

On-Time Advisory Committee Comment List

Alaska Board of Fisheries Work Session | Anchorage, October 15-16, 2018

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Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, October 2, 2018
King Technical High School, 2650 E Northern Lights Blvd, Anchorage

Call to Order: 6:36pm; Kevin Taylor

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer: Kevin Taylor; JR Gates, respectively.

Roll Call:

- a. Members Present: JR Gates, Mike Taylor, Neil DeWitt, Willow Hetrick (secretary), Matt Moore, Kevin Taylor (newly elected Chair), Martin Weiser (newly elected Vice Chair), Shawna Williams-Buchanan, Bryce Eckroth (alternate), Phillip Calhoun, Rick Rodgers, and Grant Koplín
- b. Members Absent Excused: Dino Sutherland, Ernie Weiss, Tyler Loken, Jeff Weiber
- c. Members Absent Unexcused: None

Number Needed Present for Quorum on Anchorage AC: 8 (12 present October 2, 2018)

List of User Groups Present: King Technical High School Natural Resource Management Class (Selah Judge, Cristopher Knox, Liam McFadden, Nikola Maccabee, Nathaniel Williams, Aidan Skura). Eric Booton from Trout Unlimited to discuss Stand for Salmon.

Fish and Game Staff Present: Sherry Wright. Dave Battle is going to come to the next meeting (November 6, 2018) to discuss bear and other issues in the Anchorage bowl.

Public Present: Jacob Wise, Russell Fitzwater, Mike Durtshi, Wendy Tueller, Nathan Tueller, Shawn Williams, Larry Kaniut, Jim Navolsi.

Approval of Agenda: Martin Weiser motioned to approve, Matt Moore seconded. All in favor.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes from Anchorage AC last meeting date were approved in spring 2018 in order to get the comments in on time.

Reports:

- a. Chairman's report: None
- b. ADF&G: None
- c. Others: None

Public Comment:

- Larry Kaniut – concerned with bears and public safety. We are seeing too many bears in the City and there is a potential for bear encounters. Provided a letter to Mr. Kevin Taylor, Vice-Chair, on October 1, 2018. There are proposals in the books to reduce the number of bears in the Anchorage bowl. Suggest to the Department that a more aggressive bear removal program be initiated in the interest of public safety and human injury.
- Eric Booton, Trout Unlimited – Sportsman's' engagement coordinator for Trout Unlimited Alaska. Discussing Ballot Measure #1; update fish habitat protection laws. The Anchorage AC originally supported this effort. November 6, 2018 Alaskans have the opportunity to vote to strengthen fish habitat protection laws. The current regulation is roughly ½ a page long. Proponents of this ballot measure think that current regulations are too vague and do not properly protect fish habitat, water quality and quantity are maintained. Larger projects will be



required to go through a more robust permitting process, allows for more public input, and allows for the Department to charge companies/permittees for time spent on applications.

- Martin Weiser, Anchorage AC – would like on the record that a vote against Stand for Salmon is a vote to keep the laws the same. Regulators are tasked with managing the resources of the State and have been doing a great job under the current scheme. When the Anchorage AC originally supported the initiative, the language was much different and has changed such that it's complicated. Cautions that both sides of the proposition are using strong propaganda to sway voters.
- Mike Durtshi, Commercial Fisherman – have the most prolific salmon streams in the world but there are more needs for fish habitat protection. Here for ACR1 and ACR2 regarding hatcheries. Fishes in Prince William Sound where there is a very good management system, fish habitat, and clean water. Hatcheries have been very successful; 3 of the last 10 years have had record returns. Prince William Sound fishermen do not have problems with hatcheries. Urges the Board of Fish to consider that those people that do have a problem with hatcheries would spend time to clean up their own systems and habitat before coming to someone else to blame.
- Shawn Williams, Commercial Fisherman – fishes in Prince William Sound. If hatcheries would be reduced, fish count would be down 30-40% and the extra money put into the economy would also go away. The problem with hatcheries is coming from somewhere else in the State and not Prince William Sound. Urge the Board of Fish to consider regional variances in hatchery management.
 - Shawna Williams-Buchanan – the ACR1 was originally developed because a hatchery was asking to release an additional 20 million fry each year or 40 million. The issue came before the Board of Fish in December 2017 and passed unanimously. Opposition to this ACR has submitted an emergency petition to stop the release of salmon. The efficiency and importance of the hatchery programs in Alaska are unarguably important.
- Nathan Tueller, Commercial Fisherman – salmon straying is important and necessary as a natural part of the process. Concerned with hearing this issue out of sequence, as the Prince William Sound fishery will be on the agenda in 2020. Fish and Game does a great job of managing salmon and the Department will have sound, solid science back by 2020 to be able to adequately address this issue.
- Jacob Wise, Commercial Fisherman – 12-year, \$22 million-dollar study currently being conducted and it would not be a good idea from the Board's perspective to decide on this issue without sound science to back it up. Due process is not being followed.
- Russel Fitzwater, Commercial Fisherman – In Prince William Sound, there is already a great management scheme for salmon management in place. This proposal is out of the due process already in place through the Board cycles and without the ADF&G study on salmon straying, suggest the hatchery related ACRs 1 and 2 not be considered until the next cycle.
 - Martin Weiser – the people that submitted the ACRs 1 and 2 put forth 5 different proposals that consider extreme. All around disrespectful for the process. This group has already been denied twice and are trying for the third time.
- John Weddleton, Anchorage Assembly – looking at things that the MOA can do to diminish the number of bears in the City.
 - Kevin Taylor – proposals would have to be written to the Board of Game to allow the ADF&G to better manage bears in the Anchorage bowl. Suggested the Assembly visit us more regularly and attend the November 6, 2018 meeting. There have been other proposals in the past for hunting overall in the MOA, specifically Kincaid Park moose



hunting for disabled veterans, that would benefit the residents of Anchorage. Bears are killing a lot of moose calves in Anchorage, there are over 400 road kills in the City and other causes of death of moose that need to be addressed.

