Randy moved to adopt, Jerry seconded. Floyd put this proposal forward because herring are a forage fish, and the purpose is to shift the scope of management from commercial to conservation/ecosystem function. Doing so is not necessarily incompatible with current management, and would likely not change at all. Everything other agency manages herring as a forage fish, and passing this would agree with other management throughout the world. There's no guarantee herring will continue to stay in Sitka Sound. Becoming complacent in any management regime isn't good. Brian asked if it would change the fishery because of an exemption in 5 AAC 39.212. Dave Gordon (ADF&G) mentioned that there is a eulachon fishery, which is listed in the plan, but that's not necessarily what the regulations mean. The intent of this regulation is to not have new fisheries developed on forage fish, because there were current fisheries on herring with stock assessments and management plans when the Forage Fish plan was enacted. The intent of the regulations was not to define what a forage fish is but to avoid starting new fisheries. John asked re the purpose of this proposal. Floyd mentioned that he would like to recognize herring more as a forage fish than a commercial species. Bradley suggests the proposer would like to move to more science based management. Jeff gave an overview of this proposal through the BOF process in 2012. Wayne suggests that ADF&G recognizes that herring already are a forage fish, and that Alaska has the best managed fisheries in the world. He sees it as another angle to get the sac-roe fishery shut down so he is not in favor of this. John mentions this proposal could apply to the other herring stocks in Southeast if they rebound which could preclude fishing on those stocks. Kim Elliot (public) asked about a test fishery for the age composition. Dave replied with a high number of 3 year olds (50%) and good recruitment. Kim asked about spawning by the 3 year olds. Dave replied about 25% of the 3 year olds spawn. Kim asked about fishing on young spawners (with smaller eggs) having an effect on the population, and mentioned there are way more whales out in the Sound. Dave mentioned that ADF&G thinks they're managing conservatively, and the biggest driver in the production of this fishery is the environment. Mike Svenson (public) asked about the length of 3 year olds, because they make the roe on kelp best product. Dave mentioned the good spawn last year was mostly from 3 year olds. Matt Donahoe (public) asked about the survival of eggs, but Dave said they don't measure that survival. Test fishing should start in early February. Randy asked about revising a law, but Dave suggested there could be some confusion about the language. Floyd brought up the federal management plan comments on the environmental impact statement from the Juneau access road project in which herring excluded in Essential Fish Habitat plan but not in the management plan. Moe mentions that ADF&G, Dave in particular, gets a lot of heat from a lot of people given the herring stock fluctuations. Moe is for herring being called a forage fish, but worried about getting the fishery shut down based on the wording of a proposal. Moe mentioned there are a lot of herring out in the Sound. Harvey Kitka (public) has seen a lot of different things with herring, the biggest thing was the closed area, and with

			<p>the closure the herring population has gone up. The closed subsistence zone worked as a conservation zone. Herring are more valuable in the water—one king salmon is worth as much as one ton of herring. Jeff asked how many sac-roe fisheries would be open this year. Dave mentioned there could be one in Hobart, but not sure. Seymour Canal gillnet fishery is above the threshold but has a young age composition so it's closed. Sounds like there were a lot of age-3 fish out there throughout the region, so we could have more fisheries next year. Moe asked about Juneau area stock. Dave mentioned they're doing spawn deposition surveys (about 5-10 miles of spawn), but with budget cuts there will be reduced survey capacity on stocks that don't support fisheries. John doesn't think we're not at a point where we need this proposal, maybe in 5-10 years. Mike Svenson (public) asked about why the proposal came about—nothing is starving out there. Dave mentioned that it's a proactive way to avoid developing of fisheries based on NPFMC regulations. The FFMP is in constant with the federal plan, but the federal regulation allows for forage fish bycatch be turned into fishmeal. Jeff asked about the exemption in the current FFMP. Dave mentioned that there were current fisheries going on when the regulations was enacted. Brian motioned.</p>
BOF	210	Prohibit directed fisheries on forage fish species, for the purpose of fish meal production.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	8, 3 abstain	<p>Bradley motioned to adopt, Randy seconded. Jeff mentioned there has been a 30% increase in fish meal production, would like to see herring left in the water than going to fishmeal- we shouldn't be feeding farmed salmon from other markets. Floyd suggested that sticking intent in proposal is difficult to argue. Bradley mentioned that we fish with commercial intent, and we're trying to benefit society. Wayne agreed with Bradley, but perhaps when there actually is a fishmeal fishery that's when we need to address this. He's worried about restricting this fishery. Processors can't control what happens to the fish once they've been sold. Looking at a big impact on the economics of this fishery and there shouldn't be a proposal until there's a fishery on herring for fishmeal. Jeff clarified that this proposal wouldn't affect what happens to the fish once they leave Alaska, it would just prohibit making fishmeal in Alaska. Brian asked if this proposal had anything to do with herring. Jeff clarified that the FFMP has an exemption for directed forage fish fisheries, herring included. Dave Gordon (ADF&G) mentioned some information from the higher ups that BOF doesn't have the authority to regulate product form from processors. Kim Elliot (public) asked if this is a herring sac-roe fishery, could they sell them as anything they want? Dave said essentially that's what's going on. Mike Svenson (public) is insulted of the idea that commercial fishermen aren't taking care of the resource. Wayne mentioned that this is a tough market. Jon Martin arrived during the discussion. Wayne continued that Icicle seafoods and other processors make fishmeal and farmed fish—are we going to boycott them? Brian asked what happens to the herring when leaving Alaska. Jeff mentioned that the fish get turned into fishmeal after roe stripping. There was discussion about the differences between proposals 210 and 211, where there appeared to be some confusion. Wayne didn't see that a directed fishmeal fishery is on the horizon so this proposal is a little pre-emptive. Silver Bay has looked at a fishmeal plant in Sitka working with the other processors. Kim mentioned it'll be three years before this proposal can be heard again, so this is a good idea to discuss. Randy discussed the declining market for sac-roe, and getting a better price for fishmeal, so when do the fishermen say it's time to fish fishmeal now? Wayne suggested that the markets fluctuate, and eventually the market will turn around. Ty Barkinhoff (public) asked how this proposal affects NSRAA.</p>

			Jeff mentioned that it's only for forage fish. Moe suggested our task as committee members and as ADF&G is to have healthy herring and other stocks. It's not our job to dictate what happens to the product. Fishermen still have to fish, even if the market is terrible because they have bills to pay. Jeff asked if the fishery wanted to fish for fishmeal and call it a sac-roe fishery in the fall, would that be allowed. Dave mentioned that it would be a problem with regards to limited entry and the CFEC would have to look at permits to fish for something other than sac-roe. Jon mentioned he's not a fan of the fishery, but not sure if this proposal is the way to get at it. Similar to listing Alexander Archipelago wolf as endangered as way to reduce logging. Brian called the question.
BOF	211	Prohibit the production of fish meal from whole forage fish.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	5	8	Brian moved to adopt, Floyd seconded. Jeff called the question, citing the discussion from proposal 210.
BOF	212	Repeal or modify the requirement to designate a single salmon net registration area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10, 2 abstain	Moe moved to adopt, Brian seconded. Dave Gordon (ADF&G) mentioned that you can only register for one salmon area a year, even if you have a permit for different areas. You can fish gillnet in one area with your permit, and then fish seine in another area with another permit. ADF&G doesn't see it as anything that would make it difficult to manage salmon in these fisheries. Moe suggests it will add new boats in Southeast, especially given the buy-back tax program, causing more strain on the full-time fishermen in SE. Brian called the question.
BOF	213	Clarify possession and landing requirements for Pacific cod and walleye pollock.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No motion to adopt.
BOF	214	Specify that bycatch in excess of the allowable amount will be surrendered to the state and donated to charity and establish fines for bycatch in excess of the allowable amount.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	6, 4 abstain	Brian moved to adopt, Jerry seconded. Mike Vaughn (ADF&G) suggested that bycatch is forfeited and enforcement deals with fines. In Southeast, fishermen have to keep DSR rockfish with full retention. They can sell up to 10% for that bycatch. In Federal waters, it's retained by the person or given away (they can't sell it). Brian asked about the retention of kings in the federal groundfish fisheries, and Mike Vaughn replied that those fish are donated or tossed overboard. Frank Bolivich (public) was worried that any time bycatch is given away it's a slippery slope to targeting and selling the bycatch. Jerry called the question.
BOF	215	Establish a 58' overall length limit for vessels participating in South Alaska Peninsula parallel walleye pollock fishery using trawl gear.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No motion to adopt.
BOF	216	Establish a state waters walleye pollock purse seine fishery in Southeast Alaska.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TABLED			Jeff moved to adopt, Dick seconded. Dick asked why it was put forth out of cycle. Jeff agreed and thinks some strings were pulled to get it on the statewide meeting. Mike Vaughn (ADF&G) was unsure about how this proposal was brought forth out of cycle. A commissioner's permit was issued to two fishermen to see if pollock could be caught with seine gear in Prince William Sound and there was limited success in it. One permit was allowed for Southeast. There is a pollock TAC in the federal waters which is largely unfished (less than .5% of the allowable biological catch). John asked about bycatch in the PWS fishery. Mike mentioned there was some salmon bycatch, which was released healthy. Part of the permit is experimental, and there would be observers on board (because it's a pollock fishery). Matt Donahoe (public) asked about a management plan for a commissioner's

