

Comment on Proposals from Noatak and Kivalina Fish & Game Advisory Committee

A Draft Excerpt from the Noatak and Kivalina AC Meeting Minutes
10/8/13 1-4 pm

PROPOSAL NO. 4

ACTION: Support

DESCRIPTION: Redistribute and increase representation from the community of Selawik from the Northern Seward Peninsula Advisory Committee to the Lower Kobuk Advisory Committee.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Enoch Mitchell: Wants to add Proposal Number 4 to the agenda. I want to support the proposal by Selawik they have supported our efforts in the past and I want to support them and return the favor. They want to move from the Northern Seward Peninsula AC to the Lower Kobuk AC. I want to support it myself, because they hunt the same animals and fish the same fish they are close together.

Carmen Daggett: Does the AC want to support it? You should go through the motions to support them as an AC.

Enoch Mitchell: I can just support them myself, but if we vote on it we can support them as an AC.

Frank Onalik: Motion to support #4

Seconded: Janet Mills

All support

Motion carries to support Selawik on that proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 19

ACTION: Oppose

DESCRIPTION: Expand the Qualifications for Advisory Committee Officers.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Carmen Daggett: Reads the proposal and the department comments.

Enoch Mitchell: Do we want more requirements?

Janet Mills: Expresses concerns about having requirements and if there is no one available for represent us. It is going to make it harder on the ACs.

Carmen Daggett: Explains that he can request a waiver. That is a good thing to ask.

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Janet Mills: My feelings exactly.

Frank Onalik: Same with proposal 21.

Stanley Hawley: I think there shouldn't be any requirements at all.

Enoch Mitchell: These proposals are by Ray Heurer in Fairbanks, maybe these are Fairbanks problems not our advisory committees. I think we want to take no action on this.

Carmen Daggett: Do you want to take no action or do you want to oppose?

Janet Mills: Oppose

Frank Onalik: Motion to support proposals 19 and 21.

Seconded:

Support: 0

All opposed to proposal 19 and 21: 6

PROPOSAL NO. 21

ACTION: Oppose

DESCRIPTION: Expand the List of Qualifications for Advisory Committee Members.

AMENDMENT:

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Advisory Committee Participation at Board Meetings

PROPOSAL NO. 28

ACTION: Oppose

DESCRIPTION: Incorporate Advisory Committee Participation into Board Deliberations.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Carmen Daggett: Reads the proposal and department comments.

Enoch Mitchell: inquires background information about the writers about proposals 28 and 29.

Nicole Braem: Allen Barrett was a board member on the Alaska Outdoor Council.

Stanley Hawley: Explains that the proposals give the AC opportunities to participate.

Enoch Mitchell: It may give us more of a voice. Maybe we are not sitting at the table with them.

Enoch Mitchell: It will give us an opportunity to provide more information.

Enoch Mitchell: Inquires about who is participating in deliberations whether it is the chairman versus a general representative.

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Enoch Mitchell: What did Norton Sound and Kotzebue do on these proposals?

Carmen Daggett: They both opposed them.

Enoch Mitchell: Inquires what the Northern Seward Peninsula AC did?

Carmen Daggett: They supported proposal 29 and they opposed proposal 28.

Austin: I think the Norton Sound took a pretty good step. That is what I think.

Carmen Daggett: Recommends voting on them separately.

Motion to support 28

Seconded: Janet Mill

Support: 0

All opposed: 6

Motion fails to support 2

PROPOSAL NO. 29

ACTION: Support

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Austin Swan: Motion to approve proposal 29

Seconded:

Question

All support proposal 29

Opposed: 0

Motion carries to support proposal 29

Subsistence Uses & Procedures

PROPOSAL NO. 33

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Process for Determining Amount Necessary for Subsistence Finding.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Nicole Braem: Reads, explains and gives departments about proposal 33.

Enoch Mitchell: Asks about who the Alaska Department Council is.

Nicole Braem: they are an advocacy group based out of Fairbanks for quite some time, you can find them online.

Enoch Mitchell: inquires about the proposals 33-37 are not important for us?

Nicole Braem: Explains the differences in the proposals. They refer to changes in subsistence procedures.