- Jacob Wise, Cook Inlet Aquaculture Board member – rehabilitation programs for salmon systems that have gone beyond reasonable rates of return. There are lots of things that affect salmon other than humans and we all need to work together for the greater good. These additional studies and rehabilitation efforts are funded through the cost recovery programs.
- Morgan Williams, Commercial Fisherman – Prince William sound fisherman. Coming for one commercial fishery is not the answer. If there is a problem with hatchery fish in a certain part of the State, we need to address it as such and not a whole.
- Wendy Tueller, Commercial Fisherman - chose to address these ACRs when most of the commercial fishermen were busy fishing. Think this is a strategy to remove the commercial fishermen from the conversation. Submitted in May to be heard by the Board of Fish in June.

Prepare comment on BOF ACRs (presented in order as discussed):

- ACR1 - Martin Weiser made a motion for the Anchorage Advisory Committee to adopt discussion on ACR1. Shawna Williams-Buchanan seconded motion. Discussion: Based on public testimony that the AAC has heard today, Martin Weiser suggests that the we vote no on the Board of Fish hearing ACR1 based on public testimony outlined above. Shawna Williams-Buchanan highlighted that this ACR is proposed outside of the cycle. This proposal has been voted down multiple times and believe that the continued attempts is an attack on the commercial fisherman in Prince William Sound. Neil DeWitt and Grant Kopplin will vote yes on this because the proposal would not be considered in any of the three regular cycle calls for proposals. The only way that this issue can come before the Board are the Emergency Petition process, acceptance of an Agenda Change Request from the public of a Board generated item. **2 support, 10 opposed.**
- ACR2 - Martin Weiser made a motion for the Anchorage Advisory Committee to adopt discussion on ACR2. Phillip Calhoun seconded motion. Discussion: This proposal is directly connected to ACR1. The reduction in the amount of hatchery released fish and production is not a good economic idea. See comments from public and responses to comments in public testimony above. **0 support, 12 opposed.**
- ACR8 - Martin Weiser made a motion for the Anchorage Advisory Committee to adopt discussion on ACR8. Shawna Williams-Buchanan seconded motion. Discussion: If you are in a boat, it is easier to get away from those people who are dip netting from the shores. This issue should not be taken out of cycle; re 3 criteria for taking proposal out of cycle. The reason for low fish returns are not likely blamed on the subsistence fishery. **0 support, 12 opposed.**
- ACR6 – Bryce Eckroth made a motion for the Anchorage Advisory Committee to adopt discussion on ACR6. Phillip Calhoun seconded motion. Discussion: This issue should not be taken out of cycle; re 3 criteria for taking proposal out of cycle. Seems like an allocative proposal. **0 support, 12 opposed.**
- ACR11 – Neil DeWitt made a motion for the Anchorage Advisory Committee to adopt discussion on ACR11. Martin Weiser seconded motion. HB 41 with re-established statutes; expiring 2019 and as a result, effective January 1 guidelines will not align with statute. This will allow ADF&G to better manage the statutes as is. **12 support, 0 opposed.**
- ACR7 – Neil DeWitt made a motion for the Anchorage Advisory Committee to adopt discussion on ACR7. Shawna Williams-Buchanan seconded motion. Discussion: There are 29 beach nets that are able to fish this area. Hours fished do not count towards hours available for fishing. The Board of Fish needs to address how the hours are counted; ADF&G interpreted the intent of the proposal differently than originally proposed. **9 support, 2 opposed, 1 abstained.**



Old Business: Meeting schedule discussed in April, 2018. Discussed different options of meeting locations and decided that if subcommittees want to meet elsewhere as convenient, that is fine but the allocation of meeting locations to meet all AAC members will suffice. All the meeting locations have been confirmed and Board Support would prefer to keep them in place. When thinking of a meeting space, must be available to the public, handicap accessible and publicly noticed.

New Business: December 4, 2018 meeting is in conflict with the Board of Fish meeting in Dillingham; suggest moving to the following week (December 11, 2018). In December meeting, comments for Board of Finfish Statewide finfish and a report from the Board of Fish Dillingham meeting. Sherry Wright will check with the King Technical School and the William Hernandez Fish Hatchery.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:

- a. Chair - Shawna Williams-Buchanan nominated Kevin Taylor. Matt Moore seconded. **12 support, 0 opposed.** Kevin Taylor is Chair.
- b. Vice Chair – Kevin Taylor nominated Martin Weiser. Shawna Williams-Buchanan seconded; **7 support.** Phillip Calhoun nominated Matt Moore, Shawna Williams-Buchanan seconded; **5 support.** Martin Weiser is Vice-Chair.

Fish Subcommittee Chair: Kevin Taylor appointed Martin Weiser.

1. Martin Weiser
2. Shawna Williams-Buchanan
3. Dino Sutherland
4. Ernie Weiss
5. Kevin Taylor
6. Bryce Eckroth (alternate)
7. Jeff Wieber (alternate)

Game Subcommittee Chair: Kevin Taylor appointed Matt Moore

1. Neil DeWitt
2. Mike Taylor
3. Grant Koplin
4. Rick Rodgers
5. Matt Moore
6. Willow Hetrick
7. Tyler Loken
8. Phillip Calhoun
9. JR Gates

Discussion of Student Membership: Students are invited, welcomed and the Anchorage AC is excited to have the natural resource group as part of our meetings and process.