			<p>permit. Mike mentioned that it doesn't exist for test fisheries. Matt Donahoe thought this proposal is a little premature. Mike thinks the permit was issued before the proposal was put forth. Jeff asked about the expiration of the permit and if there was any harvest. Mike mentioned they did not actually fish, but they did a "test" to see if there was a possibility of catching these fish with a seine net. Wayne liked that we can start the dialogue about it. Frank Bolivich (public) mentioned that it the proposal is preemptive. Floyd suggested that a 200,000 lb trip limit seems a little high for a commissioner's permit. Dick suggested there's not enough information to start a fishery, and maybe extend the commissioner's permit. Maybe with more information, the proposer can go to BOF and create a management plan in-cycle. Moe agreed with Dick, and would move to table. Brian seconded the motion to table it. The group voted to table the proposal with a 9-3 vote. Jeff questioned how the proposal got added to the Statewide agenda and would like clarification on it.</p>
BOF	126-2014-2015	Establish a commercial open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound. <i>(Proposal 126 from the 2015/2016 Meeting Cycle was tabled by the board for continued deliberations at the March 2017 Statewide Finfish meeting.)</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	<p>Jeff moved to adopt, Randy seconded. Brian asked about the public comment period mentioned in the letter from the CFEC regarding this proposal. Elaborate test fishery occurred in 1998-1999. Randy asked Dave Gordon (ADF&G) if the test fishery coincided with the Hoonah Sound SOK fishery. Hoonah Sound fishery started in 1990. Why was Sitka Sound included in the Hoonah Management Area? Dave mentioned the proposal was brought up in 1996 to BOF, but there were questions about gear conflicts, etc. How to convert the poundage of herring roe to herring poundage. After conducting a test fishery, proposers went back to the BOF, but the proposal was declined—proposer wanted a bigger fishery than everyone else wanted. There was a working group in 2003, but after that it was determined to drop it. Successful test fishery, but just didn't work. The idea was to determine at the start of each season to do only SOK instead of sac-roe, and the fishermen couldn't participate in both fisheries. Kim Elliot (public) had a question about where the kelp was coming from. Dave mentioned it was found outside of Sitka. Bradley mentioned turbidity as an issue for the SOK market from Sitka, Kim agreed. Jeff questioned the methodology to move sac-roe quota to SOK fishery. Dave replied that would be up to the BOF for allocation. The simple math of eggs on kelp=herring removed from quota doesn't work as well as it sounds. Mike Svenson (public) gave a history of the BOF/CFEC action. Jeff questioned the proposer's conservation concern, and how would this proposal impact past fishery participants (before sac-roe fishing started). Brian called question.</p>

Adjournment: 9:19pm

Minutes Recorded By: Jessica Gill, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: John Murray, Chairman
Date: February 9, 2016

JDAC
25 January 2016
University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau Campus

- I. Call to Order: 6:05
- II. Roll Call: Kevin Maier
Members Present: Ed Buyarski, Nicholas Orr, Jesse Walker, Jason Kolhase, Atlin Daugherty, Terry White, Thatcher Brouwer, Kristine Trott, Jesse Ross, Kevin Maier
Members Absent: Richard Yamada, Michael Bethers, Logan Balstad, Chris Miller
Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 7
List of User Groups Present: Sport Fish, Trapping, Processor, Hunting Guide, Com Fish, Charting Fishing-Salt, Charter Fishing-Freshwater
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Dan Teske, Southeast Area Sport Fish Biologist for ADFG, Frances Leach, Board Support
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Jesse W Added 208 to discussion, Frances added Travel Issues for AC. Atlin moved to approve as amended; Jesse W. 2nd; unanimously supported
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: Henry motion; Jesse 2nd; unanimously supported.
- VI. Reminder of meeting participation etiquette/Roberts Rules of Order
- VII. Guests Present: none.
- VIII. Old Business: none
- IX. New Business: discuss proposals 202, 203, 209, 210, 211, 212, 216
 - a) Thatcher B: moves to draft a memo to Chair of House and Senate Resources Committee, Senate President, Senate Minority Leader, House Majority/Minority leader. Advocating the ban of felt soled boots in all state waters. PASSED UNAMIOUSLY. Henry W. and Kevin M will draft the memo. Will be distributed for final approval with minutes, then forwarded.
 - b) Discussion of the travel ban. JDAC takes no action; Henry advocates that “we get real about revenues” in this state.
 - c) Discussion of minute approval. AC unanimously supports Chair Ed Buyarski and Vice-Chair ATlin Daugherty to approve minutes without calling an AC meeting.

STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES

March 8–12, 2016

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	202	Prohibit the use of felt bottom boots in all waters, while fishing.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	1	Broad discussion of the impact of this being a fishing-only regulation. Consensus is that it may not be far reaching enough; but, as written, it impacts a single user group disproportionately and unfairly. As the purview of BOF is limited to fisheries issues, AC discussed sending a memo to the legislative resources committee recommending a statewide ban on felt-soled wading boots be enacted through legislative process.
BOF	203	Expand emergency order authority to close sport fishing in special harvest areas if hatchery cost recovery goals may not be met.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	9	1 (1 abstention)	Discussion how this impacts ADFG.
BOF	208	Establish bag limits by port of call.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	11	ADFG notes that MGMT tools are in place.
BOF	209	Designate Pacific herring as a forage fish.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	8 (3 abstentions)	Henry and Jason speak against the proposal; thinks it might represent an allocation grab. General confusion over the impact of the proposal. Long discussion about the appropriate venue for making a change to herring designation.
BOF	210	Prohibit directed fisheries on forage fish species, for the purpose of fish meal production.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	1	8 (2 abstentions)	Long discussion about the relationship between proposal 209 and 210/211.
BOF	211	Prohibit the production of fish meal from whole forage fish.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	1	8 (2 abstentions)	
BOF	212	Repeal or modify the requirement to designate a single salmon net registration area.	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	3 (8 abstentions)	Long discussion about consolidation and capitalization of the fleet. Unsure if the proposal will impact permit costs.
BOF	216	Establish a state waters walleye pollock purse seine fishery in Southeast Alaska.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	1	5 (abstentions)	Some question as to the viability of this as a full-blown fishery. Some concern that a seine could be used as a trawl. Some concern that such a fishery might have an impact on king salmon or other valuable fish in SE.