Janet Mills: Explains that we would have to fill out paperwork for subsistence hunts. There would be more paperwork we would have to fill out.

Nicole Braem: 33 and 34 are similar 35 is different. 33 would require 5 years of data to establish new ANS. 33 and 34 would re-establish the way we do business. 33 would require a new reporting system.

Enoch Mitchell: Reads proposal 33.

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Carmen Daggett: Explains that there are species that are not reported on right now that would have to be reported on.

Motion to support proposal 33

Seconded:

Support: 0

Opposed: 6

Motion Fails

PROPOSAL NO. 34

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Subsistence Procedures for Determining Amounts Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence Uses.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Nicole Braem: Reads, explains and reads department comments regarding proposal 34.

Enoch Mitchell: Inquires about limiting the king salmon harvests.

Carmen Daggett: Explains the situation with the harvests of king salmon and the number that is available for sustainable harvest.

Nicole Braem: it would limit what they could use you to establish ANS.

Enoch Mitchell: The board would be limited.

Enoch Mitchell: Inquires if the board is in support of this proposal.

You are ready to talk about proposal 34.

Motion to support proposal 34

Seconded:

Austin Swan: I don't like have anything to do with outside entities when they are not here doing our subsistence. I really don't like this proposal at all.

Question:

Support: 0

Opposed: 6

Motion fails

PROPOSAL NO. 35

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Create a Definition for Nonsubsistence Harvest.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Nicole Braem: Reads, explains and reads department comments regarding proposal 35.

Enoch Mitchell: Explains this is proposed by the Alaska Outdoor Council.

Joe Luther: Motion to support proposal 35

Janet Mills: seconded

Discussion: none

Support: 0

Opposed: 6

Motion fails.

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PROPOSAL NO. 36

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Delete the Reference to Proximity of the User's Domicile to the Stock or Population.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Nicole Braem: Reads, explains and reads department comments regarding proposal 36.

Carmen Daggett: Gives musk ox example

Nicole Braem: The federal regulation system does give preference to the rural users. The state does not.

Nicole Braem: used chum salmon as an example to explain tier II for subsistence users.

Enoch Mitchell: Inquires how Northern Norton Sound, Northern Seward Peninsula and the Kotzebue Sound AC voted on this issue.

Nicole Braem: Northern Norton Sound opposed this because they thought that state should have rural preference. They voted to oppose this because they wanted to send a message that the state should have rural preference. The state's position is that they are taking this off the books because they are not using it anyways, that is their logic.

Carmen Daggett: Northern Seward Peninsula opposed this one and so did Kotzebue Sound.

Enoch Mitchell: The department supports it and everyone else opposed it.

Enoch Mitchell: Reads that subsistence users would benefit from this proposal.

Enoch Mitchell: Inquires how the Alaska Outdoor Council proposed this. What do you think Austin on proposal 36.

Nicole Braem: I don't know how they come up with their proposals.

Enoch Mitchell: What do you think about this proposal Austin?

Austin Swan: I don't know.

Joe Luther: Motion to support proposal 36

Seconded: Frank Onalik

Discussion:

Question:

Support: 0

Opposed 6

PROPOSAL NO. 37

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Add a Statewide Definition of "Noncommercial" as it Applies to Barter.

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DISCUSSION:

Nicole Braem: Reads, explains and reads department comments regarding proposal 37. Defines barter and customary trade and how it relates to non-commercial. You should look at the original language of the definition.

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Enoch Mitchell: Will this affect the people who sell stuff at AFN?

Nicole Braem: Explains customary trade of subsistence caught fish from the state's position. This is about barter its different.

Enoch Mitchell: Inquires about how the department voted on this?

Nicole Braem: Department supported it.

Enoch Mitchell: Inquires about how the other ACs voted.

Carmen Daggett: Kotzebue Sound, Northern Seward Peninsula and Northern Norton Sound all opposed this one.

Austin Swan: I don't know why they want to add non-commercial to anything at all. Subsistence is subsistence. I am totally against this. They are just trying to run how we use subsistence.

Enoch Mitchell: Thanks for saying that Austin it puts my mind at ease. You read to vote on this.

Motion to support proposal 37

Seconded:

Discussion:

Question:

Support: 0

Opposed: 6