Other: None

Select representative(s) for board meeting: By November, Glenn Haight wants to know which ACs are going to which Board meeting. The Anchorage AC would like to request that the following meetings be attended by an AC member:

Board of Fish

- November 28 – December 4, 2018 – Dillingham (Kevin Taylor as Anchorage AC representative)
- January 15-19, 2018 – Anchorage (no travel required; attendance TBD)



- February 21-27, 2018 – Anchorage (no travel required; attendance TBD)
- March 8-11, 2018 – Anchorage (no travel required; attendance is likely)

Board of Game

- March 15-19, 2018 – Anchorage (no travel required; attendance is likely)

Joint Board

- March 21-25, 2018 – Anchorage (no travel required; attendance is likely)

**Next regular meeting will be November 6, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Cabela's conference room.
Tentative agenda: prepare comments on Board of Game ACRs (if any), discuss Anchorage bear proposals, and prepare comments on Bristol Bay finfish proposals.**

Adjourn: 8:45 pm

Meeting minutes recorded by Willow Hetrick
Minutes approved by Kevin Taylor, Chair
Date Approved 10-3-2018



Chignik Advisory Committee

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October 1, 2018

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Dear Alaska Board of Fisheries Director, Chairman and Members:

The Chignik Advisory Committee (AC) submitted a timely Agenda Change Request (ACR) which the Board of Fisheries elected not to consider at its October 15 - 16 work session. That ACR is attached for your reference.

We understand that the Board considered the ACR to be an in-cycle proposal, and therein so elected not to accept the Chignik's ACR, although in the past the Board has taken action on similar proposals. The reason the Chignik ACR was submitted was due to the complete failure of both Chignik's two sockeye salmon runs this year and in recognition that the Shumagin Island and South Unimak fishery is only regulated by time and area without any provision for resource stewardship on Chignik and other migratory sockeye salmon stocks that for all practical purposes exclusively support this fishery in June, July, and early August. Furthermore, early indications suggest that it is likely that next year will be a poor Chignik sockeye year as well.

A reasonable level of protection and accountability in this fishery is needed for conservation and for an equitable distribution of available harvest between management areas. We understand that one likely justification for the Board's action to not take up the ACR is that it will have full latitude to address any and all regulatory issues pertaining to the Area M fisheries during its in-cycle meeting in February 2019 regardless of the printed proposals in the proposal book.

By making this public comment, the Chignik Advisory Committee respectfully puts the public on notice that this proposal is open for consideration by the BOF even though it is not officially in the proposal book. And although the Chignik ACR is not on the agenda for the Board's October work session, there is nothing preventing a Board of Fisheries member from making a motion at the October meeting to create a board generated proposal that encompasses the proposed regulatory change recommended in the Chignik ACR.

Thank you for your serious consideration of the issues raised by our Agenda Change Request.

Most sincerely,

Raechel Allen, Chignik Advisory Committee Secretary



AGENDA CHANGE REQUEST FORM ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

The Board of Fisheries (board) will accept requests to change its schedule under certain guidelines set forth in 5 AAC 39.999. The board will accept these agenda change requests (ACRs) only:

- 1) for a fishery conservation purpose or reason; or
- 2) to correct an error in regulation; or
- 3) to correct an effect on a fishery that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted.

The board will not accept an ACR that is predominantly allocative in nature in the absence of new compelling information, as determined by the board [5 AAC 39.999 (a) (2)].

Please answer all questions to the best of your ability.

1) CITE THE REGULATION THAT WILL BE CHANGED IF THIS ACR IS HEARD. If possible, enter the series of letters and numbers that identify the regulation to be changed. If it will be a new section, enter "5 AAC NEW".

Alaska Administrative Code Number 5 AAC: 5AAC 09.365 (South Unimak and Shumagin Island June Salmon Management Plan) & 5AAC 09.366 (Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula)

2) WHAT IS THE PROBLEM YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS? STATE IN DETAIL THE NATURE OF THE CURRENT PROBLEM. Address only one issue. State the problem clearly and concisely. The board will reject multiple or confusing issues.

The current disastrous sockeye salmon season in Chignik shows that there is inadequate sharing of the burden of conservation in the South Peninsula and, most notably, in the Shumagin Islands fishery. In particular, there are no windows during which there is no commercial fishing gear in the water during the June 7 - 30 time-period to allow reasonable opportunity for non-local sockeye stocks to pass to their terminal streams.

The Board's July 2018 emergency regulations related to this fishery were highly appreciated and well considered, but did not efficiently or effectively deal with a reasonable sharing of conservation burdens when Chignik stocks need protective measures in Area M waters. Chignik's sockeye early and late run need protective measures in Area M waters most especially in the Shumagins Islands fishery. Board action on this front would be reasonable at this time given the failed 2018 Chignik sockeye runs and the Board's adopted Policy for the Management of Sustained Salmon Fisheries (5 AAC 39.222). While this is an in-cycle issue the issue may very likely not be adequately addressed by the current proposals because the 2018 salmon season had not yet occurred, which highlighted an obvious deficiency in the current South Alaska Peninsula management plans.

3) WHAT SOLUTION DO YOU PREFER? Or, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new or amended regulation say?

Requested is a three-part approach: Part 1 amends the June management plan by establishing concurrent fishing for all gear types with windows during which fishing is closed to all gear types (See Figure 2). Part 2 is triggered if commercial harvests in Chignik are not likely to meet minimum requirements similar to the current Cape Igvak and Southeast District Management Plans (See Figures 3 & 5). Part 3 is triggered if escapement goals are not achieved in Chignik. The regulatory language would be as follows:



5 AAC 09.365 – South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan

- (a) **amend to read:** The South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June fisheries harvest both sockeye and chum salmon in a mixed stock fishery during June. The sockeye salmon are predominately west-bound Bristol Bay, and east-bound Chignik and other stocks including Upper Cook Inlet and Kodiak fish. South Alaska Peninsula stocks are a minor component. The chum salmon are bound for a number of areas, including Japan, Russia, the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwin, Bristol Bay, and Alaska Peninsula, and southcentral Alaska. These stocks have historically been harvested along the south Alaska Peninsula during June. The management plan is intended to be consistent with the Policy for the Management of Sustained Salmon Fisheries (5 AAC 39.222) and the Policy for the Management of Mixed Stock Salmon Fisheries (5 AAC 39.220).
- (g) **add to read:** Notwithstanding (d) (1)(A)(B) and (d)(2)(A)(B) in the South Central District, Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District, and the Southeastern District except as provided in the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan under 5 AAC 09.360, the seine and gillnet fisheries will run concurrently and begin on June 10 at 00:00 hours and run 72 hours until 24:00 hours two days later; commercial fishing will then close for 72 hours; subsequent fishing periods will begin at 00:00 hours three days later and run for 72 hours until 24:00 hours two days later; commercial fishing will then close for 72 hours; the final fishing period will end at 24:00 hours (midnight) on June 30.
- (h) **add to read:** Notwithstanding (g) beginning on June 16, if the Department projects that less than 300,000 sockeye salmon will be harvested in the Chignik Management Area (as described in 5 AAC 15.100) by July 7, fishing periods in South Central District, Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District, and the Southeastern District except for the Southeastern District Mainland will begin at 00:00 hours and run 36 hours until 12:00 hours the next day; commercial fishing will then close for 108 hours; subsequent fishing periods will begin at 00:00 hours five days later and run for 36 hours until 12:00 hours the next day; the final fishing period will end at 24:00 hours (midnight) on June 29.
- (i) **add to read:** Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if the Department projects that Chignik’s early sockeye salmon run escapement goal will not be achieved, all commercial salmon fishing periods in the South Central District, Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District, and the Southeastern District except for the Southeastern District Mainland, are suspended until escapement is reached.

5 AAC 09.366 Post-June Salmon Management Plan for the South Alaska Peninsula

- (a) **amend to read:** The purpose of this management plan is to provide management guidelines to the department for the management of the post-June salmon fisheries along the South Alaska Peninsula, to provide for the harvest of local stocks in terminal harvest areas, identify that non-local sockeye salmon stocks are intercepted including Chignik-bound sockeye salmon, and provide for both Chignik escapement and a Chignik harvest preference in the non-terminal harvest areas of the South Alaska Peninsula in the South Central District, Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District, and the Southeastern District salmon except as otherwise provided in the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan under 5 AAC 09.360, and to establish fishing periods for the South Alaska Peninsula salmon fisheries outside of terminal harvest areas.



(k) add to read: Notwithstanding (c)(1) and (c)(2), (d)(1),(d)(2), and (c)(2), from July 6 through August 8 in the South Alaska Peninsula South Central District, Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District, and the Southeastern District salmon fisheries except as otherwise provided in the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan in 5 AAC 09.360, if less than 300,000 sockeye salmon have been projected to be harvested by July 7 in the Chignik Management Area (as described in 5 AAC 15.100) and after July 8 if the Department projects that less than 600,000 sockeye salmon will be harvested in those same waters, commercial fishing periods will begin on July 6 at 06:00 hours and run for 18 hours until 00:00 hours the next day; commercial fishing will then close for 78 hours; subsequently fishing periods will begin at 06:00 hours and run for 18 hours until 00:00 hours the next day; commercial fishing will then close for 78 hours and reopen at 06:00 hours three days later. Commercial salmon fisheries in designated terminal harvest areas per 5 AAC 09.366 (f) (1) are excluded from 5 AAC 09.366 (k) provisions.

(l) add to read: Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, from July 6 through August 8 in the South Alaska Peninsula South Central District, Volcano Bay Section of the Southwestern District, and the Southeastern District salmon fisheries except as otherwise provided in the Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Management Plan in 5 AAC 09.360, if Chignik sockeye escapement goals are not being met, all commercial salmon fishing is suspended until escapement levels are reached. However, commercial salmon fisheries in designated terminal harvest areas per 5 AAC 09.366 (f) (1) are excluded from 5 AAC 09.366 (l) provisions.

Figure 1: CURRENT REGULATIONS							
June 2018 Shumagin Is. Section & Southcentral District Fishing Schedule by Gear Type							
Gear	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Type						1	2
Seine	Notice that under current regulations that between June 7 and June 30 that there are alternating overlapping openings for Set net and seine gear so that there are never any windows of closure for both gear types for fish to pass through to their terminal streams.						
Set							
Gillnet	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Seine							
Set							
Gillnet							
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Seine							
Set							
Gillnet							
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Seine							
Set							
Gillnet							
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Seine							
Set							
Gillnet							



**Figure 2: Proposed Concurrent Fishing periods for Seine & Set net
June Shumagin, Southcentral & Southeastern District Fishing Schedule**

Gear	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Type						1	2
Seine	<p>This Calendar shows an example of the original windows made in 1984 (not to exceed 96 Hrs per week and not more than 72 consecutive hrs.) that ran in conjunction with 1.5% GH of Bristol Bay Harvest. We are not asking for any GH or Chum caps and the justification is to return to this windows scenario to correct the unintended over harvest on Area L sockeye stocks.</p>						
Set Gillnet							
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Seine							
Set Gillnet							
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Seine							
Set Gillnet							
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Seine							
Set Gillnet							
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Seine							
Set Gillnet							

**Figure 3: A Reduction of approx. 50% after June 15 is Triggered if Chignik Harvest Allowance not acheived
June Shumagin Is. Section & Southcentral District Fishing Schedule**

Gear	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Type						1	2
Seine	<p>When minimum harvest preferences similar to what occurs at Cape Ivgak and SEDM are not acheivable then the more restrictive windows below are triggered. Note that this would have no impact on the Unimak District and all Area M gear types have acces s to this area, and is only triggered when Chignik's 300k, 600k harvent allowance is not considered acheivable.</p>						
Set Gillnet							
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Seine							
Set Gillnet							
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Seine							
Set Gillnet							
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Seine							
Set Gillnet							
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Seine							
Set Gillnet							



Figure 4: Current Regulations
July 2018 Shumagin Is. Section & Southcentral District Fishing Schedule by Gear

Gear	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Type	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Seine							
Set Gillnet							
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Seine							
Set Gillnet							
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Seine							
Set Gillnet							
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Seine							
Set Gillnet							
	29	30	31				
Seine							
Set Gillnet							

Figure 5: Proposed Reduction is Triggered if Chignik Harvest Allowance not achieved
July Shumagin Is. Section & Southcentral District Fishing Schedule by Gear