Old Business:
Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Kevin Maier, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: Ed Buyarski, Chair and Atlin Daugherty, Vice-Chair
Date: February 16, 2016

Kodiak Advisory Committee

February 2, 2016

ADF&G Kodiak

1) Call to order: 2:03p by Paul Chervenak, Chairman

2) Roll call:

Members present: Paul Chervenak, Andrew Finke, Peter Hannah, Oliver Holm, Rolan Ruoss, Kip Thomet, Julie Kavanaugh, Nate Rose (A)

Members absent: Tuck Bonney (Excused), Lou Dochtermann (Excused), Ron Kavanaugh (Excused), Curt Waters (Excused), Conrad Peterson (Excused), Ronnie Lind

Number needed for Quorum: 7

User groups present: Big game Guide/Outfitter, Kodiak Subsistence, South End Setnet, Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon, Transporter/Sport Fish Charter, West Side Setnet, Concerned Citizen, Alternate

3) Approval of Agenda: Motion (Thomet) 2nd (Ruoss)

Amended to discuss first two items of new business before taking up old business.

Motion passes 8-0

4) Fish and Game staff present:

Matt Keyse – Area Biologist, South AK Peninsula

Mark Stichert – Area Biologist, Ground Fish

Lisa Fox – Asst Biologist, Cold Bay

Tyler Pollum – Asst Area Biologist, Sportfish

Nat Nichols – Asst Area Biologist, Ground fish

Nate Svoboda – Area Biologist, Game

5) Guests Present:

Dick Rohrer

Jason Bunch

6) New Business

A) Discussion of AK Peninsula/Aleutian Is/Chignik finfish proposals

B) Discussion of Statewide Finfish proposals



7) Old Business: Discussion of Committee make up

A) Chairman Chervenak read letter from Glenn Haight (Executive Director-Boards support) Regarding necessity to verify committee make up and designated seats due to lack of records documenting this.

B) Discussion: Committee is currently made up of 15 voting seats and two alternate seats (which may vote if a voting member is absent). There are 7 designated seats for the Kodiak Community, 1 designated seat for each of the Port Lions, Old Harbor and Ouzinkie Communities and 5 undesignated seats. Additionally there are historical user group designations for the seats to represent a wide variety of Kodiak's user groups.

The committee reviewed these seats and designations and then approved that they be forwarded to Ex Director Haight. Motion (Ruoss) 2nd (Kavanaugh) Motion Passes 8-0

The seats and community/user group designations are as follows:

- 1) Kodiak Community - Processor
- 2) Kodiak Community – Big Game Guide/Outfitter
- 3) Kodiak Community – Large Boat Crab
- 4) Kodiak Community – Subsistence
- 5) Kodiak Community – Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon
- 6) Kodiak Community – West Side Salmon Gillnet
- 7) Kodiak Community – Trawl
- 8) Undesignated – South End Setnet
- 9) Undesignated - Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon
- 10) Undesignated – Transporter/Sportfish Charter
- 11) Undesignated – Concerned Citizen
- 12) Undesignated – Concerned Citizen
- 13) Old Harbor Community
- 14) Port Lions Community
- 15) Ouzinkie Community
- 16) Alternate
- 17) Alternate

C) the committee then discussed the lack of attendance of Lou Dochtermann who holds the Large Boat Crab seat. Chairman Chervenak has been in touch with Mr Dochtermann and he still wishes to be on the committee and will be able to attend the next meeting in late Feb.

D) The committee discussed the lack of attendance by Ronnie Lind who holds the Port Lions seat. Mr Lind has 6 unexcused absences and has been unable to be reached. Additionally the seat term expired in 12/2014. A motion was made to vacate the seat (Thomet) and seconded (Ruoss) Motion passed 8-0



6) New Business (Continued)

C) The committee discussed the next meeting date to discuss game proposals and hold elections. The meeting was set for February 26th at 1:00p (Need required 14 day notice advertising)

Seats up for election are:

Kodiak Subsistence (Finke)

South End Setnet (Hannah)

Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon (Kavanaugh)

Transporter/Sportfish Charter (Ruoss)

Kodiak Concerned Citizen (Kavanaugh)

Concerned Citizen (Vacant)

Port Lions (Vacant)

Ouzinkie (Vacant)

Alternate 1 (Vacant)

Alternate 2 (Rose)

D) The committee discussed designating a single person to approve the minutes due to comment deadlines of Feb 8th and 18th for finfish proposals. Motion for Julie Kavanaugh to approve the minutes (Ruoss) second (Kavanaugh) Motion passed 8-0

E) The committee discussed requesting sending a representative to the Board of Game in march. Motion was made to send Mr Chervenak (Kavanaugh) second (Holm) Motion passed 8-0

Motion to adjourn at 4:58p (Hannah) second (Thomet) motion passes 8-0



Ak Peninsula/Aleutian Is/Chignik Finfish proposals

Proposal 172 Motion (Ruoss) second (Thomet)

Discussion: Concerned there might be an affect on the Cape Igvak fishery. Department said there would be no affect.

Take no action 8-0

Proposal 175 Motion (Kavanaugh) second (Thomet)

Discussion: There was concern it might affect the sockeye fishery. Since they are in terminal areas, it shouldn't affect sockeye fishery. There was also some concern that "mandatory" openings might be a problem. There is not much participation in the fishery and it shouldn't affect us herein Kodiak.

Take no action 8-0

Proposal 189 Motion (Ruoss) second (Holm)

Discussion: same as when we discussed Kodiak proposals. We are against permit stacking that would decrease opportunity for new fisherman. There may be latent permits now, but economics of the fisheries change over time and could in the future. This favors those with large amounts of capital, giving them an advantage at the expense of others. There is no need for more harvesting power, the fish are being caught. There should be an optimum number of permits decided before starting to reduce and if there are too many permits, then there could be a buy back. This sets a bad precedence.

Motion fails 0-8 (Opposed)



Statewide Finfish

Proposal 218 Motion (Ruoss) second (Holm)

Discussion: Commissioner permits allow the opportunity to see if there is a market/need/desire for this fishery. Probably due to the market, this would never be a very large fishery. We don't want to show we're opposed, but that it isn't needed at this time. Continue the Commissioners permit approach (stay the course) to continuing gather data on this fishery.

Take no action 8-0

Proposal 213 Motion (Kavanaugh) second (Ruoss)

Discussion: State regulations mirror the federal regulations. This would hopefully discourage high grading and add some regulatory teeth. This is a real issue.

Motion passes 8-0 (support)

Proposal 203 Motion Thomet) second (Kavanaugh)

Discussion: We support the need to attain brood stock and cost recovery goals

Motion passes 8-0 (support)

Proposal 204/205 Motion (Thomet) second (Ruoss)

Discussion: Support the departments need to clean up definitions and better enable enforcement

Motion passes 8-0 (support)

Proposal 207 Motion (Kavanaugh) second (Ruoss)

Discussion: There was concern if this might cause problems for enforcement. There was thought the this would this be safer then using firearms, though there is still a certain amount of danger with a "bang stick". Thee was a general consensus that neither method was needed to dispatch fish (firearm or "bang stick") Dept would need to clarify "Dispatch" versus "Harvest"

Motion fails 1-7 (opposed) Dissenting vote thought it would be safer then a firearm

Proposal 212 Motion (Holm) second (Hannah)

Discussion: We are against this proposal as it would increase competition. Contrary to proposer's belief that it would not affect other fisherman, it would- there would be more effort in some fisheries. This proposal would set a bad precedent. This proposal is typical when the market is down, but things change over time.

Motion fails 0-8 (opposed)



Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee
January 4, 2016
Wrangell Alaska

- I. Call to Order: Time 7 PM by Chris Guggenbickler - Chair

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Eleven: Chris Guggenbickler (Chair), Brennon Eagle (Vice-Chair), David Rak (Secretary), Marlin Benedict, Bill Knecht, Brian Merritt, Otto Florschutz, Alan Reeves, Robert Rooney, Winston Davies, Scott McAuliffe (Alternate).
Members Absent: Six: Tom Sims, Janice Churchill, John Yeager, Tony Guggenbickler, Jason Rooney, Mike Bauer (Alternate).
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Eight
List of User Groups Present:

- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date:

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Wrangell AST Fred Burk, BOG Dave Brown

- VI. Guests Present:
- VII. Old Business:

- VIII. New Business: Chris Guggenbickler updated the Committee on the plans, activities and decision of the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association at Klawock, Burnett Inlet, Shrimp Bay and Earl West Cove; and the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association in Thomas Bay.
Brennon Eagle updated the Committee on happenings with the US-Canada Salmon Treaty negotiations.
The next Wrangell AC meeting with elections will be on January 28, at 7 PM.

STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES

March 8–12, 2016

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

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BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	203	Expand emergency order authority to close sport fishing in special harvest areas if hatchery cost recovery goals may not be met.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	11	0	The Wrangell AC understands the proposal is aimed at protecting brood stock and cost recovery for Aquaculture programs. The Proposal is proposed by the State wide aquaculture associations. The Wrangell AC supports the proposal as it applies to special harvest areas only, where the Aquaculture Associations are doing cost recovery. The fish being harvested were produced by the Aquaculture Association and are needed for cost recovery.
BOF	204	Modify the definition of an artificial fly to include the use of a bare single hook.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	11	0	The Wrangell AC supports this proposal because both enforcement and fishers need clarification of this definition. A bare single hook with a bead within 2 inches, or sliding, is becoming popular and is included in the definition for an artificial fly.
BOF	205	Clarify that a bead not attached to a hook is an attractor, and not a lure or fly.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	11	0	The Wrangell AC supports this proposal because both enforcement and fishers need clarification of this issue. The effect on the biology of the fishery is not known.
BOF	206	Revise definition of "closely attended" as it applies to coho salmon fishing.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			The AC agrees that a better definition for "closely attended" is needed. Most Coho fishing in Wrangell area is from a boat where the fisher is near their pole. The problem is not in the Wrangell AC area.
BOF	209	Designate Pacific herring as a forage fish.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	11	The Wrangell AC feels the Department is doing a good job of managing the Pacific herring and should continue to do so without politics. Pacific herring should not be designated as a forage fish because of politics and tying the herring to habitat preservation for threatened species that might eat them.
BOF	210	Prohibit directed fisheries on forage fish species, for the purpose of fish meal production.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	11	Same as proposal 209: The Wrangell AC feels the Department is doing a good job of managing the Pacific herring and should continue to do so without politics. Pacific herring should not be designated as a forage fish because of politics and tying the herring to habitat preservation for threatened species that might eat them.

BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
		Number Support	Number Oppose
BOF	211	Prohibit the production of fish meal from whole forage fish.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	11	Same as proposal 209: The Wrangell AC feels the Department is doing a good job of managing the Pacific herring and should continue to do so without politics. Pacific herring should not be designated as a forage fish because of politics and tying the herring to habitat preservation for threatened species that might eat them.
BOF	214	Specify that bycatch in excess of the allowable amount will be surrendered to the state and donated to charity and establish fines for bycatch in excess of the allowable amount.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	11	The Wrangell AC feels it is OK for the State to keep bycatch, but it is not OK to also fine for bycatch. The wording in the proposal is not specific enough. Fishers are required to retain bycatch, so it is not wasted, they should not also be fined for keeping those fish. Fines for bycatch would likely increase waste, rather than incur fines.
BOF	126-2014-2015	Establish a commercial open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound. <i>(Proposal 126 from the 2015/2016 Meeting Cycle was tabled by the board for continued deliberations at the March 2017 Statewide Finfish meeting.)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	11	The Wrangell AC opposes this proposal because the fishery is currently under a seine permit, not a pound permit. Allowing seiners, the use of open platforms would open a pound fishery in Sitka Sound. It would be bad precedent, in effect making one permit fishery into another. Allowing a seine permit to harvest as a pound fishery would likely flood limited markets, creating loss of value to pound permits and to the value of current pound fisheries. The pound permit fisheries have worked hard to develop their markets for their fishery.

Adjournment: 9:15 PM, After Also Considering BOG Proposals written up in separate BOG minutes.

Minutes Recorded By: David Rak _____
 Minutes Approved By: Chris Guggenbickler_ _____
 Date: 02/17/2016 _____

Petersburg Advisory Committee
November 16, 2015
Petersburg Borough Assembly Chamber

I. Call to Order: Chairman Bob Martin called the meeting to order at 19:04.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: 9

Members Absent: 4

Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 7

Members Present: Bob Martin, Chairman, undesignated
 Joel Randrup, vice-Chairman crab/conservation
 Max Worhatch, Secretary, undesignated
 Stan Malcom, sportfish/charter
 Arnold Enge, gillnet
 Ben Case, undesignated
 Ted Sandhofer, undesignated
 Kirk Marsh, archery
 Frank Neidiffer, troll

Members Absent: Jerry Dahl, seine

 Andy Knight, hand troll

 David Benitz, hunting/trapping

 Wes Malcom, sportfish

 Ryan Littleton, longline

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: none noted

III. Approval of Agenda:

As this was our first meeting, there was no hard agenda other than to review proposals for statewide board of game and statewide board of fisheries. It was decided we would start with game, as there was staff available for reference.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date:



There were no minutes available to approve. this led to a discussion on getting our minutes approved before submission to board support. It was decided that Joel Randrup as vice-chair would, along with the chair, Bob martin and Secretary Worhatch would consult on minutes prior to submission. All AC members present at a meeting will be able to see minutes before submission. We recognize this is a work in progress, and may take some fine tuning.

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Patrick Fowler, local ADF&G sportfish biologist
Rich Lowell, local ADF&G game biologist

- VI. Guests Present:
John Jensen
Dave Randrup
Anthony Taiber
Doug Coral
David Thynes

- VII. Old Business:
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- VIII. New Business:
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As noted earlier, we started with game. We worked through BOG proposal 81. At 21:00 we took a 5 minute break, and then switched gears to statewide fisheries to take advantage of the presence of John Jensen. One member, Ben Case was excused for the evening. As we still had a quorum, we proceeded with the meeting.

After finishing statewide fisheries, it was decided to meet again, sometime mid-December to finish the game proposals and to have an election for Secretary Worhatch's expired seat. It was agreed that Bob would set a time/date based on polling members via e-mail, allowing for enough notice for an election.

Secretary Worhatch moved to adjourn at 22:08, Malcom seconded. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.



STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES

March 8–12, 2016

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

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BOG or BOF	Propo s al N u m b e r	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	202	Prohibit the use of felt bottom boots in all waters, while fishing.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	8	0	Most of us thought that felt soles were already prohibited. While the virtues of felt soles were recognized, nobody spoke in opposition to this proposal.
BOF	203	Expand emergency order authority to close sport fishing in special harvest areas if hatchery cost recovery goals may not be met.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	4	4	This was an in depth debate. Those in support felt the impact of closing a sport fishery in a special harvest area would be minimal, and there are plenty opportunities available for sport fish if there is a case where this EO would be exercised. Terminal harvest is SHA's is typically shut down for cost recovery, and the commercial fisheries are taxed on all salmon they harvest to help provide these enhanced fish. There has been safety issues in the past with hooks snagging on barrier nets, making it dangerous for hatchery workers. Opponents felt this was too broad, that cost recovery should not be a factor for an EO, apparently since there is money involved. They felt any safety issues could be mitigated. There was an air of distrust that perhaps a hatchery manager might request a closure without really having a real reason to.
BOF	204	Modify the definition of an artificial fly to include the use of a bare single hook.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text
BOF	205	Clarify that a bead not attached to a hook is an attractor, and not a lure or fly.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text
BOF	206	Revise definition of "closely attended" as it applies to coho salmon fishing.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/>	0	8	No members of the AC could see any sensibility in this proposal.