Gear	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Type	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Seine							
Set Gillnet							
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Seine							
Set Gillnet							
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Seine							
Set Gillnet							
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Seine							
Set Gillnet							
	29	30	31				
Seine							
Set Gillnet							

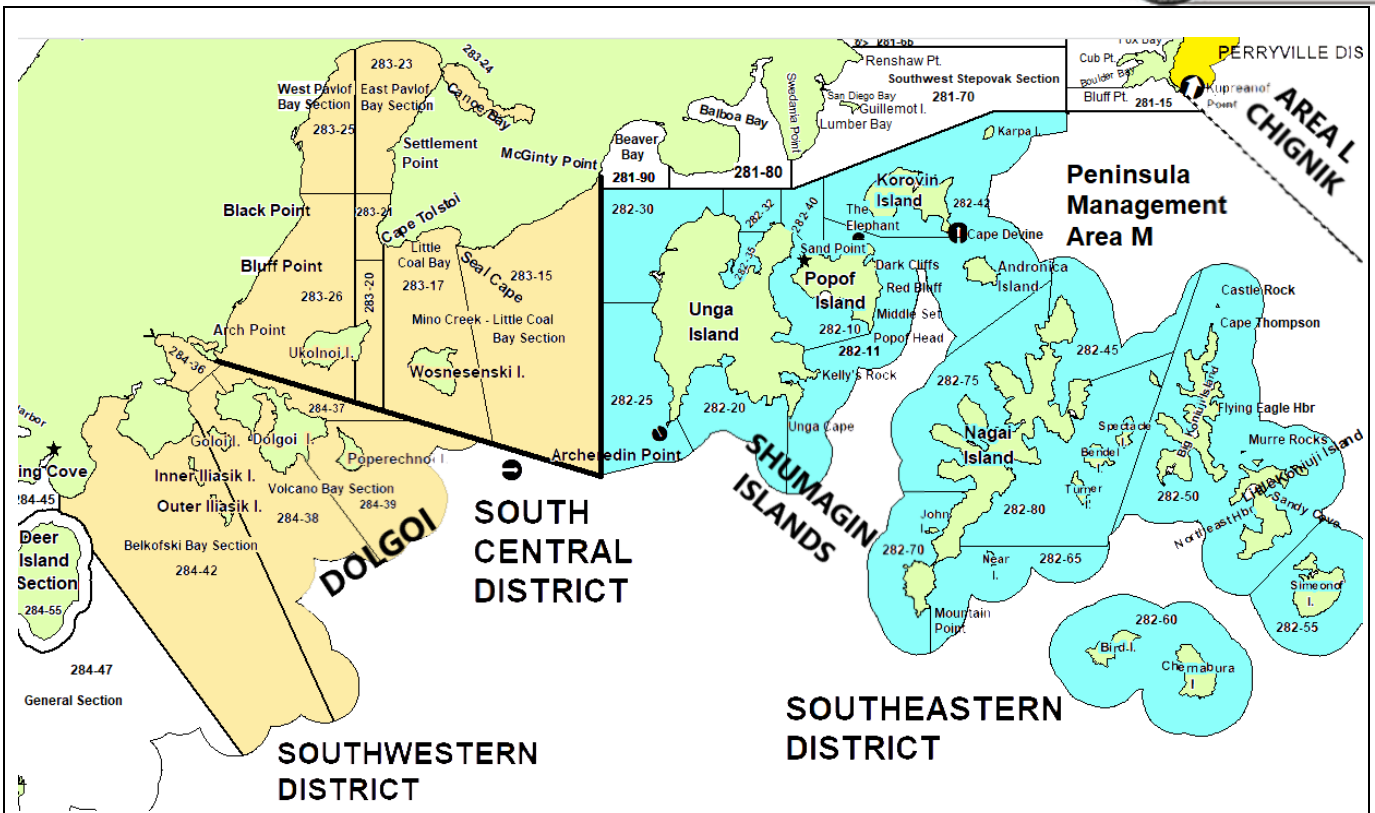


Figure 6: This Map shows the areas in the South Peninsula of Area M where major numbers of Chignik-bound sockeye are highly vulnerable to harvest before they can reach Chignik (Area L) waters.

4) STATE IN DETAIL HOW THIS ACR MEETS THE CRITERIA STATED BELOW. If one or more of the three criteria set forth below is not applicable, state that it is not.

- a) for a fishery conservation purpose or reason:
 In 2018 there has been no Chignik sockeye fishery and the likelihood of any local-stock alternative salmon fisheries occurring this season is dubious at best. Chignik’s early (Black Lake) and late (Chignik Lake) sockeye runs have failed; both runs are substantially below escapement objectives. It is well known that Chignik sockeye have significantly contributed to the South Peninsula fishery in 2018, based on WASSIP data alone (see table below), particularly in the Shumagin Islands where there is no conservation tie limiting the harvest of Chignik-bound salmon or on any other non-local salmon stocks either in June or July. Local South Peninsula Sockeye stocks comprise less than 1% of the sockeye harvested in the South Peninsula. Note also that if WASSIP data had been collected and analyzed for 2018 that it would show virtually 100% of the harvest of Chignik sockeye being harvested in the South Peninsula of Area M. In accordance with the Policy for the Management of Sustained Salmon Fisheries (5 AAC 39.222) it is most warranted that the BOF instate a conservation assignment on the South Alaska Peninsula interception fishery to provide a level of protection and assurance of sustainability on Chignik bound sockeye salmon.