BOF	207	Allow a bang stick to be used to dispatch sport-caught fish.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose X <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text
BOF	208	Establish bag limits by port of call.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No	0	8	consulting with staff, and coming to fully understanding current regulations, we were comfortable with not making any changes to the current regulations on a statewide basis.
BOF	209	Designate Pacific herring as a forage fish.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	8	it was felt that this proposal could limit market options down the road. Also mentioned that designation of herring as a forage fish could and probably would preclude a commercial fishery for herring.
BOF	210	Prohibit directed fisheries on forage fish species, for the purpose of fish meal production.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose X <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	Based on 209 discussion.
BOF	211	Prohibit the production of fish meal from whole forage fish.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose X <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	based on 209 discussion.
BOF	27	Require that a CFEC permit holder's name displayed on a set gillnet site marking sign complies with the same character size marking requirements for permit numbers. <i>(This proposal will be heard at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting, and heard and deliberated on at the Statewide Finfish meeting.)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose X <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text
BOF	28	Change the character size requirements for set gillnet marking signs. <i>(This proposal will be heard at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting, and heard and deliberated on at the Statewide Finfish meeting.)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			
BOF	212	Repeal or modify the requirement to designate a single salmon net registration area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	2	proponents felt this regulation is outdated and serves no purpose. It would be beneficial to some areas while some fishermen invested in other areas plied their trade during peak fishing. It was pointed out that people already did this by jumping through loopholes, risking their investments when they had to go outside their family. Allows people to grow their fishing business, enabling maximum effort in areas that are vibrant. Opponents cited consolidation, and felt the issue should have to pass through the regions before going statewide.
BOF	213	Clarify possession and landing requirements for Pacific cod and walleye pollock.	
NA	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text
BOF	214	Specify that bycatch in excess of the allowable amount will be surrendered to the state and donated to charity and establish fines for bycatch in excess of the allowable amount.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text
BOF	215	Establish a 58' overall length limit for vessels participating in South Alaska Peninsula parallel walleye pollock fishery using trawl gear.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text
BOF	194	Close all waters of Unalaska Bay to commercial fishing for groundfish with pelagic trawl gear. (This proposal will be heard at the Alaska Peninsula / Chignik / Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting, and be heard and deliberated on at the Statewide Finfish meeting)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text
BOF	216	Establish a state waters walleye pollock purse seine fishery in Southeast Alaska.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text



BOF	217	Establish fishing season for walleye pollock that does not conflict with salmon season.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text
BOF	218	Establish state-waters walleye pollock jig fishery management plans with guideline harvest levels deducted from total allowable catch (TAC) for the Eastern Gulf of Alaska, Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Chignik, South Alaska Peninsula and Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands areas.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text
BOF	126-2014-2015	Establish a commercial open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound. <i>(Proposal 126 from the 2015/2016 Meeting Cycle was tabled by the board for continued deliberations at the March 2017 Statewide Finfish meeting.)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text

Old Business: Enter old business here

Adjournment: Enter time of Adjournment

Minutes Recorded By: Insert Name

Minutes Approved By: Insert Name

Date: Insert Date



**Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee Meeting
October 28th, 2015 11:45 pm
Native Village of Unalakleet, AK**

- I. Call to Order: Time by Jacob Ivanoff @ 12:03pm

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present:), Milton Cheemuk (Vice Chair), Jacob Ivanoff (Secretary), Matilda Hardy.
(Shaktoolik Alt), Nicole Brukner (Unalakleet), Wes Jones (Unalakleet), Morris Nassuk (Koyuk).
Members Absent: Wade Ryan, Stebbins
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
List of User Groups Present:

- III. Approval of Agenda:
Wes made the motion to approve the agenda with changes.
Seconded by Frank Katchatag

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 1/23/15
Wes made the motion to approve the minutes
Seconded by Matilda Hardy

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Carmen Daggett, Tony Gorn, Letty Hughes, Scott Kent, Jim Menard,
Jenefer Bell

- VI. Guests Present: Fred Jay Ivanoff, Renae Ivanoff

- VII. Old Business: None

- VIII. New Business:

Frank Katchatag was seated to the Advisory Committee

ACR 4 (Proposal 223): Establish and aggregated pot limit of no more than 20 pots per permit holder for the Norton Sound Section winter through the ice commercial fishery.

Wes mentioned that by supporting the ACR it would reduce the amount of crab pots lost during winter crabbing. Last year there was 105 crab pots loss that was reported.

Morris asked if there was a subsistence limit on the amount of pots used for subsistence use.

Wes told him that there wasn't.

Frank asked if it was legal to use hand lines for commercial crabbing

Wes stated that it was legal now.

Wes made the motion to support ACR 4

Seconded by Jacob



Supported

BOF	127	Expand commercial fishing area of Yukon District 1.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	Wes asked Milton how does the Stebbins and St. Michael people feel about this proposal. Milton stated the people asked how come they are moving north. The residents of Stebbins and St. Michael want the Yukon fisherman to stay where they are.

BOF	128	Extend commercial fishing three miles offshore and north to Point Romanoff in District 1 of the Yukon Area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	Stebbins and Saint Michael residents want the Yukon Fisherman to stay where they are. Wes made the motion to support proposal 127 and 128. Seconded by Frank, motion failed.

BOF	129	In the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area during times of conservation, require the return of a specified salmon species immediately to the water unharmed when beach seining.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Scott Kent gave an overview of the proposal. Wes made the motion to support 129, seconded by Matilda. Motioned passed.

BOF	130	Allow the restriction of gillnet mesh size during times of conservation for chum and king salmon in any portion of the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Wes made a motion to support 130, seconded by Matilda. Wes stated that the Department is attempting to allow more subsistence fishing for species of abundance. Motion passed.

BOF	131	Increase subsistence fishing time with gillnets and beach seines in Subdistrict 1 of Norton Sound District.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Wes made a motion not to take action. Seconded by Frank. Wes stated that it entirely deals with the Northern Norton Sound Area. Motion passed.

BOF	132	Add cast net as a legal subsistence fishing gear and allow both dip net and cast net gear to be used in all subsistence fisheries in the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Wes made a motion to support 132, seconded by Morris. Wes stated that he thinks this is going to add more opportunity but I don't think many people will use this method. Motion passed.

BOF	133	Allow the use of beach seines for commercial harvest of chum and pink salmon in Subdistricts 5 and 6 of the Norton Sound District during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Wes made a motion to support 133, seconded by Frank. Frank I don't think the fish plant will be able to handle the amount of pinks and chums harvested. Wes said he see this proposal to allow commercial fisherman to use a different method of fishing and that the fish processors will have to make the final decision if they can handle the pinks and chums. Jacob stated that this is to help reduce the mortality rate of Chinook during commercial fishing. Fred Jay mentioned that as a commercial fisherman he cannot see himself utilizing this type of fishing but there are some fishermen that may try it and that if it works for them, then good. Motion passed.
BOF	134	Change the boundary line separating the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area and Yukon Area at Point Romanof in area and district descriptions.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Wes asked Scott if this is only for the salmon finfish regulation, has the department asked if the department considered this for herring. Scott mentioned that the finally staff comments will include herring and miscellaneous finfish. Wes made a motion to support 134 with inclusion of herring and miscellaneous finfish into the proposal. Seconded by Frank. Wes said this is straight forward; this keeps us out of the Yukon district. Motion passed.
BOF	146	Create a directed commercial fishery for cisco in Norton Sound or Port Clarence Districts.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Wes said that one of the reason that this proposal was put in was based on our discussion last year we wanted to elevate the knowledge that there was some Yukon fisherman coming up to Pitmitalik River to fish. Jacob said that he will write a letter, along with Wes, to BOF to why we want to pull the proposal.
BOF	181	Repeal the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Jacob made a motion to support 181, seconded by Frank. Jacob mentioned that they do not have any streams to support the amount of fish harvested by the fisherman in the location and it is all intercept fisheries. If Fish and Game came manage the fisheries similar to how they do in the Norton Sound districts then they would have to use the amount of salmon spawning within the river systems around Unimak and Shumagin Islands. This would allow Fish and Game put a cap on the amount of salmon harvested in this location. Frank had stated that this would reduce the amount of intercepted chum salmon bound for the Norton Sound region. Motion passed.
BOF	182, 183	Repeal the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	Wes made a motion to support 182 and 183 as a block, seconded by Jacob. Wes said he is opposed to both proposals because they increase the fishing time in Area M which intercepts the chum salmon bound for the Norton Sound region. Motion failed.
BOF	183	Repeal the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan.	