Table 1: Where Chignik bound Sockeye Stocks are Harvested according to WASSIP
Black Lake and Chignik Lake Harvest and Harvest Rates
 Derived from Appendix F64 of the report on the Western Alaska Salmon Stock Identification Program (WASSIP)

2006			2007			2008		
Black Lake Harvest & Harvest Rates			Black Lake Harvest & Harvest Rates			Black Lake Harvest & Harvest Rates		
Fishery	Harvest	% of Harvest	Fishery	Harvest	% of Harvest	Fishery	Harvest	% of Harvest
Chignik Area	536,085	55%	Chignik Area	235,768	76%	Chignik Area	254,458	77.3%
South Pen of Area M	444,645	45%	South Pen of Area M	73,004	24%	South Pen of Area M	74,491	22.6%
All Other WASSIP	-	0%	All Other WASSIP	-	0%	All Other WASSIP	175	0.1%
Total	980,730	100%	Total	308,772	100%	Total	329,124	100%
Chignik Lake Harvest & Harvest Rates			Chignik Lake Harvest & Harvest Rates			Chignik Lake Harvest & Harvest Rates		
Fishery	Harvest	% of Harvest	Fishery	Harvest	% of Harvest	Fishery	Harvest	% of Harvest
Chignik Area	335,201	57%	Chignik Area	510,660	75.8%	Chignik Area	373,841	71.7%
South Pen of Area M	247,568	42%	South Pen of Area M	161,223	23.9%	South Pen of Area M	147,271	28.3%
All Other WASSIP	549	0%	All Other WASSIP	1,712	0.3%	All Other WASSIP	0	0.0%
Total	583,318	100%	Total	673,595	100%	Total	521,112	100%
Total Chignik Harvest & Harvest Rates			Total Chignik Harvest & Harvest Rates			Total Chignik Harvest & Harvest Rates		
Fishery	Harvest	% of Harvest	Fishery	Harvest	% of Harvest	Fishery	Harvest	% of Harvest
Chignik Area	871,286	55.7%	Chignik Area	746,428	76.0%	Chignik Area	628,299	73.9%
South Pen of Area M	692,213	44.3%	South Pen of Area M	234,227	23.8%	South Pen of Area M	221,762	26.1%
All Other WASSIP	549	0.0%	All Other WASSIP	1,712	0.2%	All Other WASSIP	175	0.0%
Total	1,564,048	100%	Total	982,367		Total	850,236	100%

b) to correct an error in regulation:
Not Applicable.

c) to correct an effect on a fishery that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted:
When the current regulations for the South Peninsula of Area M were instated it was unforeseen that Chignik’s first and second runs of sockeye salmon would ever be impacted to where escapements would not be reached or that there would be zero harvest opportunity for Chignik fishermen. It is known that Chignik bound sockeye stocks are harvested in the South Peninsula in significant numbers based on WASSIP, and were it foreseen that Chignik escapements might not be met on some years, expectedly the Board would have assigned a conservation requirement on Chignik sockeye salmon in Area M’s South Peninsula fisheries. Because neither the Board nor the Department foresaw this problem, this ACR is necessary.

5) WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THIS PROBLEM IS NOT SOLVED PRIOR TO THE REGULAR CYCLE?
Not Applicable

6) STATE WHY YOUR ACR IS NOT PREDOMINANTLY ALLOCATIVE.
It is not predominately allocative. This ACR is primarily about sharing the burden of conservation by ensuring that reasonable escapements and minimum harvest opportunities occur in Chignik.

7) IF THIS REQUEST IS ALLOCATIVE, STATE THE NEW INFORMATION THAT COMPELS THE BOARD TO CONSIDER AN ALLOCATIVE PROPOSAL OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR CYCLE.
This question is not applicable because while the request has allocative aspects, the proposal is actually in-cycle but possibly different than proposals that may have been submitted. The issue of the public having to deal with allocative issues out of cycle is not raised.



8) STATE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE FISHERY THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACR (e.g., commercial fisherman, subsistence user, sport angler, etc.)

Chignik Advisory Committee

9) STATE WHETHER THIS ACR HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BEFORE, EITHER AS A PROPOSAL OR AS AN ACR, AND IF SO, DURING WHICH BOARD OF FISHERIES MEETING.

No

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Copper River/Prince William Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee
October 2, 2018 @ 6:30 PM (AST)
Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation Conference Room
Cordova, Alaska

- I. Call to Order at 6:30 PM by John Renner, Chair of Fisheries.
- II. Roll Call:
- Members Present (12): Torie Baker; Kory Blake; Tom Carpenter; Mike Collins; Kevin Kimber; Mark King; Teal Lohse; John Renner; Tommy Sheridan; Troy Tirrell; Amanda Wiese; Dennis Zadra.
- Members Absent (5): John Greenwood; Andy Hanson; David O'Brien; Brad Sapp; John Wiese.
- Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8.
- List of User Groups Present: Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G); City of Cordova, City Council; Copper River/Prince William Sound Marketing Association (CR/PWSMA); Cordova District Fishermen United (CDFU); Native Village of Eyak (NVE); Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation (PWSAC); Prince William Sound Science Center (PWSSC); Silver Bay Seafoods.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion by M. Collins, seconded by M. King. Approved unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: N/A.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeremy Botz, Copper River/Prince William Sound gillnet fishery Area Management Biologist; Charles Russell, Prince William Sound purse seine fishery Area Management Biologist; Stormy Haught, Copper River/Prince William Sound Area Research Biologist.
- VI. Guests Present: Ron Blake, Silver Bay Seafoods commercial fisherman, PWSAC board member; James Burton, Cordova City Council Member James Burton; Stuart Deal, Silver Bay Seafoods commercial fisherman; Chelsea Haisman, CDFU Executive Director; Jerry McCune, CDFU President; Thea Thomas, CR/PWSMA, PWSAC and PWSSC board member; John Whissel, NVE Director of Environmental and Natural Resources.
- VII. Old Business: none.
- VIII. Reports
- a. Chairman's report:
- Chairman Renner gave the floor to AC member Tommy Sheridan to introduce Agenda Requests (ACRs) 1, 2, 8, and Joint Board ACR 1. ACRs were read from the record as available through the Alaska Department of Fish and Game web site, as were the ADF&G staff



comments (RC2). Jeremy Botz with ADF&G provided an update on JB ACR 1. John Whissel with NVE provided some information pertaining to ACR 8.