<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	
BOF	184	Repeal the current South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and readopt the management plan in place during 2003-2004.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Jacob made a motion support 184, seconded by Matilda. Wes said that this proposal would like less the amount of fishing time in Area M and reduce the amount of incidental chum bycatch in the month of June and would help the chum return back into the Norton Sound area. Motion passed.
BOF	214	Specify that bycatch in excess of the allowable amount will be surrendered to the state and donated to charity and establish fines for bycatch in excess of the allowable amount.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	Wes made a motion to support 214, seconded by Frank. Wes likes the idea of reducing bycatch in fisheries but this proposal is too broad. Bycatch issues need to be species specific. Motion failed.

Minutes Recorded By: *Paul Wamoff*
 Minutes Approved By: *Wesley W*
 Minutes Approved By: *Frank Matoffsky*
 Date: *11/23/15*

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Meeting, March 8-18, 2016, Fairbanks			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG No Action	55		Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year This will not have any changes for us.
BOG Support	57 6	 1 Abstained	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls Morris stated that Koyuk residents are concerned that this will open the possibility of allowing commercial bear hunters to gain revenue with this proposal. Fred Jay stated that he would be for it because it will give residents opportunities to make more income in which there are not a lot of jobs in our region. Jacob made a motion to support 57, seconded by Frank. Motion passed.
BOG Support	71 7	 0	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions Jacob made a motion support 71, seconded by Wes. Wes stated that this will mostly affect guided hunters.
BOG Oppose	72 0	 7	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts Wes made a motion to support 72, 73, 74 as a block, seconded by Frank. Wes said that he is opposed to these proposals and that there are some merits to these proposals and that he doesn't think that it is a realistic size caliber for moose and bear. Motion failed.
BOG Oppose	73 0	 7	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts Jacob stated that there are a lot of hunters that use a smaller caliber for caribou and they do successfully harvest the caribou.
BOG Oppose	74 0	 7	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts
BOG Oppose	79 0	 7	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours Wes made a motion to support 79, seconded by Frank. Wes stated that the documentation is an added burden on trappers when they have to document the weather. Matilda also stated that the extra documentation for the mechanical issues that may arise. Frank mentioned that having to check the traps everyday you would leave behind human scent that would cause the animals to stay away from the traps. Morris stated that it would not allow enough time for animals to go to the traps. Wes stated that this would defeat the trapping method. Motion failed.
BOG No Action	80		Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more Jacob stated that we don't have cities over 1,000 and Frank said that there are city ordinances that deal with this.
BOG Support	81 7	 0	Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares Wes made a motion to support 81, seconded by Jacob. Wes said that this is clarifying what underwater means. Motion passed.



Alaska Board of Game Statewide Meeting, March 8-18, 2016, Fairbanks			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG No Action	85		Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou Jacob made a motion to request that this be moved to the Region V BOG meeting, seconded by Wes. Wes requested that this be deferred to the Region V BOG meeting and that this proposal is directly related to Region V issue where it would be the appropriate place for this to be discussed. Motion passed
BOG Oppose	103 0	7	Require Tier I subsistence permit holders to report harvest information Wes made a motion to support 103, 104, and 105 as a block, seconded by Frank. Wes said he is opposed to all three proposals because they add undue reporting requirements and extra regulations to subsistence hunters. Motion failed.
BOG Oppose	104 0	7	Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report
BOG Oppose	105 0	7	Modify the qualification under the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system
BOG No Action	127		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 23 This is out of our area.
BOG Support	131 7	0	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A Wes made a motion support 131, seconded by Morris. Wes said he thinks this works well the way it is. Motion passed.
BOG No Action	132		Modify the hunting season for snowy owls Jacob said that we don't hunt them.
BOG No Action	133		Modify the hunting season for cormorants Jacob said that we don't use them but other communities do and utilize their feathers for their spears and eat them.
BOG Support	135 7	0	Increase the number of nonresident drawing permits for brown bear in 22 Remainder. Jacob made a motion to support 135, seconded by Frank. Wes said the effect is outside our area but we are supporting the idea of increasing the harvest of brown bears from our region. Jacob said that the increase harvest of bears would help reduce the predation on caribou. Motion passed.

Wes made a motion to submit a proposal to the BOG to change the moose hunt in RM 841 to close September 20th with the ability to have an EO when the quota harvest is projected to be reached, seconded by Frank. Wes said the reason for submitting this is to follow what the department practice has been for the past four years and we know that we will continue to ask for extension for the hunt. Motion passed 7-0.

Minutes Recorded By: *James Van der ...*
Minutes Approved By: *Wesley W. ...*
Minutes Approved By: *Frank ...*
Date: *11/23/15*

Federal Proposal Discussion:

WP 16-37 Change in harvest limit and season for caribou (21D, 22,23,24, 25, 26A, 26B)

WP 16-43: Change hunt area description and closure for caribou (Unit 18, 22A)

WP 16-44: Change hunt area descriptions, harvest limit and season for brown bear (Units 22 C, 22D)

WP 16-45: Change hunt area description for caribou (Unit 22E)

WP 16-46 Rescind closure for moose (Unit 22E)

WP 16-47 Create antlerless moose season (Unit 22E)

No actions have been taken but a letter of support for WP 16-37 will be written to the Federal Subsistence Board as long as the regulations mirror the State's current regulation.





Upper Lynn Canal Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Date 2/12/16

Haines

I. Call to Order: Time by TM 5:01

I. Roll Call:

Members	Present/ Absent/ Teleconferenc e
Tim McDonough (TM) / Haines seat	P
Jamie King (JK) / Haines seat	P
John Hagen (JH) / Officer Haines	P
Darren Belisie (DB) / Skagway seat	T
Daniel Hotch (DH) / Klukwan seat	P
Kip Kermoian (KK) / Haines seat	P
Luke Rauscher (LR) / Skagway seat	T
Derek Poinsette (DP) / Haines seat	P
Ryan Cook (RC) / Officer Haines	P
Will Prisciandaro(WP) / Haines	p
Randy Jackson (RJ) Haines	p

Members Present:11

Members Absent: 0

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

II. Approval of Agenda: RJ Approve, 2nd by TM with addition of letter.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: JH moved to approve with amendments, date, Letter and Vote.

IV. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Rich Chapel, ADFG

V. Guests Present:

List of User Groups Present: See Attached Sign In Sheet (JH)
Rich Chapel, ADFG, Jones Hotch, Chilkat Indian Village, Emily Files KHNS, Karen Garcia Chilkat Valley News, Charlie Dewitt Haines Sportsman’s Association

VI. Old Business:

- a) Tier 3 designation discussion, questions/concerns list for the DEC

The reason for the deviation from the original plan of a decision of letter of support for Tier 3 were explained to the attended members of the public by TM. The call was put for the audience to present questions they had on Tier 3 designation and what it means to them.

If tier 3 happens is it something that never changes?

Does this designation apply to all of the tributaries of the Chilkat?

Are there are provisions for terrestrial sewage treatment in this designation?

How many other rivers are designated Tier 3?

**I would like to get a clarification on what is industrial wastewater discharge.
Would a logging truck on a rainy day be an issue if it splashes into the river? Would that be discharge?**

Can Chilkat Indian Village withdraw this request?

Can “it” shut me down for just doing my existing business? (The inquisitor explained they have an existing gravel business on the Chilkat and is already under DEC permitting and was expanding to a logging operation.)

Is there a process to amend work with the DEC on this process now, to help define the regulations surrounding this?

A lot of the [Haines] highway runs close to the river. Will there be issues with sanding salting on the highway?

If some one has a fish camp on the river will that be grandfathered in?

Will someone be able to start a new fish camp on the river?

What about fish waste, will someone be able to dispose of that in the river?