IX. Public comment:

Thea Thomas with PWSSC encouraged meeting participants to attend a PWSSC presentation on the Alaska Hatchery Research Project (AHRP) at the Cordova Center at noon on Wednesday, October 3.

Jerry McCune with CDFU encouraged meeting participants to submit written comment for consideration by the Board of Fisheries prior to the 5 PM deadline on Wednesday, October 3.

X. New Business:

a. ACR 1

After some discussion of ACR 1, including broad agreement on the group's opposition to the request, a motion was made by member Sheridan and seconded by member Carpenter to make the following recommendation to the BOF:

"The Copper River/Prince William Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee is opposed to ACR 1, recommends that the Alaska Board of Fisheries confirms Alaska Department of Fish and Game's (ADF&G) assessment of ACR 1, and requests that the board take no action on ACR 1."

This motion passed unanimously with 12 in favor, and none opposed.

b. ACR 2

After some discussion of ACR 2, including broad agreement on the group's opposition to the request, a motion was made by member Sheridan and seconded by member Carpenter to make the following recommendation to the BOF:

"The Copper River/Prince William Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee is opposed to ACR 2, recommends that the Alaska Board of Fisheries confirms Alaska Department of Fish and Game's (ADF&G) assessment of ACR 2, and requests that the board take no action on ACR 2."

This motion passed unanimously with 12 in favor, and none opposed.

c. ACR 8

After some discussion of ACR 8, the following motion was made by member Carpenter and seconded by member Baker:

"The Copper River/Prince William Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee takes no action on ACR 8."



This motion passed with 10 in favor, and two opposed. The AC members expressed support for Ahtna Tene Nene' to bring this proposal forward during the regular board cycle.

d. JB ACR 1

After some discussion of JB ACR 1, including broad agreement on the group's opposition to the request, a motion was made by member Sheridan and seconded by member Carpenter to make the following recommendation to the BOF:

“The Copper River/Prince William Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee opposes JB ACR 1, recommends that the Alaska Board of Fisheries confirms Alaska Department of Fish and Game's (ADF&G) assessment of JB ACR 1, and requests that the board take no action on JB ACR 1.”

This motion passed unanimously with 12 in favor, and none opposed.

- XI. John Renner, Tom Carpenter, and Tommy Sheridan will be in Anchorage for the October 15 and 16 Board of Fisheries Work Session.
- XII. The Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (SRAC) will meet in Cordova on October 29 and 30, 2018. The Copper River/Prince William Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee will meet again at 6:30 PM on Thursday, October 11 to discuss proposals under consideration by the SCRAC for their October 29 and 30 meeting.
- XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.



Alaska Board of Fisheries Work Session ACRs October 15 and 16, 2018				
	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
ACR 1				
Recommended motion for comment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries regarding ACR 1.				
	Oppose	12	0	“The Copper River/Prince William Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee is opposed to ACR 1, recommends that the Alaska Board of Fisheries confirms Alaska Department of Fish and Game’s (ADF&G) assessment of ACR 1, and requests that the board take no action on ACR 1.”
ACR 2				
Recommended motion for comment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries regarding ACR 2.				
	Oppose	12	0	“The Copper River/Prince William Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee is opposed to ACR 2, recommends that the Alaska Board of Fisheries confirms Alaska Department of Fish and Game’s (ADF&G) assessment of ACR 2, and requests that the board take no action on ACR 2.”
ACR 8				
Recommended motion for comment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries regarding ACR 8.				
	No Action	10	2	“The Copper River/Prince William Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee took no action on ACR 8, and encourages Ahtna Tene Nene’ to bring this proposal forward during the regular board cycle.”
JBACR 1				
Recommended motion for comment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries regarding JB ACR 1.				
	Oppose	12	0	“The Copper River/Prince William Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee is opposed to JB ACR 1, recommends that the Alaska Board of Fisheries confirms Alaska Department of Fish and Game’s (ADF&G) assessment of JB ACR 1, and requests that the board take no action on JB ACR 1.”

Minutes Recorded By: Tommy Sheridan
 Minutes Approved By: Tom Carpenter
 Date: October 3, 2018



**UNALASKA FISH & GAME LOCAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
12 September 2018**

CALL TO ORDER:

3:05pm, telephonically, by Chairman Frank Kelty

BOARD MEMEBERS PRESENT:

Frank Kelty
Steven Gregory
Jennifer Shockley
Dustan Dickerson
Tim Mahoney
Don Goodfellow
Shari Coleman

ABSENT:

Melissa Good
Abi Woodbridge
Jeff Hancock
Roger Rowland
Chris Price

GUESTS PRESENT:

Guests appeared telephonically: Taryn O'Connor-Brito, ADF&G Board Support; Todd Loomis; Brent Payne, United Catcher Boats; Kay Larson Blair; Lisa Fox, ADF&G; Cassandra Whiteside, ADF&G; Tyler Pollum, ADF&G; Lucas Stumpf, ADF&G; Rebecca Skinner, Kodiak; Paddy O'Donnell Kodiak; Andy Dietrick; Stephanie Madson, Kodiak; Chris Woodley.

Guests in person: Laura Kraege, I KUCB; Jim Paulin; Alex Arduser, AST; Ethan Nichols, ADF&G; Gabrielle; George; Asia Beder, ADF&G; Dave, Icicle Seafoods; Jim Fitch, Unalaska City Council.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

None

APPROVE AGENDA:

Agenda adopted with no dissent.



APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes were not approved and will be carried over to next meeting.

ADF&G UPDATE:

- Asia Beder, ADF&G Unalaska
 - State sablefish open; 88% remaining, closed 11/7
 - State water cod closed in March
- Ethan Nichols, ADFG Unalaska
 - Eastern Aleutian Island Golden King harvest is confidential, only two boats fishing. TAC is 3.5m pounds. Fishing has been good.
 - Western Aleutian Island Golden King 21% harvested. TAC is 2.5m pounds.
 - No current participation in Aleutian Island Dungeness
 - Pribilof Islands Golden King Crab is open with one vessel fishing in the spring; less than half GHL harvested.
- Tyler Pllum, ADF&G Kodiak
 - Lots of silvers after slow red run; slow salmon runs not limited to Unalaska, common around the state this year and expected to be due to ocean conditions.
 - Created stream survey maps for salmon in local drainages; has volunteers for stream surveys on several area streams; survey maps will also be available at ADFG office but volunteers should coordinate with Kodiak office for time slots/drainage and report directly back to ADFG Kodiak. Trying to get ready for silver run.
- Steven Gregory, UCSD
 - Hatchery just received permit, is required to conduct stream surveys on Iliuliuk
- Lisa Fox, ADF&G Kodiak
 - Not much to report yet; subsistence reports due and calculated over winter.
 - No weir at McLees Lake, but signage installed. No counts for this season. Fishing reportedly erratic but generally slow.
 - Drone survey info will be sent to ADFG for drainages on road system.
 - Very slow on Front Beach (single digit CPU).
 - Gregory has question re. total expenditure for weir operation per year. Probably about \$50K/year



PRESENTATION:

- Andy Dietrick, Aleutian Aerial: Survey going well. 4 laps around Morris Cove and Summer Bay Lakes; 5 laps around Unalaska Lake so far. Footage has not been analyzed but active sockeye spawning has been observed around edges of all lakes. Expects to do at least two more surveys/lake before end of season. Discussion re. funding for this year's drone survey from UNFA and APICDA.

LEGISLATIVE:

N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pacific Cod Proposals
 - 1: Brent Payne - This would be huge change to current AI P. cod proposals. Adak plant dependent on trawl-caught fish; this proposal would kick trawlers out of fishery in favor of fixed gear vessels. No action taken.
 - 2: Asia - This year's quota was considered taken; Dusty and Brent Payne discussion re. processing capabilities and presence of floaters and/or motherships in the AI area. Todd Loomis – This could impact CDQ and other trawl vessels by reducing federal TAC available to them. Brent, Paddy reiterates. Motion by Mahoney/Gregory. Fails 0-7
 - 3: This is a step-down provision if AI quota is not taken; ultimately untaken quota would revert to federal TAC. Motion Dickerson/Shockley. Passes 7-0
 - 4: Another step-down provision: Motion Dickerson/Mahoney. Passes 7-0
 - 5: Brent Payne – let NPFMC solve this problem; they already have it on their agenda. No action taken.
 - 6: No action taken.
 - 7: No action taken.
 - 8: No action taken.
 - 9: Brent Payne comments. Paddy O'Donnell. Motion Shockley/Coleman. Fails 6-1
 - 10: Stephanie Madson - Unalaska should be worried because of possibility of moving processing from Dutch Harbor facilities to facilities closer to King Cove. Motion Goodfellow/Coleman. Fails 6-0 with one abstention. Gregory notes that decisions seem to be made based mostly on economics and doesn't want to pit one community against another.
 - 11: Dusty – This gives small boat, entry level fisherman an opportunity to fish wherever they want. Mahoney supportive, jig-caught cod is good product and won't be fished if



- price isn't right. Shockley - Is this a proposal to benefit one person? Frank - Is quota coming from Federal TAC or State water allocation? Paddy believes comes off of Federal TAC, recommends rollover. Motion Dickerson/Gregory. Passes 7-0
- 12: Mahoney - Pot cod is superior product but trawlers are life blood of the community and each increase to fixed gear is reduction to trawl fleet. Kelty - Opposes huge increase and worries about bycatch needs for trawl fleet. Asia – Can still consider proposals 13 and 14. Brent Payne – This would be a huge hit to historic trawl fleet. Don Goodfellow - Small pot product is already leaving Unalaska for Akutan and offshore processors. Dusty - Opposes increase to under-60 fleet because the Super-8's capacity has directly and negatively impacted true under-60s. Gregory – What is the purpose of advisory committee, best economics or best resource utilization? Something else? More on this from Mahoney, Goodfellow, Kelty - Concerns about overcapitalization, lack of rationalization. Stephanie - Incorrect perception that federal fishers are outsiders and state fishers are local. Motion Coleman/Shockley. Fails 7-0
 - 13: Brent Payne - Overall P. cod biomass has fallen by 40% since 2013; estimating another 20% reduction in BS cod TAC. Chris Woodley seconds biomass concerns, are more observers necessary? Paddy - Pollock and cod are moving north, allocations towards onshore/offshore need to be considered in economic light of this moving biomass. Motion Goodfellow/Dickerson. Fails 7-0
 - 14: Todd Loomis - Predicting cod bycatch is difficult. Motion Goodfellow/Coleman. Fails 7-0
 - 15: Goodfellow - Supports because of quality of product. Dusty - Supports because of issues raised previously re. new "Super 8" under-60 vessels. Shari - Supports tonnage-based not length-based definition of small vessel fleet. Motion to amend to 100,000 pounds by Dickerson/Gregory, withdrawn by consent of Dickerson/Gregory. Motion Gregory/Shockley. Passes 7-0
 - 16-17: No action taken.
- Agenda Change Requests
 - ACR 3: Ethan Nichols – Discussion re. work done between industry and ADF&G to develop new, better management strategy, allows for more relevant increase or decrease of TAC based on better harvest information from previous season. Motion Goodfellow/Dickerson. Passes 7-0
 - ACR 4: Ethan Nichols – Kodiak issue though technically ours too. No action taken.
 - ACR 11: No action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- George – how come there isn't a survey for geoduck, urchin? Are permits available? Ethan Nichols responds. Comments re. PSP in area shellfish, urchins.
- Taryn – There are new meeting minutes templates available. Asks who will be going to which upcoming meetings?



FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Next meeting expected in late November/early December
- Finfish and state water proposals will be in on the agenda.
- Elections – who expired when? Taryn will send current roster with term dates.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Gregory and seconded by someone. Adjournment at 5:25

Minutes recorded by: Jennifer Shockley

J.L.

Minutes approved by: Frank Kelly Chairman

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Date: 9/28/2018