What counts as grandfathered activities?

Is logging even allowed in a Tier 3 watershed?

Can septic systems or building pads be installed?

Will 2 cycle motors be allowed in the river?

If Klukwan wanted to pave a road would that be allowed?

What is the bottom line on how much you can deteriorate the water?

Does it mean I can't use my 2 stroke engine?

Can we even use the river?

Can you upgrade to a 4 stroke?

Will you go to jail if your cabin floor collapses?

Was there a specific date for town hall.

Who would decide on this designation? I don't want to go to bed one night and wake up and I cannot use the river.

Will there be baseline studies for multiple years to establish a baseline on the water quality?

Who will be paying for testing?

What specific land use is he referring to when he refers to land use may be effected?

What are the boundaries for this designated river?

Does it go all the way to Pyramid island? Glacier Point?

Who gets to decide the use of the lands besides DEC?

Who would enforce tier 3?

Would it just effect those that just need to apply for a permit?

I would like to ask DEC for examples of what has been shut down because of Tier 3, logging mining 2 stroke motors in other Tier 3 systems. We need some examples.

b) Requests to F&G for goat hunt action

KK-motion to get detailed information Haines specific data. RJ 2nd KK Withdraws the motion.

RC – motion to implement goat-hunting quiz. DP 2nd. Unanimous Passed 11-1

RJ- did we take ask for action?

b) Skagway trapping letter

TM. Read letter to Ms. Leach and Attorney Agenda as amended by DP.

RJ-moves to support this letter. DP 2nd carried unanimously

VII. New Business:

a) BOF proposals

STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES March 8–12, 2016 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	202	Prohibit the use of felt bottom boots in all waters, while fishing.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	11	0	Makes laws simple. This would help take felt bottom boots out of circulation.
BOF	208	Establish bag limits by port of call.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	11	OPPOSED - Our users often travel to other management districts to fish. As an example in the 2015 fishing season, king salmon returns were weak on Chilkat River and harvest opportunities were limited. Those wishing to harvest king salmon needed to leave the Haines/Skagway district and fish in the Juneau/Glacier Bay district. Sometimes different river systems, easily accessible from the same port of call are managed differently according to run strength and different factors. Taiya, Chilkat, Chilkoot inlets all have different runs and may be weaker or stronger at different times. This is a complex district with many different users. This change would harm local users that are compelled to travel to other management areas to utilize fish resources. It is unfair to our local users.
BOF	209	Designate Pacific herring as a forage fish.	

<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	1	10	OPPOSED - We are concerned that there is not enough evidence and reasoning as to the why this reclassification is happening and why the time is now. Not enough information. We are concerned about how this impacts on commercial fishing. We are concern that there would be an economic loss if this definition were changed now. Supporting Comment - Herring is important to our ecosystem. This change in definition would bring the ADFG definition of herring as a forage fish in line with how they are defined in other entities.
BOF	210	Prohibit directed fisheries on forage fish species, for the purpose of fishmeal production.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	1	SUPPORT - This would prevent a targeted fishery from developing on existing forage fish. In the upper Lynn Canal, our fish benefit from plentiful forage fish species in the Gulf of Alaska and Inside Waters. Opposing comment – There is a concerned of market shift such as if there were a shift in markets. There could be and economic loss if sac roe fell out of favor in the markets. There may be no market for herring.
BOF	211	Prohibit the production of fish meal from whole forage fish.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	1	SUPPORT - This would prevent a targeted fishery from developing on existing forage fish. In the upper Lynn Canal, our fish benefit from plentiful forage fish species in the Gulf of Alaska and Inside Waters. Opposing comment – There is a concerned of market shift such as if there were a shift in markets. There could be and economic loss if sac roe fell out of favor in the markets. There may be no market for herring.
BOF	212	Repeal or modify the requirement to designate a single salmon net registration area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	11	OPPOSED - We have concerns of extra fishing pressure in Lynn Canal due to an increased utilization of drift salmon permits in SE. The salmon runs in Lynn Canal are one of the later runs in Alaska to peak and would be a likely destination for commercial fishermen fishing multiple permits. Regulations support a more diversified fisherman base with more fishermen holding a few permits.
BOF	216	Establish a state waters walleye pollock purse seine fishery in Southeast Alaska.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	11	This is an Interception fishery and it would be detrimental to other fish population. We are concerned that seiners targeting walleyed Pollack would in all likelihood catch salmon as by catch, salmon returning to our waters. Walleyed Pollack are a valuable forage fish for fish and marine mammal populations in the Upper Lynn Canal.

c) Skagway hatchery letter of support.

TM calls for a question 9 in favor, 1 oppose 1 abstain.

Next meeting. March 18

Adjournment: WP motion to Adjourn RC 7:47 pm

Minutes Recorded By: John Hagen
Minutes Approved By: Date: 2/12/16

Craig Advisory Committee
January 28, 2016 Meeting Minutes (excerpted for BOF Statewide)
Craig Youth Center

- I. Call to Order: 7:15 PM

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present:
Stu Merchant
Brian Castle
Ellen Hannan
Mike Douville
Steve Stumpf
Kirk Agnitsch
Dave Creighton
Members Absent:
Steve Merritt
Doug Rhodes
Bill Farmer
Fred Hamilton
Chuck Haydu
Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: trapping, gill netting, long line, charter fishing, sport fishing, hunting

- III. Approval of Agenda: Yes

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: yes, February 3, 2015

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Craig Schwanke, Steve Berthune, Jeff Reeves

- VI. Guests Present: Rose Roseland

- VII. Old Business: None

- VIII. New Business: BOF and BOG proposals. Please see the following pages.



Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form

		Proposal Description	
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number		
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	203	Expand emergency order authority to close sport fishing in special harvest areas if hatchery cost recovery goals may not be met.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	This allows hatcheries to use EO to ensure brood stock and cost recovery demands can be met.
BOF	209	Designate Pacific herring as a forage fish.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	The Craig AC has concerns over herring populations. If herring are classified as forage fish now they have a better chance of being protected in the future.
BOF	210	Prohibit directed fisheries on forage fish species, for the purpose of fish meal production.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	We feel forage fish are important to the health of the eco-system and offer more value that way than fishmeal.
BOF	211	Prohibit the production of fish meal from whole forage fish.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	Again, we feel herring are a key food source in the ocean and offer more value that way than as fishmeal.
BOF	194	Close all waters of Unalaska Bay to commercial fishing for groundfish with pelagic trawl gear. (This proposal will be heard at the Alaska Peninsula / Chignik / Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting, and be heard and deliberated on at the Statewide Finfish meeting)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	There have been concerns from native and subsistence groups in recent years regarding the decline of salmon, halibut and groundfish stocks due to trawling. We support this proposal in an effort to reduce commercial trawling in affected areas.

Old Business: None
 Adjournment: 8:55 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Stumpf
 Minutes Approved By:
 Date:



**Edna Bay Advisory Committee
January 30, 2016
Edna Bay School**

I. **Call to Order:** 6:19 p.m. by Patrick Richter, Chair

II. **Roll Call:** Six members in attendance

Members Present: Patrick Richter, Chair; Myla Poelstra, Secretary; Lee Greif, member; Heather Richter, member; Richard Stockdale, member; Joe Wargi, alternate;

Members Absent: Carleigh Fairchild, Vice Chair; John Dodson, member; Spencer Richter, alternate;

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

List of User Groups Present: Sport/Personal Use Fishing & Hunting, Commercial Fishing, Outdoorsperson, Trapping, Subsistence, and Photography

III. **Approval of Agenda:** approved

IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** From December 27, 2015

V. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** None

VI. **Guests Present:** Sharon Wargi, Maureen Viera

VII. **Old Business:** None

VIII. **New Business:** 2016 Statewide Board of Fisheries Comments

STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES

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ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	202	Prohibit the use of felt bottom boots in all waters, while fishing.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	7	Unnecessary request. Poor definition for need to prohibit use.
BOF	203	Expand emergency order authority to close sport fishing in special harvest areas if hatchery cost recovery goals may not be met.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7		
BOF	204	Modify the definition of an artificial fly to include the use of a bare single hook.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7		Necessary for clarification.
BOF	205	Clarify that a bead not attached to a hook is an attractor, and not a lure or fly.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7		Necessary for clarification.
BOF	206	Revise definition of "closely attended" as it applies to coho salmon fishing.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7		An arms length is a little too restrictive.
BOF	207	Allow a bang stick to be used to dispatch sport-caught fish.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7		(Only option 3) For safety reasons the bang stick should be allowed for use in salt water.
BOF	208	Establish bag limits by port of call.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	7	Over complicates enforcement.



BOF	209	Designate Pacific herring as a forage fish.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7		Language alignment supports better management.
BOF	210	Prohibit directed fisheries on forage fish species, for the purpose of fish meal production.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			
BOF	211	Prohibit the production of fish meal from whole forage fish.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7		There should not be a fishery just for fish meal.
BOF	27	Require that a CFEC permit holder's name displayed on a set gillnet site marking sign complies with the same character size marking requirements for permit numbers. (This proposal will be heard at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting, and heard and deliberated on at the Statewide Finfish meeting.)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			
BOF	28	Change the character size requirements for set gillnet marking signs. (This proposal will be heard at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting, and heard and deliberated on at the Statewide Finfish meeting.)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			
BOF	212	Repeal or modify the requirement to designate a single salmon net registration area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7		Individuals should be allowed to hold permits in multiple areas.
BOF	213	Clarify possession and landing requirements for Pacific cod and walleye pollock.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7		Clarification for management.
BOF	214	Specify that bycatch in excess of the allowable amount will be surrendered to the state and donated to charity and establish fines for bycatch in excess of the allowable amount.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			
BOF	215	Establish a 58' overall length limit for vessels participating in South Alaska Peninsula parallel walleye pollock fishery using trawl gear.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7		State should support local opportunity and better bycatch management.
BOF	194	Close all waters of Unalaska Bay to commercial fishing for groundfish with pelagic trawl gear. (This proposal will be heard at the Alaska Peninsula / Chignik / Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting, and be heard and deliberated on at the Statewide Finfish meeting)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			

BOF	216	Establish a state waters walleye pollock purse seine fishery in Southeast Alaska.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			
BOF	217	Establish fishing season for walleye pollock that does not conflict with salmon season.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			
BOF	218	Establish state-waters walleye pollock jig fishery management plans with guideline harvest levels deducted from total allowable catch (TAC) for the Eastern Gulf of Alaska, Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Chignik, South Alaska Peninsula and Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands areas.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			
BOF	126-2014-2015	Establish a commercial open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound. <i>(Proposal 126 from the 2015/2016 Meeting Cycle was tabled by the board for continued deliberations at the March 2017 Statewide Finfish meeting.)</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7		A better idea than sac roe harvesting. Fish and Game should consider this alternative. Declining herring numbers warrant better management.

Adjournment: 7:17 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Myla Poelstra, Secretary

Minutes Approved By: Patrick Richter, Chair

Date: February 01, 2016

Delta Junction Fish & Game Advisory Committee
11/18/15
Delta Junction City Hall

I. Call to Order: 6:30 by Carl Taylor

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Officers: Carl Taylor - Chair, Rusty Craig – Vice Chair, Jeff Mason – Secretary.
Regular Members: Tim Webb, Ross Baker, Tony Williams, Elizabeth Neipert. Alternates: Paul Dudgeon, Don Quarberg, Jack Windsor.

Members Absent: Regular Members: Vern Aiton, Don Bunselmeier, Jacob White. Alternates: Mike Rogers.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 needed, 10 present

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the October 28th meeting are not yet available and will be reviewed at the December meeting.

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandy Baker (DSF), Darren Brunning (DWC). Doreen Parker-McNeil (DWC)

VI. Guests Present: Catherine Hadley - Delta Wind, Jim Cummings - Golden Eagle Air, Kim Jocum - Donnelly Training Area Natural Resources, John Haddix - Fort Wainwright Natural Resources, LTC William Prayner - US Army, Fort Wainwright.

VII. Old Business: Select an alternate for the BOG Sheep Working Group. Ross Baker was selected as alternate. Jacob White is the primary representative.

VIII. New Business:

Biologist Reports:

Darren Brunning reported that DWC is in the middle of flying moose surveys.

Brandy Baker announced that a new ADF&G cabin was built this past summer at Donna Lake and it can now be reserved. Donna Lake was also sampled this year to determine the status of fish populations since it is expected that harvest will increase as people begin using the new cabin. Chet Lake and Dick's pond were both sampled this summer and the Arctic char in both lakes were undersized. She said ADF&G will be stocking rainbow trout next season instead of char. Mark Lake was sampled and has a good population of rainbow trout.

There was a request to stock Midway Lake near Tetlin. ADF&G conducted a bathymetric survey of the lake and found the deepest was 24'. Dissolved oxygen will be sampled in the lake this coming March and if the Department feels the lake could support fish it will be stocked in 2017.

The ADF&G hatchery in Fairbanks will no longer stock grayling due to State budget cuts.

The Department did a bathymetric survey of Volkmar Lake this summer. Greatest depth was 34'.

The Department helped a UAF funded project to collect northern pike from Healy Lake this summer for a contaminants study. Thirty pike were collected. The village is concerned that the military may have dumped contaminants into the lake that could be bio-accumulating in pike which are their primary fish subsistence species. The results of an earlier contaminants study on whitefish have not been released.

Brandy also passed around a few maps showing grayling locations from the Goodpasture River grayling study. She also said there were 19,500 cohos counted in the Delta Clearwater River this fall which compares to an approximately 5,000 fish average the last several years.

Hunting on Fort Wainwright: John Haddix and LTC William Prayner gave a thorough presentation on the results of the 2015 moose hunting season on Ft Wainwright lands. They discussed the Army's response to concerns from the Delta community that were expressed at an AC meeting last spring about access, training closures, and notification of training closures. They presented handouts and fielded questions from the AC and the audience. The Army's response to community concerns were much better addressed this past season and their presentation was well received.

Board Proposals: The AC discussed BOF proposals and voted on several.

Proposal Number	Yes Votes	No Votes	Abstentions	Comments
BOF 135	0	9	1	No biological reason to support proposal based on input from ADF&G
BOF 136	0	9	1	No need to complicate the regs if 2 lines are the norm
BOF 137	0	9	1	No biological reason to support proposal based on input from ADF&G. Lake trout numbers are still below the desired level.
BOF 139	8	1	0	
BOF 140	8	0	2	
BOF 204	9	0	1	
BOF 205	9	0	1	



ARCTIC / YUKON / KUSKOKWIM FINFISH

JANUARY 12–17, 2016

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
		Number Support	Number Oppose
BOF	135	Prohibit the use of set lines in Grizzly and Jack lakes.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	1 abstain. Opposed. No biological reason to support the change. Based on ADF&G input.
BOF	136	Allow only one fishing line per angler during the Fielding Lake winter fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	1 abstain. Opposed. No need to complicate regs if 2 rods is the norm.
BOF	137	Allow the use of bait during the winter fishery on Fielding Lake.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	1 abstain. Opposed. No biological reason to support the change. Based on ADF&G input LT #s are still below desired level.
BOF	138	Allow retention of Arctic grayling on the Chena River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			
BOF	139	Update the Tanana River Area stocked waters regulation.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	9	1	0 abstain. Support.
BOF	140	Repeal Yukon River Area rainbow trout regulations.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	8	0	2 abstain. Support.



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
		Number Support	Number Oppose
BOF	204	Modify the definition of an artificial fly to include the use of a bare single hook.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	9		1 abstain
BOF	205	Clarify that a bead not attached to a hook is an attractor, and not a lure or fly.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	9		1 abstain

Old Business:
Adjournment: 9:00 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Jeff Mason
Minutes Approved By:
Date:

