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Minutes of Pelican ADF&G Advisory Committee Meeting
Held at City Hall
on 12/4/2008

Proposal/Action

Discussion

Date: 12/4/2008
Time: 1:30 P.M.
Pelican City Hall

General Discussion While Establishing a Quorum. As it was apparent that it would take a while to establish a Quorum, the acting chairman led a discussion about the System of Advisory Committees, Regional Councils, and Boards of Fisheries and Game and the various rules and regulations that they work under.

Many members of the public stated that they were here mainly to figure out how to stop the overwhelming cuts that commercial fishermen were suffering because of the steady growth of the Sport/Charter Fleet and their harvest. The points brought out are stated both below and in the letter we adopted in the course of the meeting.

Time: 2:01 P.M.
Quorum Established.

Quorum Established. Meeting called to order. Richard Lundahl serving as Acting Chairman with Patricia Phillips, Richard & Tammy Lundahl taking minutes. See attached "Attendance of 12/4/2008 Meeting."

Agenda

The minutes of the last meeting were not read as they pertained to proposals of last year.

Tammy Lundahl, and Richard Lundahl stated their need to resign from the committee in order to spend more time trying to catch up at home. They could not keep up with their current maintenance problems at home.

Willy Combs also stated his intention to resign as he was totally frustrated with the obvious lack of attention given by the various powers-that-be in the State and the Federal Government. They just didn't care, or they were bought off, or some law suit reversed the decisions. Why go through the time and effort; it was a "no win" situation. He also stated it was not worth the effort to spend hours as a committee addressing issues in a public forum when various individuals, with an "inside track" to the establishment, would reverse the efforts of the majority with a few choice comments to their friends in government. If that didn't work they would file a law suit and some judge that didn't know what was going on and didn't care enough to find out would reverse the decisions made by the regulators in public forum;

extend the effective date of any effective action by the regulators; or at a minimum delay the process until any actions taken by fish management were not longer effective.

He suggested that we just disband.

As several members of the public voiced the same sentiments, the acting chairman made an unstated decision to spend some time on this topic immediately, rather than waste time going through an entire agenda, and then deciding to disband.

Discussion Concerning
Disbanding

The Alaska Board of Fisheries, the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (N.P.F.M.C.), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC), the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC), the Department of Commerce (DOC), all their staffs, the various courts, and all the others know all the issues, but refuse to really take any action that will save the commercial fisheries much less save the resource.

Because sport fishing was always open to everyone (including foreigners), sport fishing had always been the open door to cause severe disruption in the regulation of all the commercial fisheries, and the sport fish regulators and their staff added to the problem.

Meanwhile, the Sport Charter Fleet and their harvest continue to grow unchecked. This is not a new phenomenon. It's been going on since the mid-1970's, when Limited Entry was instituted. Many of the Sport Fishermen (especially in Juneau) were declaring themselves Hand Trollers so they could write off many of their expenses as commercial fishermen. The practice was so pervasive that Limited Entry could not have passed unless Hand Troll was left as an "Open Entry Fishery". Thus, the Hand Troll Fleet) was allowed to grow unchecked into the 1980's.

So even historically, the Sport/Commercial fleet had always been a major problem causing unchecked growth in harvest of fish.

As far back as the late 1970's during the institution of the North Pacific Salmon Treaty with Canada, our Sport Fish Division has always said they don't have the reporting facilities to capture the data necessary to have good figures and statistics. That's been their excuse for 30 years. And the powers-that-be have always let them get away with it. The whole Sport Fish Division and their entire staff should be fired and somebody hired that can do the job. They've been getting their pay and doing nothing to earn it but be a major part of the problem.

Let's call a spade a spade. Everybody feels that most of the staff and employees of ADF&G are frustrated Commercial Fishermen Want-To-BE's who are afraid to commit themselves to try to earn their living by Commercial Fishing. They would rather play it safe and make their living by working for the department, get their benefits, get their retirement (again with benefits) and leave the way open to earn extra-retirement money by being Sport/Charter Operators after retirement.

Ray Allard leaves

At 2:50 PM, Ray Allard became pessimistic, decided it wasn't worth the effort, and left, even though he had previously signed up to serve on the committee if elected.

Discussion Continues

The question was asked, "Where do we go from here - What are we going to do?"

Several people said that the Advisory Committee system had worked in the past and at times our Pelican Committee had been very effective, especially if we were willing to spend the time and effort to meet, have and get good discussions, and do the work necessary to write good detailed minutes and dot all of the "i's" and cross all of the "T's".

The Regional Councils had worked at times. Staffing used to be a real problem for the Southeast Council and when we finally got dedicated staff assigned, that was the time that the Federal Government decided to form their (separate?) Federal Subsistence Regional Councils. How effective the Regional Councils were now was anybody's guess. They have at times been very effective, specifically when the Boards, during their deliberations, recessed early in the day, assigned the Committees a specific task, and the Committee Chairmen (or their Designees) met as an Ad Hoc Regional Council and they came up with a solution.

After much more discussion, Patty Phillips stated that everybody knew that she was a fighter - "She wasn't going to quit"! We finally decided that despite having "the deck stacked against us", we still couldn't just roll-over and give up.

Agenda finally Adopted

The agenda was finally adopted to:

1. Take Nominations for New Members;
2. Hold Election of New Members
3. Address the Sport/Charter fleet and try to come up with a resolution or a letter expressing our frustrations and concerns.
4. Address the Proposals for the upcoming Board of Fisheries Meetings of:

January 21-27, 2009;
February 17-26, 2009; and
March 16-20, 2009.

5. Accept the resignations of Willy Combs,
Tammy Lundahl, and Richard Lundahl.
6. Adjournment.

Election Notice
Legally Posted

The Acting Chairman pointed out that the Election of Members had been legally posted on on 8/8/2008 - several months before today and that everyone that had shown any interest in serving had been contacted in person (plus many others including all the current members) at least 5 days prior to this meeting.

NOTE: About how
Votes are Recorded

Votes below are recorded as:
Approve-Reject-Abstain. (example: 4-5-2 means that 4 voted to approve; that 5 voted to reject; and that 2 abstained from voting).

Motion
Action: Passed
Members: 4-0-0
Audience 7-0-0

Tammy Lundahl made a motion, seconded by Patty Phillips, to reduce the size of the Committee from Six members to five (5) Members with two (2) Alternates.

Nominations

After reading the list of the people expressing an interest in serving on the committee and determining who was still interested in serving, Tammy Lundahl nominated

Deb Spencer,
Tom Andrews,
Vern Young, and
Jason Manney.

Richard Lundahl moved to close the Nominations. Seconded by Patty Phillips. With no dissentions the nominations were then closed.

Election Results

The result of the election was:

Deb Spencer (Regular 3 year Seat)	10-0-1
Tom Andrews (Regular 3 year Seat)	10-0-1
Jason Manney (Alternate 3 year Seat)	10-0-1
Verne Young (Alternate 3 year Seat)	10-0-1

Discussion of
Sport/Charter
Taken up Again

The discussion of the unlimited growth of the Sport/Charter Fleet and Harvest was again taken up. The following points were made:

If they want to remain a "Sport" designated fishery they couldn't remain a meat fishery. Way too many "Wet Loc" Boxes full of fish are going out of State.

There is no Cap on the Sport/Charter Fleet. The Sport/Charter Fishery is a fishery with no end

- there are more and more boats and more and more operators.

The Sport/Charter Fishery is a fishery with No End.

Jason Manney leaves

At 3:06 PM, Jason Manney had to leave.

Discussion Continues

The Sport/Charter fleet seems to be able to effectively take two both sides of the economic value argument. They say they are not a commercial fishery - just a platform for sport fishers. The fish have no monetary value to the Sport/Charter Fleet - they are just providing an opportunity.

However, they never fail to raise the argument that the sport fish caught on their boats are worth untold dollars from airlines, restaurants, hotels, fishing tackle, etc.

We feel that once a dollar (economic) value is placed on the fish, then by definition they are a commercial entity.

The Commercial Halibut fleet finally got some relieve last summer from the NPFMC and the Sport Charter Fleet was limited to 1 Fish per day only to have the courts get into the act and raise it back to two.

The Sport/Charter Fleet affect all of our fisheries not just halibut.

The Sport/Charter Fleet is licensed by everyone but nobody takes responsibility for their harvest and the regulation thereof.

Their "6-Pack" license is issued by the United State Coast Guard (USCG), but they don't regulate their catch or enforce their harvest.

The State supposedly limits the number of fish taken and the number of Sport/Charter Guide Licenses given out.

State Creel Census is only done in certain communities and only during certain hours of the day.

Sport caught halibut need to cross the dock so that every fish is accounted for.

In short, there's no effective enforcement so there's effectively no size limit, and effectively no quota on their catch, and there is not even a process in place to even come up with a mechanism to capture the data so that violators can be spotted. There is no light at the end of the tunnel.

It was restated that if the Sport division couldn't come up with harvest recording mechanisms that were effective and enforceable, then they should be fired and replaced with staff that could.

Hatcheries

Our State and private hatcheries are not funded at all by the Sport fisheries. They are at present fully funded by commercial fisherman through the 3% enhancement tax. Sport fishermen need to contribute a 3% enhancement tax. That tax could possibly be based on the excessive dollar per pound value that is taunted at various meetings.

Finally the Sportsmen want to contribute to the enhancement of the "sport fish" salmon stocks. They have \$10,000,000.00 and they want to use the existing hatchery facilities. Sport hatcheries should be separate hatcheries because the regional hatcheries were established for the express purpose of enhancing the commercial salmon resource.

Territorial Sportsmen

The Acting Chairman asked for a show of hands of who had a current Alaska sport fishing license. -- All eleven (11) people present raised their hands.

He then asked for a show of hands of who were members of the Territorial Sportsmen. -- This time, none (0) of the eleven (11) people present raised their hands.

He then asked for a show of hands of who had ever been contacted by the Territorial Sportsmen for an opinion or been asked to join the Territorial Sportsmen. -- Again, none (0) of the eleven (11) people present raised their hands.

He then stated that it was obvious that the Territorial Sportsmen certainly didn't represent all licensed Alaska Sport Fishermen as they imply. He then asked if anyone could tell him why the testimony of the Territorial Sportsmen seems to be given so much credence? There was no comment.

Both the Sport/Charter and the Commercial Fishing Fleets have their place

The Sport/Charter Fisheries has its place, but they need to be limited and restricted just as the Commercial Fisheries are limited and restricted. The Sport/Charter industry needs to be restricted from areas that are restricted and/or closed to commercial fishing.

We support the NPFMC actions (recomendations) to constrain the Sport/Charter halibut harvest.

The majority of the clients of Sport/Charter Operators are well enough off that they can fly to Alaska, stay at hotels and lodges, take taxis, eat at restaurants, buy non-resident sport fish licenses, buy fishing tackle, charter guides and boats, tip them extravagantly, and then air-freight Wet-Lock boxes after Wet-Lock boxes full of fish home - all in the name of recreational sport.

If they have enough money to gladly pay for all the above expenses, they certainly don't need to take a lot of fish home. They definitely don't need a meat fishery.

Meanwhile the vast majority of U.S. Citizens, from the lower-48 can not afford such extravagance. IF the taxi-cab driver, shoe salesman, store clerk, box boy, office worker, college student, etc. (the average U.S. taxpayer) want to take their date or wife out to a restaurant for a real Alaska fish dinner or eat a dinner of Alaskan fish at home, they are losing their opportunity, because the Alaska Commercial Fisherman is being restricted from supplying any.

The Regulators by their inaction are turning all of the Alaska hook and line Fisheries resource species over to the elite, the rich and the well-off. And they are doing it in the name of the Sport fisherman and their "right" to catch a recreational fish.

Make the Sport/
Charter Fishery a
Catch-and-Release
Fishery

Fine! Let the Sport/Charter Sport Fisherman exercise his right and catch his fish. But then make him release it. Make the Sport/Charter Fishery a catch-and-release Fishery.

The Alaska Hook-
and-Line Commercial
Fisheries need help

Two years ago the Commercial Halibut Fleet in Area 2C was cut 20%. Last year the Commercial Halibut Fleet was cut another 28%. And now again this year the NPFMC has recommended another 28% cut for the Commercial Halibut Fleet. That's a total overall cut of 58.5% for the Commercial Fleet in Area 2C. Buyers of 2C IFQ's can not hope to make their payments on 41.5% of their expected income.

Since the implementation of the IFQ Management regime, the Sport/Charter harvest has grown and grown. To date, because of this unrestricted catch of the Sport/Commercial halibut, the catch-per-unit effort for commercial fishermen has gone up close to ten-fold. Still the Powers-That-Be effectively ignore the situation.

The Commercial Fisheries are bearing the full load of the reductions and the Sport/Charter Fisheries continue to go unrestricted. Of course, we get a lot of lip service.

Does the Department really have a handle on the health of these fish stocks. We don't really think so.

Allow a Dogfish
Fishery

One of the reasons that the Commercial Halibut Fishery's catch-per-unit effort in drastically increasing is the extreme and still growing over-abundance of dogfish. About 6 years ago we began to catch dogfish hook for hook. At times some 95% of our hooks have caught a dogfish. That precludes any halibut catch.

This is also happening in the salmon troll fisheries.

Meanwhile the American Public cries for natural, organic vitamins, oils and nutrients. The highly successful Seafood Producers Co-op actually got its start in the early 1940's as a producer of dogfish and codfish livers. Today, there are even good markets for dogfish meat.

However, our ADF&G fears offending the conservationists and refuses to open a "Shark" Fishery because everybody knows that sharks are endangered - despite the overwhelming evidence to the contrary in regards to Dogfish.

In Southeast there is the same type of predation of our Fisheries resources by Sea Otters, Sea Lions, Killer Whales, and Sperm Whales.

Other Comments
and Solutions

The impact of the Sport/Charter harvesting of so many small fish is worse than they (managers) think it is. A lot of the Sport/Charter guys catch 4 halibut and the size will likely be all small fish. You end up taking higher numbers of fish that do not have a chance to grow to spawning size. This happens every year, harvesting all these little fish, the effect multiples. Recruitment is obviously down.

There is a need to raise the halibut size limit for the Sport/Charter fleet. Need a niche limit for Sport/Charter harvest, a specific size limit, between certain poundage, say between 20 and 80 lbs.

There were other comments to the contrary. That you didn't want to harvest just spawners when there was no effective quota of their harvest.

It was pointed out that if you had quotas you wanted to set the Number-of-Fish harvested when you were managing fish that spawned and then died - like salmon; and you wanted to set the Pounds-of-Fish harvested when you were managing fish that

spawned and then continued to live to spawn again - like halibut, black cod and rockfish.

Decision to Adjourn

Observation made that it was getting dark and several people had other commitments. It was decided to accept resignations and adjourn.

Resignations Accepted

The resignations of Willy Combs, Tammy Lundahl, and Richard Lundahl were accepted.

Other Business and Officers

It was commented that we should hold the next meeting when members Jim Phillips, and Terry Wirta were in town and could be present. Election of Officers would be held at that time.

Acting Chairman Lundahl asked if there were any problems with having Patty type up the letter to the various Fishery Management groups and send it in; Tammy getting all of the "new member" and other housekeeping chores done and sent in and him (Richard) seeing that minutes were typed up and sent in. There were No dissentions.

Since we hadn't addressed the Board of Fisheries Proposals, the next meeting was scheduled for Monday December 15, 2008 at 1:30 PM.

Time: 3:30 P.M.
Meeting Adjourned

Time: 3:30 P.M. We Adjourned.
Next meeting on Monday 12/15/2008 at 1:30 PM

Signed	<u>Richard W. Lundahl</u> Richard W. Lundahl	Acting Chairman
Signed	<u>OUT OF TOWN 12/11/2008</u> Patricia Phillips	Acting Secretary
Signed	<u>Richard W. Lundahl</u> Richard W. Lundahl	Acting Secretary
Signed	<u>Tamara I. Lundahl</u> Tamara I. Lundahl	Acting Secretary

Pelican ADF&G Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 15, 2009
5:00 PM Pelican City Hall

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Members Present: Co-Chair Tom Andrews, Patty Phillips, Secretary Deb Spencer, Chair Terry Wirta joined shortly after 5 PM.

MINUTES

Phillips/Spencer moved to adopt minutes of 12-15-08.

Discussion:

How in depth do we need minutes? P. Phillips offered that any controversial issue should have discussion fleshed out to aid in creating our position.

Motion carries Unanimously

Spencer noted that the minutes from 12-4-08 were unclear and that general dialogue was indecipherable from actual positions supported by the committee. All agreed that the minutes should be changed by inserting such phrases as "comments were made" to make them more clear. Spencer agreed to do so and redistribute to members.

BOARD OF FISH PROPOSALS

Phillips/Andrews Motion to support Prop 324

Andrews commented that this would enable tenders to have a more steady and flow of fish and no time waiting between openings. Spencer commented that this proposal will also assist trollers participating in the hatchery king openings by providing a local market for their catch. P. Phillips noted that Pelican will also benefit economically from this change. She added that the fishery in question is targeting chums and that the king bycatch limit of 500 is unlikely to be reached.

Motion carries unanimously

Phillips/Andrews motion to support Prop 320

Andrews noted that this will benefit trollers by allowing access to these uncaught kings in the spring fishery while the dock price is historically higher rather to meet the demand of markets developed by local fishermen and processors.

Motion carries unanimously

Spencer/Wirta motion to support 325

Phillips noted that there are fewer vessels and the fish are bigger and more valuable.

Motion carries unanimously

Phillips/Spencer to support 328

Discussion: This was addressed at a previous meeting: support only if non-transferrable.

Spencer commented that this would change the relative value of troll permits - devalue the power troll permits in relation to the HT permits.

Phillips noted that it wouldn't bother her; we have several hand-trollers in Pelican who would benefit from this. Making it non-transferable, however, would keep them from using the sale of the HT permit for a down payment for a PT

Phillips/Spencer to amend motion to make permit nontransferable should a HT choose to use power gurdies.

Spencer commented that a long term benefit would be to retire permits.

Phillips added that the impact to the power troller is only during the life of the permit.

Motion Carries 3 to 1

Phillips/Andrews to support 329

Phillips - Yakutat is suffering economically and has been restricted in their king harvest. This would be a way to support the Yakutat fleet - especially the HT fleet from Yakutat

Wirta - if Yakutat gets 4 then everyone will want 4?

Phillips - amend to west of Cape Fairweather?

Wirta - if can turn into 2 power then can they turn into four power?

Phillips - have to look at each proposal as isolated.

Wirta - use 6 PT lines there - so 4 might be equitable.

Spencer - this kind of proposal is a slippery slope - the 6 lines has been in place for a long time.

Motion carries unanimously

Phillips/Spencer motion to support 288

Phillips stated that this would limit number of cohos caught.

Wirta noted thought this might not be a good idea if halibut will be cut – it's unusual to catch that many each day anyway. There doesn't seem to be a problem with abundance.

Wirta noted that more silvers could be taken by more effort trolling by charter operators.

Spencer noted that this might be a way to get out ahead of the allocation issue. As charter fishermen are limited this will put more pressure exponentially on the coho.

Amend motion to 18 fish annual limit – Spnecer/ Phillips

Motion carries unanimously.

Motion to support 289 Phillips/Spencer

Phillips – just a housekeeping thing.

Motion carries unanimously.

Andrews/Phillips to support 333

M/C unanimously

Phillips/Spencer to support 337

Phillips – anything to make things better for trollers.

Motion carries unanimously.

Phillips/Andrews support 338

Phillips – it would expand the season for trollers.

Motion carries unanimously.

Wirta/Phillips to support 339

Motion carries unanimously

HOVERBARGE

Spencer: state has requested more info. Committee will wait and see what is submitted to state.

Phillips/Andrews to support 287

M/C unanimously

Phillips/Spencer to support 323

Phillips noted that in order to oppose a proposition an affirmative motion is made and then voted down.

Motion fails unanimously.

Spencer/Wirta adjourn

M/C unanimously.

Meeting adjourned shortly before 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Spencer, Secretary

13/15

Pelican ADF&G Advisory Committee
Minutes of December 15, 2008 Meeting
1:30 pm
Pelican City Hall

Members present:

Tom Andrews
Terry Wirta
Deb Spencer
Verne Young (alternate)

Members of public present:

Allen O'Neil
Richard Lundahl

Agenda Adoption

M/S Young/Wirta to adopt agenda as follows:

- Approval of minutes from 12/4/ 08 meeting
- Election of officers
- Proposals
- Taku Hoverbarge

MC Unanimously

Minutes

M/S Wirta/Young to approve minutes of 12/4/08

Discussion

Page 7 of minutes: Is the catch and release sport charter fishery a position of the committee. Was this even discussed? We need time to read the minutes before we approve.

Motion withdrawn

M/S Young/Andrews to table minutes. MC Unanimously

Election of Officers

M/S Spencer/Andrews to elect Wirta as Chair, Andrews as Vice-Chair and Spencer as Secretary.

Discussion: Andrews and Wirta each expressed they should have time available to attend February 2009 Board of Fish meeting in Sitka.

MC Unanimously

Proposals

Tabled. No one had received books in advance of meeting. A meeting was tentatively scheduled for January 15, 2009 at 5 pm, after Andrews and Wirta return and likely before Young and Spencer leave. This will allow time to consider proposals and submit comments. Of particular interest is Proposal 328 – adding language that would preclude transfer of any HT permits that had been power trolled.

Taku Hoverbarge

Spencer gave a brief overview of the hoverbarge issue and the concerns raised by the public. It was agreed that she would draft a brief letter to include the following concerns of the committee:

- Tailings disposal and ore processing
- Hauling hazardous materials
- Protection of fish habitat
- Interference by the glacier's advancing
- Need for biologists to do a thorough EIS and sign off on Hoverbarge use before State approves their use

Adjournment

M/S Young/Wirta to adjourn at approximately 2:40 pm. MC Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Spencer, Secretary

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Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting 11/06/2008
NSRAA Conference Room

Attendance:

Committee

Jack Lorrigan, subsistence

Gerry Barbour, hunting

Mo Johnson, seine

Joel Hansen, charter

Dick Curran, longline

Tad Fujioka, personal use

Brian Massey (Chair), sportfish

Eric Jordan, alternate

Ken Ash, hand troller

ADF&G

Bill Davidson, Commercial Fisheries

Dave Gordon, Commercial Fisheries

Troy Tydinco, Sport Fisheries

Public

Walt Pasternak

Tory O'Connell

Begin SE Finfish Proposals:

Clarified that the Department responses to the Finfish proposals are not yet available.

#199: Closure of Registration Areas: Close commercial herring fisheries in Area 1A – 16
JL Move to Consider, 2nd by JH

JL discussed history with tribe. Their view is herring suffered a significant blow by commercial industry harvests. He would vote for this for subsistence not as an affront to the Department.

GB thought this proposal was a good idea for some reasons but too extreme for all Southeast. There would be a huge loss of money and he isn't sure the resource needs this much protection.

EJ: Can the biologist talk about herring stocks and fisheries?

BD: for the Department – looked at history of harvest, escapements, and stock assessments in 9 areas in region. Trend regionwide is upward for spawning escapement. Stock as a whole is in pretty good shape. Seine sacroe fishery in Sitka Sound has been trending up with harvest – there may be some problems there with recruitment. Manage all areas with harvest rates so fisheries don't occur if under threshold. The three spawn-on-kelp fisheries in Ernest Sound, Craig, and Hoonah Sound have sky rocketed in value. The Bait fishery in Craig is down because demand for herring bait is down. Department has seen some shifts ie. from Kah Shakes to Annette Island.

EJ: Isn't there quite a number of areas that doesn't have fisheries now (i.e West Behm)?

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A/C Comment# 2

BD: Most larger stocks are surveyed and exploited when they reach threshold. West Behm was reallocated to alternate year gillnet and seine fisheries but then stock did not show up and there hasn't been a fishery there in 6 years. The Ketchikan area stocks are harder to reconcile and they have been managed as small discrete fisheries unlike the Sitka Sound area.

TF: What does that tell you about these stocks if they don't spawn every year? BD: We don't open the fishery if the fish don't show up – TF's point is that it could be recruitment failure as opposed to stock movement.

GB: Call the Question. 1 Y 7 N

#200 Establish Minimum Threshold in Salisbury Sound (13A) for herring

JL/TF Move to Consider

DG gave history of this proposal. Premise is that there are discrete stocks of herring around Sitka Sound and this Salisbury Stock should be protected. Fishery there in 2002. Ralph Guthrie asked BOF in 2003 to close this area but they did not. Fished again in 2006. Ralph submitted an agenda change request. BOF did not address it as an ACR. The Department discussed the NMFS EIRIR Report on Southeast Herring Stocks that determined that Lynn Canal is not a distinct stock and that there is very little DNA separation between Canada and Southeast. Tagging studies also show significant mixing although there is some stock fidelity. The Department's position is that the model of larger areas more appropriate than smaller areas.

EJ discussed history of herring management in Southeast. His father came to Alaska to fish herring in 1940s. Reduction fishery overharvested the stocks. In 1976 he became involved with the SAC because of worry about herring. Advocate for conserving herring for some time. Supported the first Salisbury Sound closure proposals but since then has been paying attention to the area. He is not supporting the proposal because he believes the fish mix and that it will be good for the stock and the subsistence fishery to provide more area for fishery. He could reverse his decision if the microelement analysis conducted by STA give conclusive results for 2 distinct stocks. He cautioned the SAC that genetic research often does not give distinct stock separations but that does not mean it is inappropriate to manage at small level – the local area management plan works.

MJ: Against proposal and agrees with EJ that stocks mix. For the past 5 years he has seen mass herring in the fall move from the outside to the inside. This year even saw herring/whale/sealion activity in Fortuna Straits. In May-August this summer he saw more herring than he has ever seen (4.5" – 5" fish). Winter troll drag is a desert because of timing. Used to be that herring didn't move through troll drag until October or later but now they are already inside Sitka Sound in mid-September.

GB: Call the Question 1Y 8N

201 District 3 fishing season herring gillnet. Out of Area. No Action

202 District 10 herring. Out of Area. No Action

#203 Herring harvest levels and harvest rates in 13 A & B.

Proposed by Sitka Tribe of Alaska

The proposal seeks to put a cap on the GHL of 10,000 tons, to lower the harvest rate to no more than 10% and sets an unspecified threshold.

DG said that the Department has not seen strong 3 year old recruitment of several years although they are seeing some fish appear as 4, 5, and 6 year olds, perhaps delayed maturity occurring – longevity is definitely increasing.

JL made motion to adopt, TF 2nd

BM commented that no one from STA was present.

EJ asked DG if they knew what the 2008 stock looked like. DG said that they expect it to be high again – the Kruzof spawn was very heavy. Spawn deposition survey results should be ready this month.

TF: noted that the table DG presented shows that quite often escapement is larger than the forecast – the Department said they under-forecast, TF remarked it is also plausible that they over estimate escapement. BD remarked that the population is growing but the Departments policy is conservative.

EJ: Original threshold was passed by the SAC – first threshold in the state and that the SAC role is to be conservative. STA formerly proposed a 15K threshold and the BOF took that to 20K. EJ won't support because we are approaching big biomass and size of herring and this proposal is likely over-conservative although he likes the idea of a higher threshold.

TF remarked that the higher threshold is undefined but part of the proposal.

WP remarked that STA should have given a threshold level rather than leaving it undefined.

GB: He is not concerned with the undefined threshold but feels it is better to continue to let the Department handle the fishery.

JL called for the Question; 1Y 8N

Support Documentation provided by ADF&G::

Sitka Sound Herring Sac Roe Fishery Data - 1971 to Present

Year	Forecast Biomass	Quota (tons)	Sac Roe		*Estimated Escapement	Nautical Miles Spawn
			Harvest (tons)	Roe Percent		
1971	-	750	278	8.3	4,798	9.0
1972	-	850	603	-	7,620	14.0
1973	-	600	537	8.5	5,645	10.0
1974	-	600	712	12	5,645	10.0
1975	6,400	550	1,484	11	4,516	8.0
1976	7,300	780	795	10.2	3,477	13.0
1977	5,650	0	0	-	5,904	11.0
1978	4,500	250	238	11	3,850	13.0
1979	20,300	2,000	2,559	9.3	23,144	41.0
1980	39,500	4,000	4,445	10.8	35,562	63.0
1981	27,000	3,000	3,506	11.0	33,869	60.0
1982	30,000	3,000	4,363	11.7	33,553	40.8
1983	32,850	5,500	5,416	11.1	29,692	68.0
1984	30,550	5,000	5,830	11.1	36,691	65.0
1985	38,500	7,700	7,475	11.3	34,151	60.5
1986	30,950	5,029	5,443	11.9	29,127	51.6
1987	24,750	3,600	4,216	9.9	47,428	86.0
1988	46,050	9,200	9,390	9.5	66,281	104.0
1989	58,500	11,700	11,831	9.4	30,482	65.5
1990	27,200	4,150	3,804	10.6	25,661	39.1
1991	22,750	3,200	1,838	8.9	26,485	44.5
1992	23,450	3,356	5,368	9.4	48,942	72.5
1993	48,500	9,700	10,186	10.7	36,823	55.3
1994	28,450	4,432	4,758	11.0	14,810	58.1
1995	19,700	2,609	2,908	11.8	35,441	37.3
1996	42,265	8,144	8,144	9.6	34,538	45.6
1997	54,500	10,900	11,147	11.5	29,284	41.0
1998	39,200	6,900	6,638	10.2	40,967	64.5
1999	43,600	8,476	9,217	10.7	41,781	59.5
2000	33,365	5,120	4,630	9.9	50,290	54.5
2001	52,985	10,597	11,974	11.3	47,972	61.0
2002	55,209	11,042	9,788	10.9	44,408	42.6
2003	39,378	6,969	7,051	10.7	58,416	47.1
2004	53,088	10,618	10,490	10.8	67,379	79.8
2005	55,962	11,192	11,366	11.5	72,466	39.5
2006	52,059	10,412	9,967	10.5	65,126	57.4
2007	59,519	11,904	11,571	11.4	79,598	50.2
2008	87,715	14,723	14,320	11.5		55.3
Average 1971-2007	36,520	5,751	5,902	11		47

#204: Herring Testfish should be part of fishery quota.

Proposed by STA

TF made motion to consider, JL 2nd

BM asked department to explain what happens with the test fishery.

DG said that test sets were let loose after sampling and that they do estimate set size. He acknowledged that there is some slight mortality but felt it was inconsequential. The Department does try to minimize test sets and they try to sample and release fish ASAP to reduce mortality but that it is a necessary part of the fishery and ultimately reduce fishery mortality by decreasing the likelihood of fishing on immature fish.

EJ: we can solve this problem by supporting the share quota proposal (#209). Most test sets are small and he agrees there is low mortality.

TF asked how many fish are caught. DG said last year 44 sets with an average of 110 tons/set.

JL remarked that STA has concerns about testfishing on the same body of fish multiple times – in the past this has resulted in false spawn and meant that subsistence fishers had put their branches in a poor place. He said that 4,000 tons is a big chunk of the stock and there is obvious handling stress.

EJ: regarding the share quota proposal the Chatham sablefish fishery didn't have 100% agreement among permit holders and over 40 herring permit holders want the share quota. He also said that if you don't test set there will be a bigger product.

TF – A 5 to 10% penalty seemed more appropriate than discounting the entire set.

MJ - Are the number of sets likely to increase with greater abundance? Dave Gordon said that is likely but he didn't look at the set more than 10 years past.

JL: Call for the Question. 1Y 8N

#205: Change in Allocation for herring quotas in Southeast. Not acted on

#206: Herring Allocation in Behm Canal. Not acted on.

#207: Herring allocation to gillnet only in District 10. Not acted on.

#208: Tendering proposal.

DG explained that tenders often are paid \$175/200 ton. Last season because of the large set sizes and large quotas fishing boats acted as tenders. The regular tenders are often too large to entry the fishing grounds and this let them out of the action. The Department wanted to be sure the fish got out of the water quickly so did not discourage this practice.

BD: some vessels had signed up to tender but others haven't. It costs about 10K to mobilize a regular tender so some of the tenders that were paid by the pound were left with cost but not income. Department is neutral on this proposal.

MJ against this proposal. Fishing vessels should have this opportunity and in fact many tenders are paid by the day not the tonnages.

EJ – Originally opposed but MJ has convinced him. Very few Sitka boats in fishery (6) and he didn't want locals (tenders) out of a job.

EJ made motion to consider, MJ 2nd.

TF asked how much a seiner can pack – 60tons compared to 200 tons on tender.

MJ – main concern that the proposal could create more consolidation and that is not a good thing.

BM thought it was interesting as the AC doesn't see many proposals from the processing sector.

MJ: very concerned about consolidation. Salmon seine fishery has already started co-op with some very aggressive behaviors and shoot-outs – these are the same folks that want the co-op fishery for herring but behavior badly with salmon. Big Picture is important GB – call the question. 0Y 9N

**#209. Herring Share Quota Proposal
Sitka Herring Group.**

EJ Motion to Consider, Jerry 2nd.

Discussed that this is the 3rd cycle that this type of proposal has been submitted and that there was strong support with most permit holders but not all permit holders. The last time though it was really about changing the fishery to a roe on kelp fishery.

GB: felt that competitive fisheries were a good thing and there wasn't a conservation reason to go to a share quota system here.

EJ: MJ made some good points, EJ wouldn't like it if the king salmon fishery went to equal quota share although a case could be made for that. EJ did think that share quotas were good for conservation and safety.

MJ: the SAC policy has been to let permit holders vote on this type of proposal. He would prefer not to vote but if he has to he will vote against.

WP remarked that a member of the Sitka Herring Group should have been present.

BM agreed with MJ that he preferred not to vote on this proposal.

#209 continued

EJ moved to table, Jack 2nd. 9Y 0N

#210. Herring Share Quota Proposal. No action taken

#211. Loosen the requirement for pound permit holders to be present during fishing and other times.

Proposal by Larry Demmert.

TF made motion to consider, 2nd JL

DG discussed the reasons for this proposal. Kelp allocations are high now and keeping them fresh is an issue – have to run far to get kelp and not always convenient for permit holders to be present during fishing. They do not have to be there at some other times already.

EJ remarked that everyone would like an opportunity to only join their fishery once action is occurring and that this sets a bad precedent.

BM called the question. 0Y 9N

#212 Allow aggregated gear in spawn on kelp pounds.

Proposed by Michael Bangs.

Proposal wants to have multiple pounds joined without interior wall then add the fish. Now 2 pounds are allowed to be "married" but with an interior wall and only after fish have been added. The benefit of the new proposal is that spawn won't be lost to the wall and the fish could have more room to move. The downside of the proposal is that there could be a lot more fish put in pounds. Now the pounds size really limits the amount of fish and is a control for the fishery. Also there is a precedent for having a single unit of gear associated with each permit holder.

EJ moved to consider, TF 2nd.

EJ: Tom Penny and Clint Buckmaster were the SAC people that designed the Hoonah Sound roe on kelp fishery. EJ wanted to know if it was healthier for the fish to have more room.

DG agreed that it would be healthier and he didn't see a significant downside to the proposal.

BD disagreed. The size of the pen limits the amount of fish and that controls the fishery. If there isn't a center panel the mesh can hang making a deep, larger pen.

JL: What does multiple mean? Not defined in proposal.

EJ: what if we only allowed 2 pounds to combine?

KA: Isn't this a co-op then?

DG: they already work in groups cooperatively.

EJ: I move to amend the proposal as follows:

Allow use of [MULTIPLE PERMITS] up to 2 permits and aggregating up to 2 units of gear in herring roe on kelp fisheries as follows:

[MULTIPLE] Permit holders may join up to two net pens together to make larger single pens without increasing their legal kelp allocation.

TF: 2nd amended motion

EJ: Call the Question on the amendment. 8Y 1N

JL: Call for the question on the amended proposal: 8Y 1N

#213 Housekeeping Proposal to define "first day" in Hoonah Sound spawn on kelp fishery.

Proposed by ADF&G.

TF: Move to Consider, 2nd JL

TF: Call the Question. 9Y 0N

#214 Delay the date to remove herring pounds to July 1.

Proposed by Charles Olsen.

JL Move to Consider, 2nd TF

EJ: Pens aren't very obtrusive.

JH: Although somewhat suspicious of motives for proposal doesn't seem out of line to delay for 3 weeks.

MJ: Is the Dungeness fishery occurring then?

DG: Dungeness fishery is ongoing but not in that area.

GB: I don't like them leaving gear there – it will disrupt other activity.

KA: Call for the Question: 1Y, 8N

#215 Change in area for southern herring spawn on kelp in pounds. Out of area. No action.

#216 Allow pound fisheries in other areas of southern Southeast. Out of area. No action.

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#217 Change in boundary lines for Sitka Sound area.

Proposed by ADF&G.

Move 13B boundary lines to include Salisbury Sound. This was discussed along with #200

DG further discussed the potential for the Sitka Sound fishery to occur in Salisbury. This would not change the prosecution of the bait fishery.

GB: Call the Question. 7Y, 2N

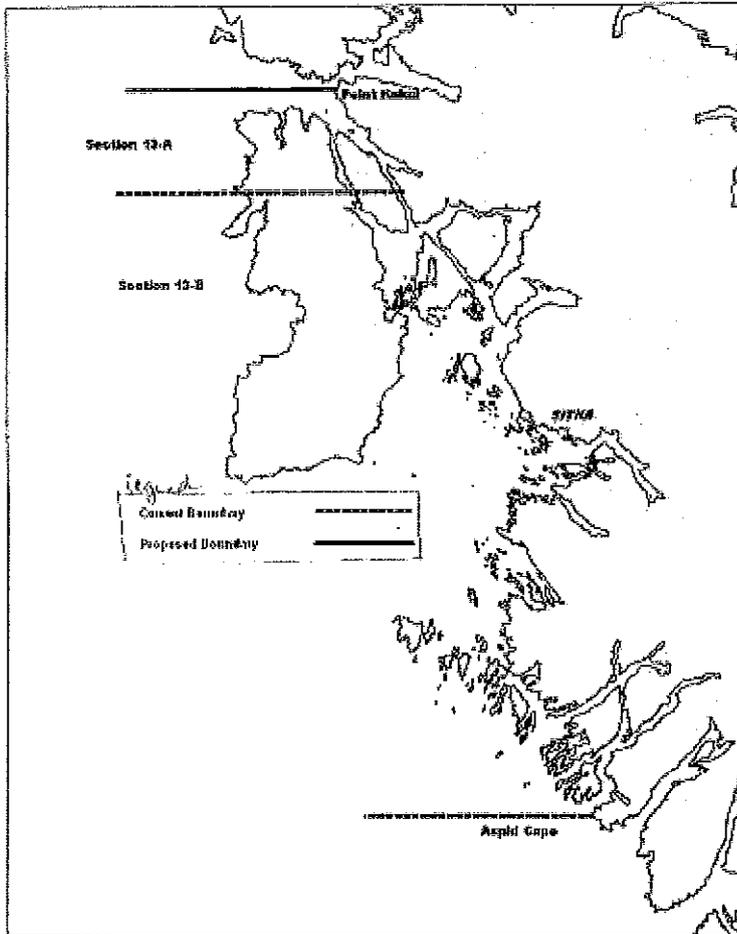


Figure 1. Sitka Sound seine herring sac roe fishery current regulatory boundary and proposed boundary.

Table 1. Historical spawn and herring harvest in Salisbury Sound, 1964-2008.

Year	Spawn Mileage	Sac Roe Harvest (tons)
1964-1967	None Documented	-
1968	0.2	-
1969-1973	None Documented	-
1974	0.2	-
1975-1976	None Documented	-
1977	0.6	-
1978-1987	None Documented	-
1988	6.9	-
1989	7.3	1,700
1990	5.1	-
1991	5.3	-
1992	0.5	-
1993-1994	None Documented	-
1995	0.2	-
1996-1998	None Documented	-
1999	0.7	262
2000-2001	None Documented	-
2002	None Documented	986
2003	1.0	-
2004	1.8	-
2005	1.4	-
2006	3.8	4,204
2007	3.4	-
2008	7.1	-

BM: Remind committee that the next meeting will be on December 11 and there will be elections in addition to continuing with Finfish Proposals.

Seats that are open:

Charter (Denny Cook), Sportfish (Brian Massey), Processor (Open), Trapping (Open), Alternate 1 (Eric Jordan), Alternate 2 (Open).

Chair is open and Brian will not be seeking a third term.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

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Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting 12/11/2008
NSRAA Conference Room

Attendance:

Committee

Jack Lorrigan, subsistence

Jerry Barber (vice chair), hunting

Mo Johnson, seine

Karen Johnson, at large

Jeff Farvour, at large

Joel Hanson, guiding

Dick Curran, longline

Tad Fujioka, trapping

Brian Massey (Chair), sportfish

Eric Jordan, alternate

John Murray, power troller

Floyd Tompkins, personal use

ADF&G

Bill Davidson, Commercial Fisheries

Eric Coonradt, Commercial Fisheries

Troy Tydinco, Sport Fisheries

Patti Skannes, Commercial Fisheries

Mike Vaugn, Commercial Fisheries

Cleo Brylinsky, Commercial Fisheries

Meeting agenda:

Nominations

Elections

Finfish Proposals beginning on proposal 218

Significant public attendance.

Nominations for Open Seats:

Sportfish: Mike Baines

Trapping: Tad Fujioka, John Skeelee

Charter: Erik Bahnsen

Processor: Jon Hickman, (SSS)

All seats but trapping filled by unanimous consent. T. Fujioka won trapping seat by ballot after introductory remarks by Skeelee and Fujioka.

Committee then appointed Tory O'Connell to alternate seat, and as Secretary

Dick Curran nominated Tad Fujioka as Chairman, unanimous consent

Jerry Barber remains Vice Chair

New Committee:

Jack Lorrigan, subsistence
Jerry Barber, hunting, Vice-chair
Mo Johnson, seine
Karen Johnson, at-large
Jeff Farvour, at-large
Joel Hanson, guiding
Dick Curran, longline
Tad Fujioka, trapping, Chair
Mike Baynes, sportfish
Eric Jordan, alternate
John Murray, power troller
Floyd Tompkins, personal use
Ken Ash, hand troller
Jon Hickman, processor
Erik Bahnsen, charter
Tory O'Connell, 2nd alternate, Secretary

Eric Jordan gave a tribute to Brian Massey thanking him for his time, professionalism and leadership. Sitka AC remains one of the strongest ACs in the State, thanks in large part to Brian.

Ken Ash and Erik Bahnsen were not in attendance.

John Littlefield asked to speak regarding herring; he is recovering from pneumonia and was unable to make the advertised herring meeting.
Eric Jordan made a motion to allow John to speak

John made it clear that he was speaking for himself and that the Sitka Tribe of Alaska (STA) had their own presentation to make. He passed out numerous handouts with data and graphs.

His main concern was that he was unable to personally meet his subsistence objective for the year and wondered how that was possible in a year with estimated record abundance. He believes the problem arose from a change in Board harvest policy implemented in 1997. He appreciated that the ADF&G herring manager, David Gordon, made a decision to use the old harvest policy when setting the 2008 quota given current anomalies in the stock. John supported his concern with data showing a negative relationship with % miles of spawn/mt of exploitable biomass and a positive relationship with increasing chum production and average age of herring.

John would like to see the AC make a statement about the need to revert to the old harvest strategy and would also like to revisit proposal 203. He also requested that STA consultants be allowed to present new information regarding Sitka Sound herring.

Eric Jordan noted that our advertised agenda has the committee starting with proposal 218. He would make a motion to allow discussion of proposal 203.

John Murray amended this to allow STA until 8 PM to address herring at which time the committee would get back to their regular agenda.

2nd Jack Lorrigan.

Amended motion passed 13 Y, 1 N

Vince Patrick and Evelyn Brown were contracted by STA to look at herring data for Sitka Sound. Vince gave a short presentation regarding their findings (attached). They are requesting the AC support 203. Main concerns are that there appears to be a divergence in the relationship between eggs deposition and miles of spawn that may result in a biomass overestimate and that western sound spawns tend to produce low recruitment. A precautionary principle is requested.

Eric Jordan made a motion to reconsider herring proposal 203 and consider 234 and 235 at a special advertised meeting. 2nd Jerry Barber.

Deb Lyons recommending revisiting harvest rate, threshold, and model.

Bill Davidson requested that Department be officially notified.

Eric Jordan suggested that commercial industry be contacted as well.

Jack Lorrigan called for the question. 14Y, 0N

Meeting will be at 6:30 on December 18 if NSRAA building is available and if ADF&G is available.

Begin SE Finfish Proposals:

Clarified that the Department responses to the Finfish proposals are not yet available.

Proposal 218: Allow two set gillnet permits and additional gear for herring set gillnetters

Pete Roddy Move to Adopt. 2nd Jerry Barber.

Bill Davidson gave an explanation of proposal.

Discussion was brief once it was realized that this proposal was limited to herring rather than salmon and thus does not directly affect Sitka area.

0 Y, 14 N.

Proposal 219: Bradfield Canal King Salmon. Out of Area. No comment

Proposal 220: Require underages and overages of charter caught king salmon carry forward to following season.

Floyd Tompkins Move to Adopt. 2nd Jeff Favour.

Troy Tydinco stated there were no tools in place for the Department to do this.

Tad Fujioka asked if the proposal provided the tools.

Jerry Barber does not support proposal because in the case of an underage there may not be enough quota to support additional fish.

Eric Jordan: The policy for managing charter fisheries does separate sectors, so this is no longer needed.

Jeff Favour: EOs are tools for insuring catch is within limits.

Joel Hanson: Question. 0 Y, 14 N

Proposal 221: allow residents and non residents one king salmon per day.**John Murray: move to adopt. 2nd Joel Hanson.**

The proposer has misunderstood the king salmon regulations

Tory O'Connell: Call for the Question: 0Y, 14N

222: Closure of high abundance king salmon areas to charter fishing when these areas are closed to commercial trolling during years of low abundance.**Joel Hanson: move to adopt. 2nd John Murray.**

Joel Hanson thought regulation might be too restrictive as it would keep charter fishermen from fishing other species in these areas.

Pete Roddy: appropriate for charter fleet to stay out of these areas – lots of other places to fish.

Jerry Barber: This is way too restrictive.

Eric Jordan: has spoken in depth with proposer. Charter needs to be more conservation minded. This proposal is just for guided charter, not recreational. There is a huge problem with catch and release of kings in the charter industry that isn't currently being addressed. He suggested the proposal could be amended to allow fishing for other species.

Jack Lorrigan: opening for other species would present an enforcement problem as people could mooch for kings while bottomfishing.

John Murray: this proposal, 295, 301, and 302 all address hook and release mortality of king salmon. Perhaps this isn't the correct vehicle.

Pete Roddy: Agreed with Jack that an amendment creates enforcement problems.

Jerry Butler: There are always going to be operators that mooch 60 kings in an afternoon, closing down some areas won't prevent this.

Floyd Tompkins: What does ADF&G think – how do they define areas of high Chinook abundance?

Bill Davidson: These would be the same areas as are closed to the commercial troll fleet. They are defined in Treaty.

Deb Lyons: these areas are somewhat arbitrary and were used for political statement in Treaty – this could effect Pelican lodges more so than other areas.

Moe Johnson: What is the average troll quota, how often at low abundance?

Patti Skannes: ADF&G has a series of years where abundance is below 200K.

Joel Hanson: call for the question. 10 Y, 4 N

223: Allow the use of two king salmon rods October – March every year unless there is a conservation concern.**Jerry Butler move to adopt, 2nd Joel Hanson.**

Jerry Butler: very small catch in winter, this would allow personal use fishermen greater opportunity. He supports this proposal.

Joel Hanson: Currently the number of rods can not exceed the number of paying clients.

Tory O'Connell: want to insure that this regulation would not supercede the limit on rods for charter. Motion to amend to add the word "resident" to regulation.

Allow the use of 2 rods October through March by residents every year unless a conservation concern exists (identified through emergency order).

Eric Jordan, call for the question on the amendment.

14 Y, 0 N

Eric Jordan, call for the question: 13 Y, 1 N.

224: Golden North Salmon Derby. Not in our area. No comment.

225: Double the bag limits for king salmon in all hatchery troll access corridors for sportfishers.

John Murray, motion to adopt. 2nd Jeff Favour.

Jerry Butler. Move to amend to allow for residents only.

Failed for lack of 2nd.

Tory O'Connell: will not support proposal. Bag limits already a marginal tool for managing fisheries and this seems to allow for double bag limits in a very wide area.

John Murray: enforcement problem with "corridor" definition – unless this is directly in front of a hatchery it is not well defined.

Moe Johnson: Doesn't like proposal. It is too vague. Hatchery fish are expensive and are paid for by commercial fishermen. Sport fisheries already benefit significantly from this production.

John Littlefield: anyone who subsistence fishes for kings is sport fishing. They should liberalize the bag limits for residents and the open up "special use areas" for residents.

Pete Roddy: Call for the Question: 1 Y, 13 N.

226: Double bag limits for king salmon in Ketchikan areas. Out of area. No comment.

227: Open troll fishery in District 8 7 days per week when transboundary fishery is open.

John Murray: move to adopt. 2nd Pete Roddy.

John Murray: Trollers trying to get access to District 8. Don't have enough days to catch much there.

Jerry Butler: How different is this from proposal 228?

John: proposal 228 would open an area while proposal 227 allows for more days.

Eric Jordan: Important issue for trollers. Trollers rebuilt the Stikine but since then gillnetters have benefited to the exclusion of trollers.

Mike Baynes: going to oppose this proposal based on his gillnet experience since this would put trollers and gillnetters fishing in the same area at the same time

Jerry Butler: How long is fishery open?

Patti Skannes: 2 months. Bill Davidson: this fishery because it is a transboundary river fishery is complex to manage. The fishery only opens if there is a surplus (none this year).

Jack Lorrigan: call for the question. 10 Y, 3 N.

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Attachments, 3

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SITKA FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINTUES: 12/18/2008

Meeting called to order at 18:30 at the NSRAA conference room

Committee members in attendance

Tad Fujioka

Jerry Butler

Jon Hickman

Peter Roddy

Karen Johnson (left at 19:30 PM)

Mo Johnson

Mike Baynes

Eric Jordan

Jeff Farvour

Jon Hickman

Tory OConnell

Dick Curran

Joel Hanson

Floyd Tompkins

Ken Ash (arrived 6:45 PM)

ADF&G staff in attendance:

Dave Gordon, Commercial Fisheries Sitka Area Biologist

Eric Coonradt, Assistant Area Biologist

Bill Davidson, Commercial Fisheries Regional Supervisor

Troy Tydinco, Sport Fish Sitka Area Biologist

Cleo Brylinsky, Groundfish Project Leader

Public Participation:

Representatives of Sitka Tribe of Alaska

Dr. Vince Patrick, tribal consultant on fisheries

Commercial herring seine permit holders and crew

Silver Bay Seafoods representative

Partial sign in:

Al Wilson- STA

Christopher Brewton family

Richard Riggs

Troy Denkinger

Gia Hanna

Breck Titus (STA herring tech)

Craig Monaco

Mike Miller

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Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock- Raven Radio

TF presented agenda and requested discussion.

EJ moved to adopt agenda

2nd Jerry Butler

13 Y O N

TF introduced topic and asked ADF&G to address concerns raised at previous meeting regarding stock assessment and harvest rate policy in order to inform decision regarding reconsideration of proposal 203

Dave Gordon gave a thorough overview of the stock assessment data components, how data is collected and weighted, and the inclusion of variance estimates to incorporate uncertainty in the model. (presentation attached).

Considerable time was spent on explaining that the data supports the fact that herring are growing slower and maturing later and that the lack of 3 year olds is not a recruitment failure as they show up as 4, 5, and 6 years old once they are mature. Reason for change in maturation is not well understood but it could be do to large stock size and/or temperature regime changes.

The forecast has been below the hindcast for most of the past 10 years adding an additional layer of conservatism to the Department harvest policy.

Mr. Gordon then gave a second presentation illustrating the spawning locations annually since 1964. The tribal consultants have suggested that western sound spawn results in recruitment failure. Fish spawned on Kruzof in 1964 then again in 1996, and have spawned there often in recent years. No evidence to support low recruitment with Kruzof spawning events and plenty of evidence for low recruitment when spawn focused on eastern Sound areas. (presentation attached).

For whatever reason the fish recently seem to have an affinity to spawn on the Kruzof shore which does effect the tribes ability to harvest branches but it does not imply poor recruitment or stock condition.

EJ asked about the suggestion that the Department had changed the model because of the output last year. Mr. Gordon explained that there was an unrealistically high number last year from the model and that the inclusion of variance estimates on egg deposition were very useful in the downward weighting of this estimate. It was a model improvement and incorporates uncertainty and the model is now more appropriate. The Department field staff experience would have prevented them from harvesting at the higher number even in the absence of the variance estimates because of their knowledge of the stock. Sitka Sound herring population is at very high levels now and are healthy, in part due to the conservative approach taken by the Department.

MB asked about the chart that showed a declining biomass but and increasing quota for the past few years. Mr. Gordon explained that because they have been harvesting based on the forecast (which has been substantially lower than the hindcast) that the quota was increasing to "catch up" with the hindcast, hence the seemingly different trends. However harvest has been below allowable harvest, and more conservative than the harvest policy.

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Break from 7:40 to 7:50

EJ move to adopt proposal 234, increasing the Alaska Native Subsistence needs to herring spawn.

2nd MB

Mike Miller from STA gave an overview of the proposal. **He said that the tribe viewed this as housekeeping.** In 2001 when the original ANS level was set it was based on 1 year of poor data and the BOF requested they collect survey information to confirm subsistence needs. The Division of Subsistence reported harvests as high as 318,000 lbs in recent years, but many years were well below the current ANS. The tribal spokesman put a lot of emphasis on the fact that the Sitka Sound herring spawn is used statewide to meet subsistence needs and that the current ANS level of 105,000 – 158,000 is too low. There is no limit of subsistence harvest so changing the ANS level does not have a direct impact on subsistence use and therefore the argument that subsistence has priority was not relevant to the proposal. There was considerable discussion about how an increased ANS number would be used and why STA wanted to increase the lower end. Many members of the committee were worried that this was a way to reduce commercial harvest. There was discussion that unmet subsistence needs are not directly related to the commercial fishery and that weather and location of spawn all play a large role. This was underscored by the large current stock – last year's unmet needs were largely caused by the major spawn on Kruzof. **Mike Miller said that the proposal was not an attempt to limit commercial harvest but rather an important statement of current subsistence needs.**

PR proposed amending the ANS to be 220,000 based on recent years harvest. DC 2nd.

SR said that seiners have helped provide eggs for subsistence needs and JH said that SSS has provided the use of a tender for this purpose. He asked the tribe if they were willing to expand that program and be more organized in their harvesting effort. Tribal members acknowledged the help of the commercial sector and are hoping to expand upon that next year.

Rachel Marino, Steve Young, and Paulette Marino all testified for the proposal.

EJ pointed out discrepancy in handouts between STA and Div of Subsistence figures – Mike Miller said the STA numbers were raw and the Div of Subsistence figures were extrapolated.

EJ would support this proposal as it is important to support subsistence users but clarified that his support did not extend to changes in commercial harvest because of an increased ANS.

Mike Miller again restated that the proposal was not about unmet needs but revising a past estimate that was in error.

TO called question on amendment

1 Y, 12 N

EJ support proposal as written but is clear that we don't want to see commercial fishery disrupted.

JB called the question

13 Y 0 N

TO Motion to adopt 235

JF 2nd

Discussion revolved around whether the wording of the proposal was too draconian in that it requires reporting of "all" subsistence harvest. MB felt the tribal survey was good. JB said that more information is better.

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Mike Miller said that representatives from the Sitka Herring Association approached the tribe at the Federal Subsistence hearings and said they were submitting this proposal to be punitive. He felt their approach was good now, with the Division of Subsistence providing oversight of the current survey. Dave Gordon said the department would like more information on how the numbers are derived and also more information on time, location, effort, and harvest sizes. Right now Division of Subsistence just gives them one number with no supporting documentation, error statistics, and no other harvest information.

Mike Miller said it was a funding issue and they would provide this information if funding was available.

EJ called the question

4Y 9N

KA said he wanted to explain his vote. He is a hand troller and every fish he catches is documented. We just heard how important this fishery is to subsistence so valid numbers should be collected for documentation.

TO also wanted to explain her vote. Normally she would vote for strigent reporting requirements. The subsistence harvest is an important component of removals. She does not have confidence in the Div of Subsistence survey and an independent estimate is needed to establish credible statistics. However she did not feel that a Commissioner's permit was the appropriate vehicle. She encouraged the Department to submit a formal request via the BOF for the information they require and work with Div of Subsistence to improve the survey.

TF asked if anyone wanted to introduce a motion to rescind proposal 203. No motion was made, TF moved to adjourn the meeting but **EJ then moved to rescind 203. MB 2nd**

EJ said he felt we at least needed to move for a vote. He was interested in examining the harvest rate policy but that was not part of the original proposal.

JB called the question

2Y, 9N, 1 abstain

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

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Committee present:

Tad Fujioka (TF)
Jerry Barber (JB)
Dick Curran (DC)
Tory O'Connell (TO)
Joel Hansen (JH)
John Murray (JM)
Pete Roddy (PR)
Ken Ash (KA)
Erik Bahnsen (EB)
Eric Jordan (EJ)
Jeff Farvour (JF)
Floyd Tompkins (FT)
Mo Johnson (MJ)

ADF&G:

Mike Vaughn (MV)
Troy Tydinco (TT)
Dave Gordon (DG)
Patti Skannes (PS)

Public:

Ken Bellows (KB)

Meeting begins 18:40:

JH moved to adopt agenda

DC 2nd

Unanimous adoption of agenda

Proposal 230

Allow trolling 7 days in District 11 when transboundary fishery is open

ADF&G passed out a map (attached)

JM move to adopt, PR 2nd

JM trollers do not have enough access to this area. Historic catch of trollers has been about 30 percent of the catch – now they are down to 20 fish.

PR supports more days

ADF&G is neutral, if adopted the projected increase in troll catch would be 0.23% so not much of an effect

TF – what was the effort for the 20 fish? PS 3 or 4 permits with low effort.

Gillnets have caught around 16,000 per year

TO Question

13 y, 0 N Proposal passes

<<Insert Map graphic distributed by ADF&G here>>

Proposal 231 Open troll through District 11 when transboundary fishery is open
 JH move to adopt
 JM 2nd

PR – Juneau trollers has said traditional troll drags out by Shelter Island and the way the lines are drawn the troll drags are all closed so fish not available for interception.

JH – how would this affect sport fishery?

ADF&G is neutral but opposed to opening C and D because of King Salmon River stock concerns.

TF – There is a spring sport fishery for Taku fish at Pt Bishop area and Tee Harbor.

Other spring fisheries most take DIPAC hatchery fish.

JM – will go to committee and some make up will be sport and ADF&G too – so details can be hammered out there – there is a king salmon run up Seymour that will be closed. Hope that we would pass it with work done in committee.

EJ in 1975 there was a subcommittee of the Gastineau Channel Advisory Committee and I was the sport fish rep – one of the first closures for king salmon with the understanding that once it was rebuilt the trollers should be brought back in. Situation has changed with gillnetters and charter – but that is what committee is for, to hammer out details.

JB Question

TO 2nd

13 y, 0 n Proposal passes

Skip 232, 233 (out of area)

Proposal 236 ANS for individual salmon stocks

JB Move to Adopt

FT 2nd

TO – asked for Dept comments

DG - At last Board cycle ANS was defined for salmon

All salmon 10,500 -20,000 fish (aggregate of SE stocks).

TO – doesn't support this proposal if understand it correctly -- asking for a lot of individual information with the assumption that subsistence needs won't be met if a single system fails and the ramifications are very large. If one run is low, subsistence users will go to other places. Management plans can take care of Redoubt issues.

PR – very expensive and time consuming

EJ - similar issue in Chatham area – was trying to constrain early seine fishery that was catching sockeye – this is not a good way to manage this situation. For subsistence you go where the systems are strong. Last year would have had to stop the Sitka Sound troll fishery. Ramifications are tremendous.

MJ – concerns with Kinalkoo area return near Angoon – they return but can't get up to lake.

DG – Federal government have a weir there to monitor run. A large percent of the fish are returning to the stream but can't get up the falls to the lake.

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KB – watched that system for awhile. The villages have a large beach seine that stays yearly at the mouth of the river and this is a big problem. I have seen fish go up the falls, but think the beach seine is harvesting at the mouth.

JM – question for Dave – How do they figure out the fish runs? Is it weirs?

DG – most systems have catch information from subsistence permits

Klag, Falls Lake (partial weir) have weirs (federal).

Sitkoh, Pillar Bay and a few more short term projects with weirs.

TO Question

0 Y, 13 N proposal fails

Skip proposal 237 – out of area

Proposal 238- Allow the use of a seine boat for sockeye subsistence in Klawock

JM move to adopt

PR 2nd

JM - this could be precedent setting. This is an easy way to take too many fish

JH - doesn't say anything about limiting the fishing to off of the creek, they would like to catch fish from some where else using a seine vessel

PR – private early seine opening before July 1. What has courts said about fish entering into commerce? This doesn't preclude further fishing after seine boat harvest subsistence.

FT – conservation concern about the run collapsing.

TO – Department's position?

DG – Opposed to this. Seining outside seine opening. What happens to the bycatch (sockeye is a small portion of the total catch)? Other runs might not be able to support this catch. Treaty implications are large because this would be a "new" fishery.

EJ – opposed to this for several reasons. (But takes exception to the treaty argument: The explosion of the charter fishery is a direct violation of the treaty and has impacted subsistence for sure).

JB Question

0 Y, 13 N Proposal fails

Proposal 239- Close subsistence fishing at Gut Bay and Falls Lake

JH Move to Adopt

EB 2nd

KB (proposer) – seen so many abuses in this system. Have sent photos to wildlife protection – there has been very little enforcement happening. 20 or 30 people on a purse seiner subsistence fishing. Gillnets shore to shore across creek. Need more enforcement or close it. The system is getting hammered.

EJ – Concerned about these things too but wonder about vehicle – very hard to close subsistence fishery and there are ramifications. The other vehicle would be the stock of concern policy. This has a lot more support for rebuilding stock through fishery closure. As an advisory committee we need to say something about the stock of concern policy.

DG - Stock of Concern means a stock of salmon of which there is a yield, management or conservation concern. We started to curtail the season at these systems about 7 years

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ago, because of concerns. Federal Subsistence Board had a proposal from Kake to close Pillar Bay and 2 other systems to all but federally recognized subsistence users. So closed to all sport fishery and others. Federal Subsistence Board rescinded closure.

Still have concerns with these small sockeye systems and have tried to reduce seasons. ADF&G increased the limit at Falls Lake because the Feds put a weir on the system. This system is important for Kake. The run is variable. This year is the lowest return in a few years (760 fish) and the harvest was a concern this year (1500). However escapements are average over the longer term (~2500 fish). Split season in place as a means to let fish into the creek.

Gut Bay has had some mark/recapture work completed but it is a difficult place to work in the fall so catch is the indicator used. Reported catch has been steady at 400-600 fish. TF – your concerns go back a lot of years- well prior to the escapement data that DG just presented?

KB Yes. I have been reporting violations to Protection for years. In the 1970s they nailed 50 people but there hasn't been much enforcement since then.

FT – what is allowed for gear? Gillnet and Beach seine.

DG – have some waters closed under falls but there is little protection.

JH – are there creel people at the shelter?

DG – Stock assessment program sometimes have people there at the shelter but it isn't done every year. Creel reports 20 -30% more fish than reported catch.

JH - I have seen excessive fishing effort there as well. I don't know what to do other than to propose that the Dept take more care in evaluating Falls Lake.

KB – they had a federally funded Juneau research group at Falls Lake which indicates they are catching 50% of the fish.

EJ – we are struggling with this as we usually support subsistence and this is really a Kake proposal. Hard to say “close” subsistence but obviously something has to happen here. We need to do more than vote this up or down.

KB – what if you restricted the take times to considerably less?

DG – We are doing that but there are factors that make that difficult (weather and how fish proceed) – 10 day closure in the middle is a try to get at this. Enforcement is really needed. Drift nets are fished like setnets.

TO – what about gear? Would that help?

DG – this system is not unique and you would need to limit the gear at all areas.

Be cautious suggesting there is a real conservation concern.

JB – agree with some of the other comments. Have trouble voting either way for this one. Should we table this proposal and just forward our comments.

FT – trying to assimilate all of this – perhaps statement of concern needs to be addressed to the village of Kake instead of the Department.

JH – Would like to table it with minutes expressing committee's general concern about health of stock because 750 fish escapement doesn't sound like a large escapement – that is worth noting.

KA – Solution is that we vote it down and get a uniform for Ken and a badge...

EJ – Substitute Motion – take no action on proposal 239 but advise Dept, Board, and Enforcement and Regional Advisory Council of our great concern of the health of,

the enforcement of the existing regulations, and the limited knowledge about our ability to sustain the runs for subsistence fisheries.

PR 2nd.

JB - concur with this as similar to table.

JB called the Question of EJ motion JB 13 Y, 0 N

No action on proposal but note concern

Proposal 319 (proposed by Ken Bellows as well) – close area of Port Banks in Whale Bay (area of proposal is mis-described in official proposal book.)

JH Move to adopt

FT 2nd

Charter fishery is taking fish right out of the falls – pulling boats up and snagging fish right out of the falls.

TT – Dept comments. Oppose this proposal because the Dept can label where fresh water boundary is. At most tides it is fresh water at 1,000 feet beyond the falls. This year we posted markers so this proposal is less restrictive.

TO – Can we amend to adopt similar regs to where boundary lines were this past season?

EJ – I didn't know people were snagging down there.

TT – This year, the Dept. placed a marker on the point, from there the boundary then cuts across, leave part of bay open (to snagging).

KB – Good place to start.

EJ – Motion to amend Move to support 319 with the amendment that fresh water be defined out to approximately 1,000 feet out from the base of falls as per the sport fish markers placed there in 2008.

JF – 2nd

JB - but this just prevents snagging, what about anchoring and fishing in falls?

KB – boats are rafting up and creating hazards and bear problems

EB – truth is this is a lunch spot, but now mixing with fishing and the problems are escalating with increasing number of boats

PR – could there be a regulation to prevent fishing from a boat from within these markers.

EJ – let's prohibit snagging and/or fishing off of powered vessels within this area.

PR – move friendly amendment

TO 2nd

JH – remember to include Port Banks in the language

Move to support (the spirit of) 319 by amending it to instead read that:

"The Port Banks fresh water area be defined out to approximately 1,000 feet in front of the base of falls as per the ADF&G sport fish markers placed there in 2008 and to prohibit fishing off of powered vessels within this area and prohibit all snagging within this area (either from boats or shore)."

JH Question on amendment

13 Y, 0 N

Amended proposal:

TF – Ken was Port Banks the real crux of concern or did you have concerns about other portions of Whale Bay, etc.

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KB-Yes- Port Banks

EJ Question on amended proposal

13 Y, 0 N Amended proposal passes

Proposals 240 Chilkat subsistence

PR – move to adopt. Lack of 2nd

Proposal 241 Yakutat subsistence-skip – out of area

Proposal 241 Chilkoot Inlet-skip – out of area

Proposal 243 Allow subsistence take of rockfish and lingcod with rod and reel.

EJ Move to Adopt

JM 2nd

TF made proposal. I would like the opportunity to catch fresh lingcod and rockfish during the winter. Lingcod is closed in the winter to sport fishing but can take with longline
TT – the Dept opposes this one. Rod and reel specifically prohibited as a subsistence gear due to enforcement issues. The Department would support rod and reel as a subsistence gear type if it was defined for a specific area, fishery, time.

EJ – move to amend this to allow use of rod and reel for Sitka LAMP.

TO – explained why there was a prohibition against sport fishing was to protect the nest guarding males because this type of gear effectively targets nest guarding males.

EJ – move to amend proposal so that subsistence rockfish and lingcod be allowed to be taken with rod and reel from May 15th to December 31st.

PR – bag limits on subsistence?

EJ – what would be a reasonable limit? Would 2 per day for lingcod & 2 per day for yelloweye work

TF – That would be more than adequate for obtaining fresh fish. The longline option is still there for fishermen that want more fish.

JB – Is there any need on us to put limits on this – that will be decided in the future.

JF – this is a high use area and I would support limits as the responsible thing to do.

TT – can't speak for Enforcement but there will be enforcement issues.

EJ – Thinking that there may need a task force to work on this – season, enforcement, resident...I don't know how you go about it. We need to deal with LAMP area.

DG –What about a resident sport fishery for lingcod in the winter?

JB – What about sport fish limits?

MV – Sport fishermen have had trouble staying within quota already.

JF – Personal use? DG – no this is the same as sport fish.

PR – commercial troll and dinglebar fishery and perhaps halibut fishery have taken big hits – lingcod bycatch is an issue. May not get support to increase effort that targets nest guarding males.

JM – I think the opposite. If we pass this and it goes in front of the Board they will be told that you can use other gear for subsistence (longline, handtroll) already. I would pass it on the way it is. May want to put a reasonable limit on it.

EJ – one more stab – subsistence rockfish and lingcod may be taken by rod and reel in Sitka LAMP June 1 – December 31.

JF 2nd

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JB – what about the other rockfish that I catch? No limits.

DC does not support this amendment because that this would mean that you are taking off bag limits for the sport fishery for all residents and the sport quota is already being exceeded and it doesn't address TF concern about winter fish.

TO – this would create a new fishery as many more people would subsistence fish if they didn't have to set longline gear. Does not support this as written or amended but can see there may be a solution to a resident taking a few lingcod in the winter.

Withdraw amendment motion

Question on the main motion

Y 6, 7 N Proposal fails

Proposal 244 Southeast Alaska Area Enhanced Salmon Allocation management Plan

JB move to adopt 244

2nd JH

EJ – lots of discussion and action in SE. Joint regional planning teams came up with industry consensus on hatchery proposals (document not yet available electronically). Agreed to ask the Board to take no action on 244 and 245. But these proposals are important to the Chum salmon fishery. The allocation plan that currently allots enhanced salmon to each gear group was based on a unanimous vote of all gear groups and Board of Fisheries. The gillnetters have moved above this, the trollers have been below for many years, and seiners are now below. The position of the joint team would work to bring harvest to the allocation. Wants the Advisory committee to support the consensus hammered out by the industry. It does not affect sport fish or subsistence.

JM – comment on 244. Point out that gillnetters were the ones that brought this all together with a lawsuit to make allocation happen and now they want to redo it.

I am opposed to 244. I think I concur with what Eric said and I need a little more time to review it but I will probably support the industry consensus.

PR – looking for a resolution that supports this draft consensus amongst the gear groups?

EJ – yes but it should be noticed and the fleet should weigh in

TF – so you want us to table all the proposals that are listed in the consensus?

EJ – yes or do nothing because otherwise this all falls apart.

FT – you are satisfied that this represents a dominating interest of all three gear groups?

EJ – some individual gillnetters in particular are going to oppose it. It stands a good chance if the ACs support. This is the biggest commercial issue in front of the Board this year. We should take it up on the 29th.

JH – motion to table Proposal 244 until the 29th.

JM 2nd

EJ – motion to table

FT 2nd

JB question

13 y, 0 n

JB – Motion to table discussion of Consensus Draft Allocation Scheme and inclusive proposals (244, 245, 246, 267, 268, 271, 273, 274 & 327) until Jan 29th. Prior to that time we will continue to work our way through the proposal book

TO 2nd

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JB Question

13 Y, 0 N Motion to table until the 29th passes

TO-Move to additionally table most groundfish proposals (later specifically identified as proposals 296, 297, 298, 308, 311, 312, 333, 335, 341, 345, 346, 347, 349 & 351) until Jan 22nd since the AC members with the most knowledge of this topic will be out of town until then.

2nd ed & passed unanimously without further discussion

Move to adjourn JB

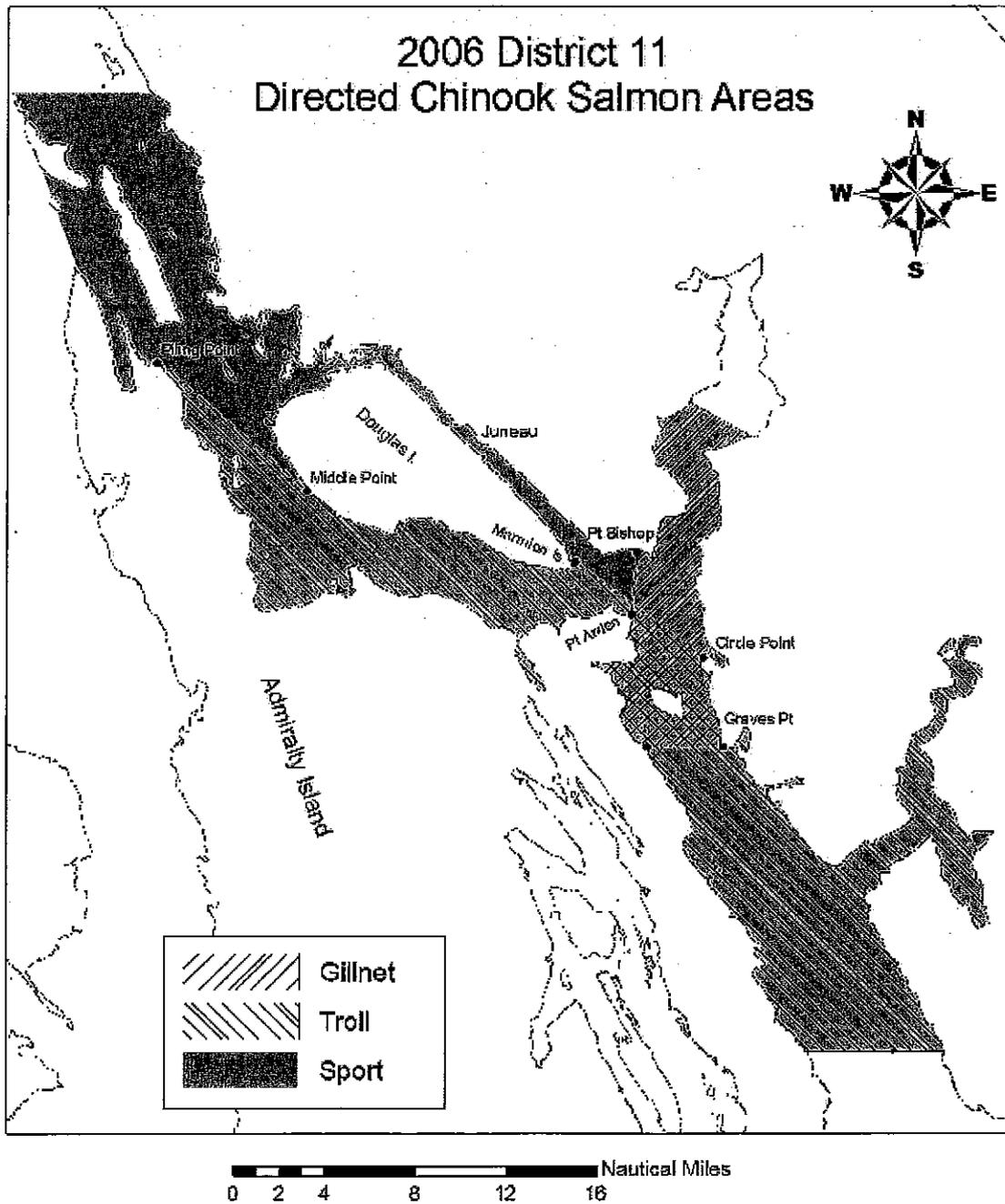
JM 2nd

13 y, 0 n

Meeting adjourned 21:20

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Committee present:

Tad Fujioka -trapping (chair)

Jerry Barber- hunting (vice-chair)

John Murray- power troll

Ken Ash - hand troll

Pete Roddy- shellfish

Erik Bahnsen -charter

Joel Hansen -(fishing) guide

Floyd Tompkins- conservation

Mo Johnson - seine

Karen Johnson at-large (left early, just prior to discussion of proposals 286-287)

Mike Baines- sport fish

Jack Lorrigan- subsistence (arrived late, just prior to discussion of proposals 249-252)

ADF&G:

Troy Tydinco- sport fish (left early)

Dave Gordon - commercial fish

Cleo Brylinski - ground fish

Public:

Harvey Kitka

Ryan Wilson

Meeting begins 18:30

<Note: Secretary Tory O'Connell was not present, so these minutes are a compilation of notes taken by John Murray and Tad Fujioka. The views presented were all given by individual AC members, but in most cases the specific individual is not identified unless their constituency makes the proposal obviously relevant to them.>

- Request for volunteer to represent the AC at the Sitka meeting- no takers

Proposal 247-codify current practice for Stikine area troll openings

Question called after silence following request for discussion

Support 11-0**Proposal 248- keep trolling open in Yakatat throughout 2nd king opening**

- This would give more opportunity to trollers- perceived as a good thing

Support 11-0

Jack Lorrigan arrives

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Proposals 249, 250, 251 & 252 Allow multiple gear types to be on board simultaneously while fishing

Motion to allow consideration of all four proposals together passes 11-1

- These proposals are "on the right track"
- Supports 252 regardless of whether the other proposals are passed
- 251 & 252 seem to provide for reasonable restrictions to prevent illegal fishing
- Mo (seine rep) wants to make sure that a seine/troll combination is allowed, not just gillnet/troll and makes a motion to amend motion to include this combination

Motion to amend to also allow one unit of seine gear and one unit of troll gear passes 12-0 with little discussion except to note that not many people currently seine & troll off of the same vessel. The discussion resumes on the four proposals.

- This would be a particular advantage to fishermen of hatchery kings; more of these valuable fish would get caught; this is a good thing
- Mo (seine rep)- Perhaps one detail to include might be a restriction that a seine / troll vessel couldn't have a seine skiff on board or in tow while trolling
- General support for this concept- let's let BOF work out the details in committee

Joint motion on proposals 249, 250, 251 & 252 with amendment to also allow one unit of seine gear and one unit of troll gear is supported 11-1

Proposal 253 -Increase allowable length of seiner to 75'

- Mo (seine rep)- Opposed to this proposal at the current time; There is a plan underway to reduce the size of the seine fleet though a buy-back program. Right now there is a good chance that the buy-back program could work since there are many seine permits that are not being fished since there is a shortage of 58' boats to use them. Presumably this is also keeping the price of seine permits down. Allowing larger boats would mean more potential seiners meaning an increase in the size of the fleet. This would be counter productive to the buyback program. Perhaps once the fleet size has been reduced, then this proposal might be worth considering.
- Is a larger boat more efficient?
 - Mo (seine rep) Larger boat not likely to result in higher catches in most cases, but the extra room allows onboard processing which could lead better product/ higher value
 - a 75' boat might be more efficient in bad weather- i.e. Noyes Island fishery

Fails 0-12

Proposal 254- allow rollers and add-ons to exceed 58' length limit for seiners

- Dave explained proposal
- What is the definition of an "add-on"; Can you add-on 10' of deck space?
- Proposal is too vague

Fails 0-12

Proposals 255 & 256 No comment - out of area

Proposal 257- Change gillnet openings to start on Monday

- Oppose changing opening dates for religious reasons; different religions have different holy days
- Dave: ADF&G opposes this, would like to have catch data coming early enough in the week to process data and make decisions during work week

Fails 1-11**Proposal 258 - Change gillnet openings to start on Monday**

-Separate motion not made, but gave explanation that position and comments for Proposal 257 (above) apply here as well

Proposal 259- Change gillnet openings to start on Monday for Dist 8

-Motion made & seconded to approve; after brief discussion motion made to table on the grounds that this is out of our area and that we have made our position clear on Prop 257.
-Motion to table passes 11-1

Proposal 260- Out of Area No Comment**Proposal 261- Develop Northern SE seine mgnt plan**

- ADF&G neutral since allocative
- Mo (seine rep)- the current Northern SE plan is good. It is conservative and this is a good thing.
- Dave explains that the current management plan is for terminal harvest area fisheries based on the strength of individual stocks rather than a mixed stock fishery
- This proposal doesn't have enough detail
- Can't figure out the purpose of this proposal
- This is allocative; need more details as to the effect to know whether to support it

Fails 0-12**Proposal 262- make changes to the Northern SE seine mgnt plan**

- ADF&G neutral since allocative
- sockeye interception is a very complex issue; don't know how to evaluate the impact of this proposal
- Mo (seine rep) reminded the AC of the USFS project currently underway at Kanalku to make it easier for returning fish to get to the lake. (This was discussed in depth last meeting.) Suggested that if effective, this would solve Angoon's problem; Wants to wait and see if this project is successful before restricting seine fleet.
- Harvey Kitka (public) said that the escapement at Kanulku this year was very poor (about 8 fish)
- Dave: Pink and sockeye returns were very low this year in Northern inside but warned not to assume that just because there were few sockeye despite minimal seining that doesn't mean that an intensive seine fishery wouldn't depress the sockeye run, but that doesn't mean that it would either.

Fails 2-8 (2 abstain)

Proposal 263- allow seine vessels to carry two nets

- Mo (seine rep) in favor of this proposal even though his boat is too small to carry a second net
- This is allowed for herring- why not for salmon?
- Dave-ADF&G opposed to this proposal because it would change harvest patterns and they have no idea how much it would change them so they wouldn't be able to use past season's data to manage in the same manner as in the past; they are not opposed to this idea in hatchery THA fisheries
- Friendly amendment made to restrict this proposal to hatchery THAs
- Against original proposal (for wild stocks) since once these fish are schooling in shallow water they are meant to go up the stream; supports the amended proposal since hatchery fish are meant to be caught
- Not sure how many boats would do this if limited to hatchery THAs since if you bring a second net to a hatchery fishery this would keep you from fishing elsewhere unless you could find a place to store the extra net
- Mo (seine rep) thought that a few boats might try it anyway. They might be able to stash the extra net on a tender if they wanted to fish a non-hatchery opening. Even if nobody took advantage of the amended proposal it won't hurt anything.

Supported as amended to restrict to hatchery THAs 10-2

Proposals 264 & 265 No comment -out of area

Proposals 266- 282 Out of area and/or non-controversial house-keeping; did not address other than to say that the AC is generally pretty happy with the current implementation of hatchery THAs

Proposal 283- Defining Sheldon-Jackson Hatchery THA

- Sheldon Jackson hatchery is now called Sitka Sound Science Center
- Dave provided a map showing the past and proposed boundary of the SJ THA (not included in minutes due to lack of electronic version) explained that in some years under the old THA boundary there were a lot of wild Indian River fish that was taken as cost-recovery
 - There is no limit on the number or value of fish that may be taken for cost-recovery though if the department sees abuse they have authority to restrict / terminate cost recovery fishery.
 - There is no practical manner to completely separate hatchery fish from Indian River fish due to physical proximity of the two.
- Mo (seine rep) want to reduce the cost-recovery area since otherwise the common-property fishermen are not allowed to fish those waters and denied access to the Indian River fish
 - The pinks don't always gather in front of Indian River in the same manner every year, but when the fish are schooled up in the shallows in front of Indian River they are very susceptible to harvest

Supported 11-0 (1 abstained due to conflict of interest)

Proposals 284 & 285 Out of area and/or non-controversial house-keeping; did not address other than to say that the AC is generally pretty happy with the current implementation of hatchery THAs

Karen Johnson left

Proposal 286 eliminate exception for preserved fish in sport possession limit

- John (power troll rep) gave background / reason why ATA proposed this by explaining that some (but certainly not most) charter clients seemed to be catching excessive amount of fish for a sport fishing experience
- Joel (fishing guide rep) OK with this proposal in concept, agrees with idea of preventing stacks and stacks of wet-lock boxes; doesn't condone excesses, but thinks that folks who come on private yachts and stay for long periods of time might want to catch more than their possession limit and should be allowed to do so
- Currently yacht owners can keep > 2 days bag limit. Feels that this is ok; if the boat has a big freezer, the owner ought to be allowed to utilize it, but nonetheless will support the proposal
- Jerry- this is too restrictive; excessive harvest by individual charter clients is an issue best addressed though education - education of guides and then the guides need to educate their clients
- Likes the idea of this proposal, but thinks that enforcement will be lacking since it will be very hard to tell how many fish are in a box once the fish have been filleted, chunked, bagged and frozen
- John (power troll rep)- This proposal is intended to accompany proposal 288 (requiring written harvest record for coho); that's how you would tell how many frozen coho are in the boxes
- This is too restrictive; the excess baggage charge that Alaska Airlines has implemented has already cut down on the amount of fish that charter clients are taking back with them, as have conservation-minded guides
- TSA is taking their share too. Quite often a person's cooler will have been opened. It will have a TSA flier in it but will be short a piece of fish.
- Fuzzy recollection that 15+ years ago the exception was only for fish that were preserved to the point that they would be fit for human consumption after 21 days. In other words fish frozen in a freezer connected to electrical power would qualify but frozen fish in a wet-lock box or portable cooler wouldn't. When did this change?
 - Nobody else seemed to recall any prior changes to the current exception rule.

Supported 9-2

Proposal 287 -considered to be identical 286- see comments and position above

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Proposal 288- require written harvest record and 12 fish annual limit for coho

- Joel (fishing guide rep)-opposes proposal; understands the concept, but the record keeping would be a logistical nightmare; coho often bite in flurries- would be a real pain to have to stop fishing to record the catch
- Dave- There is not a conservation concern for SE coho
- Erik (charter rep)-supports the concept (of written harvest record) but it is too hard to do paper work when the fish are biting
- Jerry- 12 fish annual limit is unreasonably small
- Floyd- supports proposal because of the value of the data that would be collected from the harvest records
- Pete- not sure if 12 fish is a good number for the annual limit, but there ought to be some limit- maybe 18 would be better
- Jack-this gets to the quality of the fishing experience versus quantity of fish. For some clients the charter is about the experience, for others it is about how much fish can I catch and bring home; We ought to be supporting the first kind of client while discouraging the latter kind
- Joel- having to stop fishing during a good bite to write down your catch would detract from the quality of the experience
- Ken (hand troll rep) Would the charter fleet rather have time and area restrictions? This is a conservation issue. It's just not at a crisis point yet. There was a time when folks didn't think that there was a conservation issue with king salmon. Now it is clear that there is one. Coho will go the same way if we aren't proactive.
- Jerry - there's no conservation issue here; I can't support this
- Mike- 12 fish limit might be low, but let the BOF figure out the appropriate number
- This would require an incredible amount of work and won't change anything
- Could support this proposal if completing the harvest record was understood to be a requirement before returning to the dock at the end of the day, but not if required immediately after landing each fish
- Recording each fish is just like punching your deer tag. It's not that big of a deal. Just do it.
- The average charter client isn't abusing the system, but some are.
- Ok with applying this to charter clients, but the 12 fish limit is too restrictive for non-charter non-residents
- Three reasons to support this proposal: 1) While there might not be a southeast-wide conservation issue, local subsistence needs require avoiding localized depletions 2) the charter industry has demanded the right to attract clients without fully accepting responsibility for the actions of these clients; while there has been a recent change in attitude amongst many skippers, this could change back at any time 3) the record keeping requirement will give F&G better data about the non-resident harvest
- The sportfishing charter business should be about the opportunity to try to catch fish, not about maximizing the poundage taken.
- Would like to see the annual limit increased, but will support the proposal as written.
- It's a physical challenge and a hassle to mark a card for each fish.

Supported 6-5

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Proposal 289 Require harvest record for non-resident coho anglers (many of the comment under proposal 288 above apply to this proposal as well)

- This is way less restrictive than 288 since it doesn't impose the annual limit.
- Proposal doesn't address when the harvest record would have to be filled out so will support the proposal with the assumption that it can be filled out at the end of the day instead of immediately after each coho.
- Don't like having to mark a card after each fish; Will oppose the proposal on the assumption that the card will have to be marked immediately after landing each coho.
- Charter operators already are required to maintain log books so little additional data would be gained.

Supported 8-3

Proposal 290- make steelhead catch & release in all but 16 streams

- Really dislike this proposal for a number of reasons:
 - 1) The current 36" minimum size is already highly conservative; these large fish are predominately male hence excess to spawning needs and predominately repeat spawners hence they have had the chance to pass on their genes.
 - 2) This will displace effort from the many small streams to the 16 listed streams. This will cause overall catch to go up and a corresponding increase in total mortality- both harvest and catch & release mortality will rise since the 16 systems are ones with relatively high numbers (but still not so high that conservation isn't a concern) and are systems that people can easily obtain information on run timing & how to fish etc. Similar information on the small streams is hard to come by since the few people who know aren't very willing to share. The value of this information is currently protecting the fish in the smaller streams.
 - 3) This sets a bad precedent of having specific systems with regulations more liberal than the overall general regulations. The only current examples of this are where ADF&G wants to increase the fishing pressure in certain areas.
- Was told by Troy Tydinco of ADF&G sport fish (who had left the meeting early so was not present to speak for himself) that the department submitted this proposal solely to have a political foothold in their effort to get the Federal Subsistence Board to restrict the subsistence regulations. Since the subsistence board did not change their regulations, Troy said that ADF&G was planning to ask that this proposal be withdrawn.

Fails 0-11

Move to adjourn at 21:00

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SITKA FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINTUES: 1/22/2009

Meeting called to order at 18:30 at the NSRAA conference room

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Jerry Barber - JB Hunting- vice-chair

Jon Hickman -Jhi Processor

Mo Johnson - MJ Seine

Mike Baines - MB Sportfish

Tory O'Connell -TO Alternate

Dick Curran -DC Longline

Joel Hanson - JH Guiding

Floyd Tomkins -FT Conservation

Ken Ash -KA Hand troll

John Murray -JM Power troll

Erik Bahnsen -EB Charter

Jack Lorrigan -JL Subsistence

ADF&G staff in attendance:

Dave Gordon -DG, Commercial Fisheries Sitka Area Biologist

Patti Skannes, Troll Biologist, Commercial Fisheries

Mike Vaughn, Groundfish Biologist, Commercial Fisheries

Public Participation:

Walt Pasternak- WP

Fred Fayette

Jim Doggett

Michael Knauss

Rick Steffey

Eric Morisky

Robert Kaylor

Randy Gluth- RG

Agenda adopted by unanimous consent

Proposal 291: Steelhead catch and release on 24 streams

JB MTA, MJ 2nd

JB supported proposal, no conservation concern and current size limit makes it difficult to retain steelhead.

DG presented ADF&G information (sport fish div staff are all in Petersburg for BOF) – Dept is neutral, no conservation concern.

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* Correction to Sitka AC Comments on Proposal
#292

Also, in going over these minutes I happened to notice that our comments and vote on Proposal 292 somehow didn't get into the minutes for Jan 22 that were transmitted to you.

Here is a summary of our comments regarding Proposal 292 to Reduce the Dolly Varden bag limit:

- * No conservation issue in this area. There are lots of dollies here.
- * A 20" dolly isn't really all that big of a fish around here.
- * This would limit Mac's Sporting Goods annual Dolly Varden derby.

Vote was 0-12

Thanks, Tad

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JH Called the Question

2 Y, 10 N, 1 A

293: Liberalize dogfish bag limits

JL MTA, JH 2nd

TF explained his reasoning for proposal. Dogfish don't need same protection as salmon sharks.

TO explained history of regulation.

JM Question

12 Y, 0 N, 1 A

294: Close terminal areas of regional aquaculture associations to salmon harvest by the charter industry.

JHa MTA, JB 2ND

JHa asked WP (author) to explain intent of proposal. JHa explained that the Boat Company has been voluntarily donating \$5-10K annually to the NSRAA to support hatchery production. He thought the concept had merit but that the proposal is worded poorly.

WP explained that although the Boat Company may be a good steward, the majority in the charter industry are not paying towards production. He views this proposal as a vehicle to discuss this issue. He said that NSRAA supports the proposal but no one was there to speak to it.

JM agreed that this is an issue in some areas but pointed out that in SSRAA areas sport fish money does go towards hatchery production.

FT asked about terminal license access permit for charter or other regulations?

JB wanted a definition of terminal harvest areas, felt that this was too restrictive.

MJ understands WP frustration but thinks this is too restrictive. He has no problem with charter vessels fishing in seine areas as these are public waterways.

JHi would like to hear from NSRAA

JL believes there is a problem applying this region wide as DIPAC has sport funds as well.

TO: Motion to take no action on the proposal, but make a statement to the effect that: the SFGA supports the concept of guided charter industry and nonresident anglers being assessed an access fee in order to fish in terminal harvest areas targeting hatchery production and suggests NSRAA address this with the BOF.

DC 2nd motion to take no action

WP: NSRAA will speak in favor of this and wants the committee to defer action until the next meeting when NSRAA will be here for other hatchery proposals

EB said that charter industry would be open to talking about this, there are others that give voluntarily to hatcheries.

KA thinks this proposal keeps coming back every cycle – committee should vote it up or down.

TO withdraw motion to take no action

JH motion to table until an NSRAA representative is present JL 2nd

9 Y, 3 N, 1 A

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295: create plan to address catch and release mortality of salmon

JB MTA, MJ 2nd

JM submitted proposal. In low abundance years there is lots of catch and release mortality. This is meant to be advisory only.

JB supports proposal, well written

WP said that education is critical

MB called the question, 2nd

13 Y, 0 N, 0 A

296, 287, 298: proposals defining sport fishing gear – prohibiting/allowing electric reels

JM Motion to table until Jan 29 meeting as Eric Jordan has alternate language to consider JB 2nd

TO called the question

12 Y, 1 N, 0 A to table these proposals for now

299: Allow cast net for herring charter operations for catching bait

JM MTA, JL 2nd

JM- what is the regulation now?

DG- Non residents have to catch herring under sportfishing regs (limited to hook and line) can't use personal use fish in a business operation. Commercial fishermen can catch 1-3 tons for use as bait through the Dept. permit. Charter skippers that are Alaska residents can catch herring using nets under personal use regulations, but these herring can't be used as bait in a sportfishing charter business.

There would be two ways to go about this- either to allow herring fishing with nets under sporting regulations or to include charter sportfishing as an permissible use of personal use-caught herring.

JHa – key consideration here is equity – other commercial fishermen can use alternate gear to catch herring for bait, why not charter? Charter are commercial too.

JHa – no conservation concern so why not?

MB – in favor of this – crazy for the limit given that herring come here to spawn by the tons

JB – in support

DG – Dept is opposed to this as they don't want to see cast nets used in sport fisheries

JL called the question

8 y, 5 n

300: housekeeping to clarify current sport fishing regulation

JM MTA, KA 2nd, JM call the Question

13 Y, 0 N

301: Require use of single barbless hooks for salmon if intending to catch and release

JL MTA, JB 2nd

DG: Department is opposed because of difficulties in enforcing and perceived negligible effects

JB – not in favor, how would you deal with other gear on board?

JM – in favor of concept but not good vehicle

JHa – opposed for several reasons including the perception that hook and release is acceptable practice
TO – against most hook and release and certainly against hook and release for Chinook – will be
opposing this proposal because it seems to encourage hook and release but will be supporting 302.

WP – these proposals keep coming up, sport fish has a bias toward hook and release

DG – CTC uses a 16% mortality rate for hook and release of kings in sport and troll fisheries

JM called the question.

3 Y, 10 N, 0 A

302: 1st legal bag limit taken must be retained

JL MTA, MB 2nd

JHa – concerned that it doesn't specify king salmon in salt water. He would like to amend it to apply to salt water.

TF- allowable bag limit for kings is variable- not always two fish.

JL – accept as friendly amendments; MB agrees

Friendly amendment to restrict proposal only to king salmon in saltwater & to change "two" to "legal bag limit".

JM – why aren't we including cohos too? Makes motion to include cohos

JHa – not friendly, would like to stick with kings. There is a lot of hook and release of silvers in terminal areas and there is much less conservation concern since mature near-spawners are not as prone to suffer scale-loss etc as ocean feeders.

KA 2nd the amendment to include coho

RG – agrees that cohos should be included but does not want to diminish focus on kings.

TF – I don't want to keep cohos if I'm catching kings, this would say I have to?

JHi – no, this applies just to guided fishermen

MB – opposed, no one catches and releases cohos, they keep all their catch

EB – run risk of amendment not getting past the BOF, definitely supports for kings

JHi called the question on coho amendment

7 y, 6 n

JHa called the question on amended proposal- All legal king and coho salmon caught in saltwater must be retained up to an angler's legal limit.

12 y, 1 n

303: allow unguided anglers to have a pole for jigging herring while fishing for salmon

TO MTA, JL 2nd

FT question

11 Y, 1 N, 1 A

304: Prohibit removing from water steelhead under 36"

JB MTA, JM 2nd

FT felt this was unenforceable

DG – Dept is neutral, no conservation concerns

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JL Called the question

2 Y, 10 N, 1 A

305: Prohibit the use of felt soles

JM MTA, JL 2nd

JHa- I work with a lot of professional fly fishermen. They are pretty conscientious. This is not a big issue here (whirling disease and invasive species). Education and good practices can do the job.

JL – vote against it because it would be a safety issue for ADF&G and FS personnel doing stream field work.

FT – what is the scientific view of this?

DG – New Zealand doesn't allow felt. Dept is neutral but does support educating anglers to the risk

KA – invasive species is more of a problem all the time

JM – this could elevate level of discussion – it's a good thing, I move to add amendment to limit this to sport fishermen

KA 2nd

JL – Called question on amendment

12 y, 1 N

MB called question on amended proposal

9 y, 4 N

306: Consolidate sport fishing regs (housekeeping)

JM MTA, DC 2nd

DC – Dept sees this as housekeeping to better organize regulations

KA Called the Question

13 Y, 0 N

307: Prohibit Charter fishing vessel from being used in subsistence or personal use fisheries within 30 days of charter activity.

JH MTA, JB 2nd

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TO – frustrated by gross violations though she appreciates JHa's concerns.

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A/C Comment# 2

8 Y, 5 N

308: Restrict subsistence and personal use fishing by commercial lodge or charter operators

TO MTA, JB 2nd

JHa – this is too broad a regulation – no B&B could have personal use fish in their freezer if any of their guests went charter fishing. This is a huge enforcement issue with huge collateral damage.

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JB 2nd

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11 Y, 1 N, 1 A

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12 Y, 1 N

309: Establish an allocation of coho salmon

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310: Fish ticket requirement for charter industry

JM MTA, JL 2nd

FT – how would this work?

JHa – forwarded communication from Dale Kelley (ATA). It would be a four-copy form that would provide tracking of catch as one copy goes with client, one copy stays with guide and two copies go to Dept. Would support this if it replaces logbook but would not like to see an additional requirement.

WP (proposal author) – I have no problem with that, accountability is key

JB: Timely and accurate accounting is a good thing, could halibut be included?

EB – Clients have to sign for halibut now, I like that this could be state of the art.

EB make a motion to amend to say “in lieu of logbooks”

JB 2nd

TO – may need effort data on the fish ticket if losing the logbook

JB – called the question on the amendment to add "in lieu of logbooks"

12 Y, 1 N

TO – called the question on the amended proposal

13 Y, 0 N

311, 312, 313: allow inspection of lodges

JH MTC all three proposal together, TO 2nd

JH called the question of considering all three together

13 Y, 0 N

JHa – fundamental right of privacy issue. How will this pass legal review? Pretty free and easy with other peoples rights.

DC – It is this way already on fishing boats. I live on my boat and enforcement can come on board and check my drawers, look in bunks, fridge – everywhere.

TO – feel strongly that because lodges are making a living taking public resources they need to be open to the same inspection as commercial fishermen

JL – constitutional law issues here, particularly object to lodges having to provide accommodation for enforcement

TO – fail to see how this is any different that what happens with processors or commercial fishermen, Waterfall Lodge is one of the biggest resource extractors in SSE yet they don't have to let enforcement on their property

JL – big brotheresque

JHa – can see how this is a problem for enforcement at places like Waterfall, but proposals need to be written differently

RS – are there inspections that check menu plans? (to see if seafood that is served is being purchased or harvested) The fish ticket could help with this as well.

JHi – I take a lot of sport fishing and hunting vacations in the lower forty-eight and I would say it is very common in the mid-west for DNR to have full access to lodges and vessels and homes participating in guide activities.

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KA – believe that lodges on the road system are inspected already

MB Called the question to support 311, 312, 313

11 Y, 2 N

JB Motion to Adjourn 2nd JL

13 Y, 0 N

Adjourned at 21:37

Next meeting 1/27 at 18:30, finfish proposals and statewide hunting proposals (light green book)

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Jeff Farvour – JF at-large
Eric Jordan – EJ alternate
Jack Lorrigan – JL (arrived at 18:45)
Pete Roddy –PR shellfish

ADF&G staff in attendance:

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Cleo Brylinsky, CB - Groundfish Project Leader, Commercial Fisheries
Mike Vaughn, MV _ Groundfish Biologist, Commercial Fisheries
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Rick Steffey, RS
Fred Fayette, FF
Steve Reifentuhl, SR – NSRAA & Silver Bay Seafoods
Terry Perenovich- TB longline
Harvey Kitka- HK
Cheston Clark - CC

Pete gave a report on BOF shellfish meeting in Petersburg. He represented the AC at this meeting.

EJ - Move that AC work with groups to work host a reception for the upcoming BOF meeting in Sitka.

PR 2nd

EJ, TO, JF, EB, DC will help organize that; EJ was volunteered to chair the effort.

14 Y

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Troll Proposals: (ADF&G handouts)**Proposal 320: allow uncaught winter king quota to be available during spring fishery**EJ MTA, 2nd JB

EJ - FF (proposal author) is present. Let's have him explain.

FF – If there fish left after the winter season I would like those to be caught in May and June instead of July 1. We are way behind in our hatchery allocation and this would help, it would help the people that are only trolling and need more spring opportunity. This time of year there is a better price & higher percentage of hatchery fish than during summer. This would give Dept more flexibility to leave a spring area open if it is a borderline call to close it due to numbers of treaty fish being caught. (Such as the Biorka island district the past couple of years)

WP – supports this proposal – important to keep fish on market and spreading the catch out is better. Very important for young people and old people that don't have IFQs

EJ – Fisheries in the spring have evolved. Dept has been proactive in giving us latitude and optimizing value of troll fishery. It is only a minority of troll fleet that are fishing all year – but the value of the spring fishery is adding value to the summer season since having troll-caught Chinook available year round is important to keeping markets open. Also this proposal would increase % of hatchery production that we catch. This will help trollers catch our share of the hatchery-produced fish. I'm 100% behind this.

KA – I'm 101% behind this as a hand troller...I'm one of those oldies.

JM – I beg to differ with my friends around the table. The Biorka Island district was open quite a bit. The reason areas are closed is because there are too many treaty fish. This is really an allocation from the winter into the spring.

FF – the last few years there has been no fish at Biorka, in the past it was only open for 1 day so we couldn't meet the threshold. If the cap is flexible it gives them a little room. The charter guys hammer on the hatchery fish in the Western Channel district all spring. We're only allowed there occasionally.

JM – the intent was to stay off treaty fish and Biorka has been open three or four years.

ADFG has been very liberal with us.

PR – if I'm reading this right, the intent is to take left over, uncaught fish from the winter fishery and rather than reserving until July, take them in May and June when they are worth more money. This is neutral on treaty implications, but I think it could result in a slightly shorter summer season.

TO – This proposal is not taking from the winter fishery, although it could be taken from the summer fishery.

PS – Dept is neutral. Spring harvest might increase slightly, effect would be more apparent in years with low quotas, otherwise you wouldn't notice it. Long term effects would be hard to assess.

TF – Table 16 shows that the spring fishery catches 30%-50% hatchery fish. What is the hatchery percentage in the summer fishery?

PS – 3-5% at the most

EJ – how many fish per day are we catching in the summer?

PS – 11,000/day. We are still managing to treaty limits and would be cautious.

FF – that is exactly what I'm talking about

PR – this might raise price of fish for the July opening if the catch then was smaller.

JH – is ATA in support of this?

FF – No.

JM – Is the intent of this to open Salisbury and Biorka May 1?

FF – No. it gives Dept some flexibility with a spring fishery with the cap.

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JM- couldn't this preclude a later fishery if too much is taken in May
WP – here we are talking about reallocating fish. Originally winter fishery was Oct 1 then moved to Oct 11, then freezer boats put a number on the winter fishery limiting the local access to this fishery.
This is about giving local opportunity and fish to market and catch hatchery fish.

? TO

12 Y, 2 N, 1A

Proposal 321: Adjust GHL in winter salmon troll fishery for hatchery fish

PR MTA, JM 2

EJ – I keep putting this proposal forward and it keeps failing, ATA doesn't support it. It's divisive but I'm not going to push it but I am going to vote for it.

JM – I'm not going to vote for this proposal but in concept I like it. In years of low abundance it isn't the way to go. I supported it the previous cycle and tried to get it through the ATA board. I hope EJ keeps trying.

JB – what is Dept's stand?

PS – neutral. Task force in 1994 assumed that the winter fishery would be 19% hatchery; the hatchery catch has been 10%. In years with low abundance and 15% off the top it's going to mean fewer fish for summer and will reduce summer opening 0-2 days. It might increase overall release mortality.

WP – contribution in winter is 10%, 3% in summer? I support this, this is hatchery fish raised locally. We need more time.

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10 Y, 2 N, 3 A

Proposal 322: Remove winter salmon closure in District 8

PR MTA, JM 2nd

JM – how does the Dept feel?

PS – neutral but support regs that are conservation oriented.

PR – there are fish there, many are white kings.

TO – Is there a conservation concern?

PS – unlikely that many Stikine fish would be caught because they don't arrive in the area until after the winter season has closed.

PR –so no concern from transboundary fish if this was open?

PS – correct, those fish monitored very closely

? JB

15 Y, 0 N

Proposal 323: ADFG repeal subsection f of spring salmon troll fishery(Cross Sound Pink & Chum district)

JM MTA, PR 2nd

PR – proposals 323 and 324 are confusing – what does the Dept say?

PS – this area was set up to be an index for pink and chum runs through Icy Strait and that is no longer need. Participation is very low. This proposal would do away with the area but we could still open it as a spring troll

area with the intent of catching hatchery kings which are limited to 500 now and could open it May 1 instead of June.

JH – how does it dovetail with the next proposal?

PS – 324 would delay opening of the fishery beginning the 2nd Monday in June and open 7 days a week or until the 500 fish cap is achieved. So proposal 324 is more restrictive.

PR – sounds to me that 324 would be to the detriment of the commercial troll fleet and to the benefit of the charter fleet.

PS – The Elfin Cove proposal (324) allows 7 days a week opening.

JM – I looked at 323 as housekeeping and I think I support 324 but maybe I didn't get why the Dept would pick different dates than the Elfin Cove AC.

PS – we didn't work in concert with them. Elfin Cove committee wanted to liberalize the regs but didn't know that we were going to propose to something else.

EJ – I have fished up there – the picture on the screen is of the hand troll fishing on the Three Hill drag (EJ had a projector going of nice fishing pictures during the meeting). I also fished pinks and chums in this fishery. The real value in this fishery is the chum production. I hope the committee sorts this all out. Their concern is that they will lose a named opportunity to target chums that are headed to DIPAC and Hidden Falls. Low effort over the last few years is because price is poor and king fishing is good. These fish are sold in the round, thus there needs to be a tender nearby since it is too far to run to the nearest plant to sell fish every day. Thus, unless there was a conservation thing I tend to support the Elfin Cove proposal. Without 7 days a week of fishing, the processor won't want to commit a tender. We should support both and hope it gets worked out in committee.

PR – Is the Elfin Cove advisory committee wanting to keep trollers off the king salmon while charter catches them – is that not the case?

EJ – no, the Dept has given the troll fleet opportunity in May anyway in adjacent districts.

PS – we would try and maximize the number of days for Kings and certainly they can keep chum – but we may need to cut back on days if the hatchery component of kings is low.

EJ – what has happened in the past - the guys targeting pinks and chums don't catch kings but other folks keep an eye on it and will fish kings if you can catch them.

EJ – I don't support the Dept position and they are going to manage on treaty percentage of kings and that isn't what this is about. No offense to the Dept.

PS – catches have been: since 1999 617 Kings to 12 Kings; 20 last year, 6 permits fished, 0% Alaska hatchery. Not attracting a lot of attention. I don't have the pink and chum catch.

JM – confused on this. This fishery instead of being pink and chum access would now become a hatchery opening.

PS – likely

JM – what if they caught 100 kings but they aren't hatchery fish? Would that shut them down?

PS – potentially

FF – doesn't it seem that the last few years the catch is low because there are no buyers? Just because the numbers are down doesn't mean there are no fish there right?

EJ – yup.

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Proposal 324: Allow 7 day a week Cross Sound fishery**PR MTA, JM 2nd**

See discussion for Proposal 323 above.

12 Y, 1 N, 2 A**Proposal 325: Extend closing date for Coho to Sept 30****JM MTA, 2nd PR**

JM – Dept position?

PS – neutral because could allocate between troll and gillnet fisheries.

JM – I think this is a good proposal. You could still close by EO if necessary. I think politics get in the way of extensions. This could help us catch hatchery fish.

EJ – I spoke to my mother about this. The Sept 20th was for canneries so they had a known closing date and chums were done by then. What has happened in recent years is the last week has been really good along the coast and fishing between 20 and 30th has been tremendous when open. If this isn't a conservation concern than I'm in favor.

JM – I want to agree with Eric – some of the runs are coming in later and later.

JH – I know down in Meyers Chuck and Whale Pass there are good slugs of coho that come in real late and the trollers should have access.

MJ – I am on the other side of issue on this one. This came up at the last cycle and the Dept opposed it last time so I am surprised they are neutral now. The last time this came up it was a knee jerk reaction. In 2001 Dept announced the scheduled closure but then they reopened fishery and it caught people off guard. The next four years the season was extended for late runs. In 2008 3 of the last 4 years it hasn't been extended. The average mid season closure is longer by 5 days. Closing on the 20th is responsible; The net fisheries are off the grounds then. I would like to keep fishing but you have to make sure you get escapement. Notice issues are not valid, as there has been adequate notice. That late in September management policy should be to let fish go to streams and spawn. By changing the wording, the pressure is on management to keep it open.PR – The statement that net gear is out of the water on the 20th isn't true for the gillnet fishery. This becomes an allocation issue for the gillnet fishery. Even if this proposal passes, they can close trolling by EO if it's a conservation issue.

TF – Pattie, if the season was extended would you length the midseason closure?

PS – not necessarily

TF – I have heard from many fishermen that the peak of coho run been getting later. Does the Dept data support this?

PS – we don't have hard data, but it does seem like there is often good fishing right before the closure

EJ – after listening to MJ I am changing my mind to weigh on the side of conservation. There is a record of the Dept extending the season in recent years.

TO – what is the real conservation concern? The Dept must have a feeling on that.

PS – the troll manager does think that it is harder to write an EO to close early, justifying an extension is easier.

JM – I still think the Dept has a lot of latitude. They can EO to close the whole thing and there are plenty of closure areas. I think this takes some of the politics out of it. The Juneau gillnetters have a lot of influence.

JF – I don't think I'll vote in favor of this, I am a little confused though. Are there many coho caught in gillnets that late in the season? How about sport fish?

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4 Y, 11 N

Proposal 326: Change dates of commercial coho troll fishery

PR MTA, JM 2nd

PR – I oppose this proposal.

JM – Coho prices might be somewhat low, but there are markets for these fish. It's just that most people are keying in on kings. This proposal is disruptive.

It might be different for the inside fishery.

EJ – I am not going to vote in favor of this. The numbers of coho caught in June was very small. On the other hand, we would make more money in the troll fishery if we delayed the troll season. July 1 is only good in high Chinook quota years. If the fishery is going to be focused on coho, a later start would be better because the cohos gain a pound a week that time of year. But we should be able to sell coho when we are catching kings. I would like to see the king season delayed in years of low abundance so we could benefit from bigger cohos later in the month.

PR – offer an amended to this proposal:

In years of low king salmon abundance to open summer king salmon troll season on July 10th.

EJ 2nd

MJ – a similar proposal came up last cycle and the problem with putting the Chinook fishery off is that the purse seiners will load up on kings and we are going to go over our king quota.

PR – what is PS take on my amendment?

PS – we suggested in Dept comments that we would delay whole season until the 10th rather than have a non coho-retention opening for kings followed immediately by a non-king retention opening for coho.

DG – MJ comment was interesting but we don't do a lot of fishing in our (Sitka) area before July 10th.

MJ – in district 4 we do fish earlier.

WP – The amendment is a poor idea and the proposal is a poor idea. Days of fishing is more important that size of fish.

PR withdraw amendment; Agreed to by EJ

RS – I'm a hand troller fishing Biorka. Catch and release is not a good thing. If this was to pass than I would have to shake silvers and I catch a lot of them.

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Proposal 328: Allow holders of hand troll permits to use two powered troll gurdies

PR MTA, JB 2nd

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0 Y, 15 N

Proposal 329: allow 4 handtroll gurdies after Jul 1 west of Cape Spencer

PR MTA, JM 2nd

JM - what is the history of this?

PS – I don't know history of gurdy limit only the number of hand troll permits which doubled in a short time. After limited entry the hand trollers were restricted to 2 lines as an 80:20 gear allocation between power and

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hand troll. The 80:20 split was intended to protect the power trollers. It was eliminated from the management plan once it became clear that the power trollers didn't have any problem catching 80% (1995). JH – I have a hard time voting against this because it was submitted by YAC and the hand troll fleet is so small so I move to table this motion and let them work with the BOF in Committee.

TO 2nd

JM – Is it just a Yakutat proposal? Sitka hand trollers could go up there and do this. Our fleet could benefit – the area is big, not just Yakutat Bay.

WP – this should be voted up or down, not tabled. This is a good deal for the hand trollers. We should support the AC

EJ – Joel makes a good point, this is an AC committee proposal. There has been a good deal of discussion on this proposal. Power trollers are only allowed to fish 6 lines in federal waters.

PR – I'm not in favor of tabling proposal, I want to vote on it. 30 years after limited entry there are very few that have not transferred. They bought them with an expectation that they could fish with 2 hand gurdies or 4 sport rods. This affects a large area. Why is this different than voting down the hand troller being able to use power gear?

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1 Y, 14 on motion to table

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4 Y, 10 N, 1 A on original proposal.

Groundfish Continued:

Proposal 296: Prohibit the use of electronic reels in sport fishing unless angler is handicapped

TO MTA, DC 2nd

EJ – two ways to approach this. The language is problematic because of the words “a downrigger can not be used in conjunction with a troll gurdy”. Some of us sport fish off of our trollers. In the past we had to sneak though a loophole that only allowed sportfishing off of trollers if the boat as also licensed as a charterboat. So we ended up chartering to ourselves. We finally got that restriction taken out so that now you can sportfish off of any troller. We use our troll gurdies as downriggers.

Also, there is language in this proposal that defines a rod such that you couldn't use a rod that doesn't have guides. New rods don't all have guides. Some are designed so that the line goes through the hollow blank. You can remove offending language - the purpose is to keep people from using a downrigger to catch their fish without a rod which is not sport fishing (and we all know people who put a spoon on the line tied directly to the downrigger weight) and to prohibit the use of mechanical reels to fish. My basic intent is to make this as simple as possible. So I make a motion to substitute this for the language in the proposal

“the use of power to retrieve sport hooked fish is prohibited”

EJ MTA with that language

PR 2nd

CC- I am here in support of the local charter industry – this is something that we can legally use as a fishing pole (put a huge reel –larger than most downriggers- with heavy duty monofilament line on table; The reel has both a hand crank as well as an electric motor)– this allows a huge amount of line and can target fish at any depth at any location. It is monofilament and has power but also a large hand crank so I don't really need power. I think it is absurd that the charter industry can use this set up. It is very inexpensive to buy. I am a charter fishermen but I can't support this. This allows for a huge amount of poundage.

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However, I would like to see the truly handicapped person be able to use a conventionally-sized electric reel. (I have a one-armed client).

JF – thanks for bringing that in. There was a lot of discussion during the BOF meeting in Petersburg. Aren't there provisions to allow handicapped people to use power under ADA?

TT- yes there is an exemption for handicapped.

CC – I would like to target handicapped client because they are so into the whole experience but allowing everyone power reels is wrong. I predicted this electric reel issue will explode. This is not sport. There are high bycatch problems and mortality in addition to the overwhelming effectiveness.

JF – In some other states they allow electric reels, but there are now people that are using commercial jigging machines. That is common in Chatham now. Some states that allow electric reels have said no "commercial" gear.

TO – in California they allow electric reels because they have very restrictive fishing regs (because of yelloweye rockfish) and they require sport fishermen to fish outside 100 fm. That is not the situation here. Allowing electric reels and jigging machines is essentially the same as allowing the use of a seine or gillnet in sport fishing – it is not sport gear.

EJ – Thanks Cheston. I may have to offer an amendment to allow handicapped persons the right to use power.

CC - be careful with definition of handicapped since I have seen people fully able to fish with handicapped parking stickers.

EB – the question I have – if it is legal to have it onboard to take line down but not bring it back how do you enforce it? I respect the effort that EJ has put in to the new language but I wonder if there might be a way to make clear intent. Also add that we don't want to see overexploiting stocks with sablefish and rockfish – bag limits are a companion proposal.

PR – regarding proposed amendment to amendment – there are already provisions in sport regs to allow use of powered gear for handicapped/disabilities for extraordinary means to harvest. The enforcement people that I talked to at the Petersburg meeting did think that this would be problem.

EJ – we aren't going to amend the amendment

EB – I am in support of this but I want to make sure there are provisions for the handicapped person.

TO – can support amendment but only with clarity of intent.

PR – the point of regulation is for a reasonable person to follow, not for every exception.

TT- Here's what 5AAC 75.038 says– the Dept will issue special exemptions to gear requirements provided that someone requesting them will get note from Dr specifying illness, and give the dept 30 days to review.

EB- As a charter fisherman I support the prohibition of power retrieval with the exception of handicapped but that regulation does not sound like what I could live with myself. 30 days is too long. I don't know how to get around it tonight.

CC – requiring 30 days for the handicapped will be the problem because of the cruise ship passenger

PR – can our committee send the message to the Dept of Law to get rid of 30 days review.

CC – there is a percentage of people that are going to break the law – What we need something to help the honest charter fishermen from using power.

EJ – This is a very important issue and we are making good progress. I would like to have substitute language: **The use of power to retrieve sport hooked fish is prohibited, except as authorized by 5AAC 75.038. (And make it less onerous for a handicapped person to obtain a permit under 5 AAC 75.038)**

MV – Do you want to rule that (points to CC's giant reel) out as a hand cranked fishing device too?

CC – I agree, you don't want these on a sport boat, powered or not.

TO – the definition of that might be a problem, if we pass this and the bag limit proposal then there would be little need to use that gear.

? on amendment

15 Y, 0 N

? on amended motion

15 Y, 0 N

Proposal 297: Clarify definition of sport gear to included electric and hydraulic gear

PR MTA, 2nd JM

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See discussion and vote on Proposal 296 to prohibit electric reels above

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Proposal 298: Clarify definition of sport gear to prohibit electric reels

Take no action based on this proposal being identical to 297 and directly opposite 296

Revisit proposal 137 that was previously addressed as a shellfish proposal

Bag limits for misc species

MT Reconsider previous vote (0-8) PR, JF 2nd

TO – Thank you for bringing this back up. The proposal is most relevant for groundfish, not shellfish or forage fish. Groundfish, particularly sablefish and rockfish are vulnerable to overharvest, they are very conservatively managed by the commercial fisheries division and it is wrong to allow a new fishery like the charter industry to develop a fishery on the backs of a fully utilized subsistence and commercial fishery. Also sport fishing is just that, sport. It is not personal use or subsistence. Even with a bag limit on sablefish and on slope rockfish a charter client can keep 35 fish PER DAY! If there is not a bag limit fish aren't accounted for in logbooks.

? motion to reconsider

14 Y, 1 N

PR – At the Petersburg meeting there was interest by some members of the Board of Fish in getting a handle on this issue as well as some way to better define possession limits. Would you support an aggregate bag limit?

TO – sure, It's ok if there are other species too, but I would most want to include Sablefish and Slope Rockfish. I'm not asking to limit forage fish. I could see having a bag limit on sablefish and then an aggregate limit, say 10 on all other species combined (not including forage fish). You would not have to list every potential fish in the reg booklet that way. Right now the way commercial regs are written, if it's not in the book you can't keep it, but for sport fish if it's not in the book there is an unlimited take allowed.

EJ – motion to amend

allow 2 fish per species bag limit, except for herring, capelin & silver smelt to allow 1 five gallon bucket
2nd JF

JH – I am concerned about exceptions. I do think we should define limits for blackcod and slope rockfish. But there are members of the Filipino community catching starry flounder and sand dabs off the dock in Juneau and I wouldn't want to limit that sport fishery.

JF – are they included in personal use?

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PR – under sport what happens to yellowfin sole?

TT – (in answer to JF's question) If you are using a rod and reel, you are sport fishing. (Agreeing with TO)

Personal use fisheries are closed unless opened. Sport fisheries are generally opened unless closed. But, our data shows only 3% of the harvest from fin fish is for unregulated species as per statewide harvest survey.

JF – did they have numbers caught on sablefish?

TT – blackcod – only 7 on creel survey.

JF – suspect that it is higher than that, creel doesn't sample lodges where this activity is advertised and promoted.

EJ – I have seen whole totes full of deepwater rockfish and blackcod so I know that there has been more than 7.

JM – is herring a personal use fishery or a sport fishery? If you are using a rod and reel you are doing that under sport fishery?

JL – I like to take my kids to jig herring. I could catch them a lot faster with a net, but it is more fun for the kids if they get to jig them, so we jig. We take 3-4 buckets of herring. This proposal would limit my family.

TO – if you are using a rod and reel its under the sport regulations which I don't understand, seems like rod and reel should be allowed for personal use and subsistence. I think we should withdraw the herring, capelin, silver smelt (forage fish) from the amendment.

HK – It not right to put a limit like a bucket on herring. There are a lot of people that seine herring for bait so why should (rod and reel) herring be limited?

PR – I think that commercial fisheries allow the use of nets to catch bait. This regulation would not adversely affect commercial fisheries.

LB – I am clear on amendment but I don't know if there is anything on the floor-

TF – 2 fish a day for any other fish

LB – This is a conservation issue. Please don't lose sight of the problem with sablefish and slope rockfish by trying to include herring.

EJ – two ways to go – amend this to apply to blackcod and slope rockfish and take out whole section on herring or to try to amend this to say x fish. This is arbitrary. Chairman? Which way should we go?

Withdraw amendment.

TF – like simple approach

JB – if we said finfish would that take care of it?

TO – no because forage fish are included in finfish under state regs, would need to at least list exempted species.

DC – the quotas for blackcod have gone down by half offshore and inshore so I see the conservation problem there. We don't know a lot about the other fish, I'd rather not bog it down, It's important to pass for blackcod and slope rockfish only

PR – I would like to see language in there that say blackcod and slope rockfish, and also to give the dept eo authority to put limits on other species. The herring clause is a red herring.

JF – I like everything I've heard, lets keep it simple.

EJ – withdraw amendment and substitute language that amends:

Strike 17 and 18 and substitute: for sablefish: 2 fish daily bag limit, 1 daily bag limit in possession.

MB -2nd

JM – is this in case electric reel prohibition doesn't pass?

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TO – No, this is a valuable fishery (Chatham black cod long-line fishery) and there should be sport limits on blackcod so a new fisheries can't develop on top of the others. I also have concerns that the slope rockfish aren't included in the definition of non-pelagic rockfish.

? on amendment

14 Y, 0N, 1A

TT- (Addressing TO concern) Per sport regs, the species of the pelagic rockfish group are defined. This leaves all others (including DSR) in the non-pelagic category. The limits for non-pelagic rockfish are 3/day including up to 1 yelloweye for residents, and 2/day including up to 1 yelloweye for non-residents.

? on amended proposal

14 Y, 0 N

Salmon Allocation Proposals:

EJ – this is the most important issue to salmon fishermen at this meeting.

Gave a presentation on his amendment to industry consensus.

Motion to amend

Industry consensus (attached) but strike “encourage facility operators to try to increase production in a way that will provide additional opportunities to harvest fish by the seine fleet and troll fleet”

Change to:

“direct SE facility operators to work together to develop a regional plan to provide the gear group(s) below their allocation range immediate additional opportunities to harvest SE enhanced salmon toward the goal of each gear group achieving enhanced salmon harvest values within their allocated range as soon as possible”

If trollers and seiners are still below their allocation we will have specific proposals for the BOF to consider in 2012.

SR – I can see why EJ missed the plane to Ketchikan (where the Industry Consensus was hammer out) because if he had been there he would been asked to support the Industry Consensus without this change.

The group spent 2 days working on this consensus. There are some gillnetters that aren't very happy with the consensus. There is a risk if anything is changed now the whole thing might fall apart. The intention of the trollers and seiners is the same as Eric's language but not stated as strongly. They are requesting that Neets Bay, Anita Bay and Deep Inlet get a change in the rotation schedule in 2009. Some details will be worked out at Board of Directors.

It is very difficult to get more fish in the holds of trollers. It will take a more concerted effort to do so and I think there are some opportunities. NSRAA will do what the fishermen ask us to do and we can exercise some changes in management. We have approval to switch the our coho program to use the Salmon Lake stock. The coho releases are scheduled to increase such that by 2012 we hope to see a 50,000 fish return. In 2015 we should see 150,000 coho back to Sitka Sound.

FF – Can you address what might immediately be done to increase trollers catch?

SR – one of the proposals is to go to a 1-1 rotation between gillnetters and seiners. We could have a troll day (assuming 3 gillnet and 3 seine days per week) or 3 (assuming 2 days for each net group) in there.

FF - what do you think MJ?

MJ – in the 1-1 rotation aren't you just taking away from gillnetters, not giving more to seiners?

SR – We can add to seining days- just depends on how things get scheduled.

WP – What year did the gillnet fleet go into Deep Inlet?

SR – 1993.

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JM – I don't see why this opens up door for a bigger battle with the gillnetters. What is the risk for the AC?
SR – if the consensus falls apart it would be a very negative thing. In Committee the framework of consensus needs to hold together. But this is a minor tweak.

PR – I can see the two words that are strong. "Direct" & "Immediate" - We should we stay with the original language as much as we can.

EJ – I could change "direct" to "encourage". Timeliness is an important issue, but I could take out "immediate" out.

EJ move to support the Industry Consensus but to replace:

"encourage facility operators to try to increase production in a way that will provide additional opportunities to harvest fish by the seine fleet and troll fleet"

with:

"encourage SE facility operators to work together to develop a regional plan to provide the gear group(s) below their allocation range additional opportunities to harvest SE enhanced salmon toward the goal of each gear group achieving enhanced salmon harvest values within their allocated range as soon as possible"

2nd JB

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As a result of the above motion, the Sitka AC supports the positions taken by in Industry Consensus on the following proposals:

- 244 Southeastern Alaska Area Enhanced Salmon Allocation Mgt Plan**
- 245 Southeastern Alaska Area Enhanced Salmon Allocation Mgt Plan**
- 246 Close Coffman Cove to commercial salmon**
- 267 Nakut Inlet Terminal Harvest Area**
- 268 District 1: Neets Bay Hatchery Salmon Mgt Plan**
- 269 Neets Bay Hatchery Salmon Mgt Plan**
- 270 Special provision for seasons, bag, possession and size**
- 271 District 7: Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area**
- 272 Gunnuk Creek Hatchery area**
- 273 District 13 Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area**
- 327 Extend closing date for troll fishery in Behm Canal**

Tomorrow is the last day that SR will be working for NSRAA! He has done a wonderful job for years. Let's give him a big hand.

SR – thanks! I appreciate your work on these proposals.

Next meeting will be on Statewide hunting issues and will be Wednesday Feb 4 @ 6:30.

DG – handouts for final staff comments for this suite of proposals. There are some graphs and tables.

JM – hunting proposal numbers, 6 proposals out of book: 225, 226, 243-246.

EB, EJ and TO will be AC reps for committee work at the BOF. All in agreement that we want a Sitka AC representing us at each committee so may need other AC members to help.

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Motion to Adjourn
20:15

Salmon Industry Consensus on Hatchery Fish Allocation 12/9/08 (provided by EJ)

The troll fleet continues to be out of their target range, the seiners and gillnetters are out of their ranges. Seiners are on the low end and Gillnetters are on the high end. No extraordinary events outside of association or management control seem to account for these imbalances, therefore they should be addressed.

The recommendations below are considered a package deal.

In recognition of the current imbalance and the long-term trends in the distribution of enhanced fish the JRPT recommends to the commissioner:

- 1) Encourage facility operators to try to increase production in a way that will provide additional opportunities to harvest fish by the seine fleet and troll fleet (This would include the additional production that might become available because of the increased capacity at Burnett Inlet, if practicable 10 million additional summer chum fry would be released at Kendrick Bay and 1.25 million coho smolts released)
- 2) Encourage facility operators and ADF&G to identify additional times and areas where enhanced coho and Chinook could be harvested by trollers without affecting wild stocks.
- 3) Request regional associations to look at the possibility of otolith marking of all Coho and Chinook towards the goal of getting additional information about migration patterns and run timing.
- 4) RPT ask Gunnuk Creek and AKI give a presentation that outlines their current situation, financial picture, long term plans, cost recovery plans and impediments to getting to full production permitted for.
- 5) Recommend to SSRAA that Neets Bay be open in the fall after brood stock and cost recovery goals are met.
- 6) In recognition of the current imbalance and the long-term trends in the distribution of enhanced fish the JRPT recommends to the Board of Fisheries to:
 - A) Change the opportunities in several SHA's where there are or have been net fishery rotations. These changes will likely result in a substantial higher percentage of the harvest in these SHA's going to seiners. These changes would remain in place until at least 2011. If at that time the seine fleet and gillnet fleets are still out of their range these changes would remain in place, unless the Joint RPT agrees to other remedies. Although it appears that changes in all SHA's might not correct the present imbalance the joint RPT is cautious in requesting too many changes at once, knowing that unusual survival or market conditions could occur, and wants to avoid any over steering of the balance. These SHA changes would be:
 - a) A time ratio of one to one for gillnet openings to seine openings in Deep Inlet after the third Sunday in June for 2009, 2010 and 2011 and sunset after the 2011 season. (Proposal #273 RPT)

- b) A time ratio of one to one for gillnet openings to seine openings in Anita Bay for 2009, 2010 and 2011 and sunset after the 2011 season. (Proposal #271)
- c) RPT recommends when SSRAA determines that a rotational fishery is to be conducted in Neets Bay have the time ratio between the gillnet and seine fleet be 1 to 1 after June 20. (Proposal #268)

B) RPT makes the following recommendations regarding Board of fisheries proposals

- a) Proposal #244 (exclude PNP's from allocation plan) The RPT recommends no action be taken based on the recommendations above and the belief that they are inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan, SE Enhanced Allocation plan and the duties of the RPT.
- b) Proposal #245 (removes NSRAA from overall plan) The RPT recommends no action be taken based on the recommendations above and the belief that they are inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan, SE Enhanced Allocation plan and the duties of the RPT.
- c) Proposal #246 (excludes commercial fishing from Coffman Cove) The RPT recommends the Board of Fish opposes this proposal based on that the RPT has consistently as the permits were approved commented that this production would not change the management of the commercial fisheries to protect these fish for sport fish terminal use (RPT minutes April 12, 2006 and Dec 7, 2005)
- d) Proposal #267 (Nakat rotation 1to1) oppose and recommend that Nakat Inlet remain closed to commercial seining for at least the next three years as other short and long term remedial measures are put into effect
- e) Proposal #268 (Neets Bay rotations) opposed as written. See recommendation above A (c).
- f) Proposal #271 (Anita Bay) oppose as written. See recommendation above A (b).
- g) Proposal #273 Deep Inlet 1 to 1 Amend as recommended above in A (a)
- h) Proposal #274 Recommend no action based on amended action taken on Proposal #273.
- i) Proposal #327 (extend coho season to 9/30 in Behm Canal) The RPT recommends support for this proposal if there are no wild stock concerns. The RPT believes that if wild stock concerns can be addressed this would provide additional opportunity for the troll fleet which is below their allocation range.
- j) Proposal #269 (extend SHA for sport fishery) The RPT is making no recommendation on this proposal but would like to comment that this proposal will further impact the troll fleet within the allocation plan of enhanced fish.

The Industry members of the RPT would like to state that this is the first time since 1994 where both net fleets are significantly out of their ranges in opposite directions. It is the first time the joint RPT has needed to consider recommending changes in SHA rotations. The JRPT recognizes that there may be a better and more timely alternative than the Board of Fish process continually readjusting the management of the rotational fisheries. The joint RPT will consider alternatives and may have a recommendation by the 2012 board meeting that will allow significant adjustments in SHA's without requiring board of Fisheries action. These adjustments would be conducted within the current Southeast Enhanced Allocation Plan and would not make any changes to the allocation ranges. If the RPT can not come up with a plan the RPT will submit Board of Fish proposal as appropriate for the gear groups based on the current situation within the allocation plan.

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The Following tables and figures provided by ADF&G , commercial fisheries, troll program:
Table 1.—The number of Chinook salmon harvested and permits fished in the 2008 spring troll fisheries by statistical week, including experimental and terminal areas.

Stat Area	Fishery Name	Stat Week	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	AK %
101-29	Ketchikan Area	19	4-May	10-May	3	13	
		20	11-May	17-May	7	17	
		21	18-May	24-May	19	194	23%
		22	25-May	31-May	14	134	20%
		23	1-Jun	7-Jun	23	343	57%
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	22	265	23%
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	48	690	41%
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	38	645	66%
		27	29-Jun	30-Jun	10	126	82%
<i>Ketchikan Area Total</i>				<i>61 days</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>2,427</i>	<i>51%</i>
101-90	West Behm Canal	24	8-Jun	14-Jun	4	40	19%
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	3	14	0
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	2	16	0
		27	29-Jun	30-Jun	1	24	0
<i>West Behm Canal Total</i>				<i>54 days</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>8%</i>
101-95	Neets Bay Terminal Area	24	8-Jun	14-Jun	*	*	
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	*	*	
		28	6-Jul	12-Jul	7	190	
<i>Neets Bay Term. Total</i>				<i>73 days</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>227</i>	<i>100%</i>
105-41	Sumner Strait	18	1-May	2-May	11	62	
		19	5-May	6-May	13	98	13%
		20	12-May	13-May	14	77	43%
		21	19-May	20-May	18	138	2%
		22	26-May	27-May	15	138	57%
		23	2-Jun	5-Jun	16	217	29%
		24	9-Jun	11-Jun	18	185	8%
		25	16-Jun	18-Jun	17	229	81%
		26	23-Jun	28-Jun	15	93	
27	29-Jun	30-Jun	5	26			
<i>Sumner Strait Total</i>				<i>25 days</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>1,263</i>	<i>31%</i>
106-20	Clarence Strait	23	1-Jun	7-Jun	3	41	153%
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	*	*	
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	*	*	
<i>Clarence Strait Total</i>				<i>61 days</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>100%</i>
106-30	Steamer Point	20	12-May	16-May	*	*	
		22	26-May	31-May	4	20	
		23	2-Jun	7-Jun	6	78	
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	7	43	100%
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	6	79	100%
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	9	107	
27	29-Jun	30-Jun	*	*	60%		
<i>Steamer Point Total</i>				<i>54 days</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>336</i>	<i>84%</i>

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Stat Area	Fishery Name	Stat Week	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	AK %
106-44	Wrangell Narrows	23	2-Jun	7-Jun	21	157	
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	18	159	
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	16	104	
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	12	193	
		27	29-Jun	30-Jun	9	54	
<i>Wrangell Narrows Term.</i>				<i>29 days</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>667</i>	<i>100%</i>
107-10	Ernest Sound	23	1-Jun	7-Jun	*	*	
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	*	*	37%
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	*	*	
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	*	*	
<i>Ernest Sound Total</i>				<i>61 days</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>55%</i>
107-20	Deer Island	22	25-May	31-May	*	*	
		23	1-Jun	7-Jun	4	46	100%
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	5	48	100%
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	*	*	
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	5	49	
<i>Deer Island Total</i>				<i>61 days</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>100%</i>
107-30	Zimovia Strait	20	12-May	16-May	*	*	
		21	19-May	23-May	*	*	
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	*	*	100%
<i>Zimovia Strait Total</i>				<i>54 days</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>100%</i>
108-41	District 8	19	5-May	9-May	19	72	
		20	12-May	16-May	28	193	17%
		21	19-May	23-May	49	360	13%
		22	27-May	29-May	34	185	17%
		23	2-Jun	4-Jun	28	241	40%
		24	9-Jun	13-Jun	36	331	60%
		25	16-Jun	20-Jun	23	236	100%
		26	23-Jun	27-Jun	11	79	
		27	30-Jun	30-Jun	*	*	
<i>District 8 Total</i>				<i>40 Days</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>1,697</i>	<i>40%</i>
109-10	Little Port Walter	19	7-May	9-May	*	*	
		20	14-May	16-May	*	*	14%
		21	20-May	23-May	14	191	89%
		22	27-May	31-May	10	217	40%
		23	2-Jun	7-Jun	11	282	56%
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	11	279	63%
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	14	350	76%
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	4	19	227%
27	29-Jun	30-Jun	*	*	51%		
<i>Little Port Walter Total</i>				<i>47 days</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>1,359</i>	<i>66%</i>

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Stat Area	Fishery Name	Stat Week	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	AK %
109-62	Tebenkof Bay	19	5-May	7-May	11	116	39%
		20	12-May	14-May	3	47	40%
		21	19-May	22-May	22	698	41%
		22	26-May	29-May	24	919	63%
		23	2-Jun	5-Jun	38	1090	41%
		24	9-Jun	12-Jun	38	1835	60%
		25	16-Jun	21-Jun	55	1987	44%
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	27	643	43%
		27	29-Jun	30-Jun	4	73	9%
<i>Tebenkof Bay Total</i>			<i>36 days</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>7,408</i>	<i>49%</i>	
110-31	Frederick Sound	18	1-May	3-May			
		19	4-May	10-May	3	9	
		20	11-May	17-May	3	8	
		21	18-May	24-May	*	*	
		22	25-May	31-May	4	23	68%
		23	1-Jun	7-Jun	6	68	
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	4	49	
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	10	96	27%
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	3	8	
27	29-Jun	30-Jun					
<i>Frederick Sound Total</i>			<i>61 days</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>261</i>	<i>16%</i>	
112-12	Chatham Strait	18	1-May	3-May	3	21	92%
		19	4-May	10-May	20	356	17%
		20	11-May	17-May	12	176	50%
		21	18-May	24-May	33	496	36%
		22	25-May	31-May	24	298	63%
		23	1-Jun	7-Jun	15	299	35%
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	31	1140	65%
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	33	832	68%
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	13	71	184%
27	29-Jun	30-Jun	*	*	99%		
<i>Chatham Strait Total</i>			<i>61 days</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>3,689</i>	<i>57%</i>	
112-22	Hidden Falls Term. Area	22	25-May	31-May	4	65	
		23	1-Jun	7-Jun	*	*	
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	5	76	
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	5	49	
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	10	378	
		27	29-Jun	30-Jun	4	192	
		28	6-Jul	7-Jul	*	*	
		33	10-Aug	11-Aug	*	*	
		34	17-Aug	18-Aug	6	77	
35	24-Aug	25-Aug	*	*			
<i>Hidden Falls Term. Total</i>				<i>27</i>	<i>845</i>	<i>100%</i>	

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Stat Area	Fishery Name	Stat Week	Open	Close	Permits	Chinook	AK %
113-01	Western Channel	21	19-May	19-May	14	75	65%
		22	27-May	27-May	11	78	69%
		23	2-Jun	3-Jun	21	301	66%
		24	9-Jun	12-Jun	47	958	51%
		25	14-Jun	21-Jun	70	1288	62%
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	20	387	57%
		27	29-Jun	30-Jun	6	220	
<i>Western Channel Total</i>				<i>25 days</i>	<i>109</i>	<i>3,307</i>	<i>55%</i>
113-30	Redoubt Bay	19	5-May	6-May	6	24	
		20	12-May	13-May	*	*	
		21	19-May	21-May	15	145	2%
		22	27-May	29-May	14	156	22%
		23	2-Jun	4-Jun	5	38	
		24	9-Jun	11-Jun	10	92	
		25	16-Jun	17-Jun	*	*	
<i>Redoubt Bay Total</i>				<i>21 days</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>489</i>	<i>8%</i>
113-31	Biorka Island	21	19-May	19-May	43	559	20%
		22	27-May	27-May	28	174	22%
		23	2-Jun	2-Jun	14	100	0%
		24	9-Jun	9-Jun	10	67	58%
		25	16-Jun	16-Jun	7	46	48%
		26	23-Jun	23-Jun	5	17	
		27	30-Jun	30-Jun	*	*	
<i>Biorka Island Total</i>				<i>7 days</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>963</i>	<i>21%</i>
113-35	Silver Bay Special Harvest	28	7-Jul	13-Jul	24	608	
		29	14-Jul	20-Jul	20	1,049	
		30	21-Jul	27-Jul	15	601	
		31	28-Jul	30-Jul	11	457	
		<i>Silver Bay SHA Total</i>				<i>24 days</i>	<i>36</i>
113-38	Deep Inlet Terminal Area	19	5-May	6-May	2	4	
		23	2-Jun	2-Jun	*	*	
		24	9-Jun	9-Jun	*	*	
		28	7-Jul	7-Jul	4	16	
<i>Deep Inlet Term. Total</i>					<i>7</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>100%</i>

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113-41	Sitka Sound	18	1-May	3-May	6	33	
		19	4-May	10-May	46	298	35%
		20	11-May	17-May	54	441	31%
		21	18-May	24-May	72	632	4%
		22	25-May	31-May	84	1,082	73%
		23	1-Jun	7-Jun	119	1,549	69%
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	116	1,619	53%
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	103	1,393	64%
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	88	1,143	77%
		27	29-Jun	30-Jun	21	275	
<i>Sitka Sound Total</i>			<i>61 days</i>		<i>219</i>	<i>8,465</i>	<i>56%</i>
113-62	Salisbury Sound	20	12-May	14-May	11	128	54%
		21	19-May	22-May	8	92	8%
		22	27-May	29-May	15	485	27%
		23	2-Jun	5-Jun	11	78	
		24	9-Jun	13-Jun	13	105	25%
		25	16-Jun	20-Jun	15	462	52%
		26	21-Jun	28-Jun	24	331	71%
<i>Salisbury Sound Total</i>			<i>34 days</i>		<i>52</i>	<i>1,681</i>	<i>42%</i>
113-95	Lisianski Inlet	19	5-May	6-May	*	*	
		20	12-May	13-May	5	75	3%
		21	19-May	20-May	9	157	24%
		22	26-May	27-May	6	51	17%
		23	2-Jun	3-Jun	9	72	3%
		24	9-Jun	10-Jun	6	49	
		25	16-Jun	19-Jun	6	110	
		26	23-Jun	24-Jun	4	27	
<i>Lisianski Inlet Total</i>			<i>19 days</i>		<i>21</i>	<i>541</i>	<i>9%</i>
113-97	Stag Bay	21	18-May	24-May	*	*	
		22	25-May	31-May	*	*	
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	*	7	
<i>Stag Bay Total</i>			<i>61 days</i>		<i>3</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>0%</i>
114-21	Cross Sound	25	16-Jun	20-Jun	4	12	
		26	23-Jun	27-Jun	3	8	
<i>Cross Sound Total</i>			<i>15 days</i>		<i>6</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>0%</i>
114-23	South Passage	21	18-May	24-May	*	*	
		23	1-Jun	7-Jun	3	17	
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	*	*	
<i>South Passage Total</i>			<i>61 days</i>		<i>5</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>0%</i>

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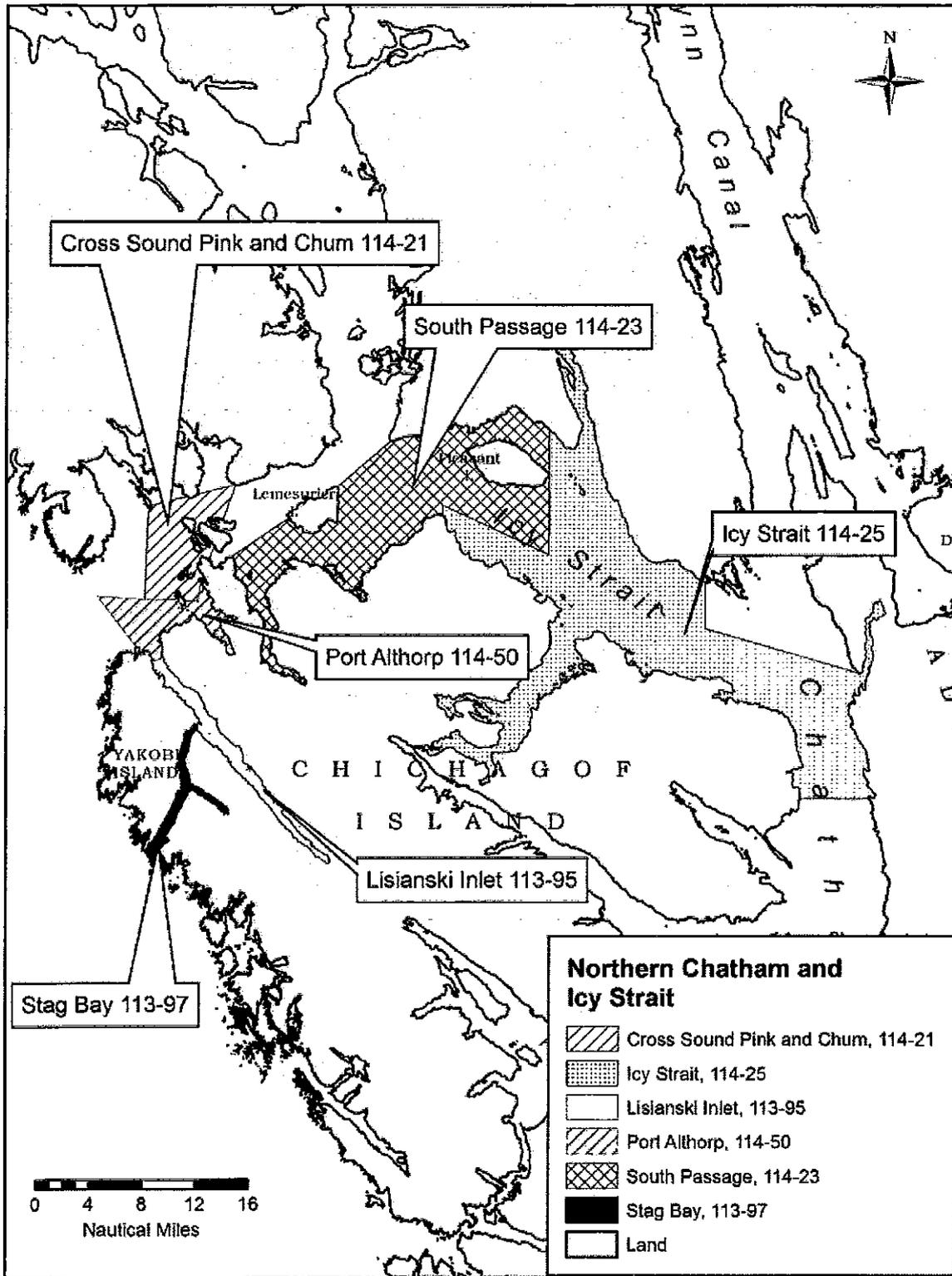
114-25	Icy Strait	18	1-May	3-May	*	*	
		19	4-May	10-May	6	25	
		20	11-May	17-May	4	8	
		21	18-May	24-May	11	62	
		22	25-May	31-May	14	53	
		23	1-Jun	7-Jun	9	37	60%
		24	8-Jun	14-Jun	14	73	120%
		25	15-Jun	21-Jun	10	49	
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	9	37	4%
<i>Icy Strait Total</i>			<i>61 days</i>	40	344	32%	
114-50	Port Althorp	19	5-May	6-May	11	183	5%
		20	12-May	13-May	24	301	40%
		21	19-May	20-May	23	269	17%
		22	26-May	27-May	16	119	0%
		23	2-Jun	3-Jun	26	300	59%
		24	9-Jun	10-Jun	22	185	28%
		25	16-Jun	21-Jun	22	292	53%
		26	22-Jun	28-Jun	20	220	57%
		27	29-Jun	30-Jun	*	*	
<i>Port Althorp Total</i>			<i>26 days</i>	53	1,869	36%	
Spring Experimental Total					573	36,620	49%
Terminal Total					100	4,492	100%
Spring Season Total						41,112	55%

^a Totals do not include Annette Island harvests

* Denotes confidential data. Totals given may or may not include individual weeks confidential data.

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*Altn Shannon
BOF Feb '09
AC Comments*

Members Present: Keith Gain, Mike Opheim, Paul Chissus, Tim Dillon, Walt Sonen, Keith Swick, Robert Purpurra, Alvin Swick, Warren Brown

Members Absent: Matthew Gallien, Herman Moonin

Public Present: Ann Ridgely, Paul Ridgely, Tim Dillon (City Mgr)

ADF&G Staff: Sherry Wright

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Meeting began in the dark at 7:05 pm. (Power went out at 7:00 pm for 7 minutes).

Election of officers were held with the following results:

Alvin Swick, Mike Opheim and Paul Chissus were re-elected for three year terms which expire 12/31/2011.

Brian Chartier and Dave Chartier were elected for one year alternates, which expire 12/31/09.

The committee held a discussion of upcoming Board meetings and deadlines and how to submit comments on an issue if they missed the proposal deadline. The Southcentral / Southwest Region Board of Game meeting will be held February 27 – March 9 at the Dena'ina Civic Center in Anchorage.

A discussion of when to hold the next meeting to discuss Board of Game proposals was held, possibly early February in order to meet the comment deadline of February 13.

Southeast BOF Proposals

Proposal 286 & 287

Support

Define possession limit as the maximum number of fish a person may have in possession until returning to their domicile.

Discussion: Cohos will continue to be a finite resource. Members have observed people leaving with a large number of fish, cooking cases of fish that may be sold or traded elsewhere. Not clear about the preserved or unpreserved aspect of this proposal.

Nonresident anglers have a yearly limit for king salmon, but coho has a daily bag limit that seems to be unlimited. The difference between the current regulations and this proposal is that this would create a maximum until returning to their domicile, which would not adversely affect resident fishermen, as they could return home to fish another time. It is a fairly well known issue used by European tourists that people sponsor their trip by the number of fish that they catch. Moved and seconded to support unanimously.

Public comment- understands what the proponent is trying to resolve. Has seen people shipping boxes and boxes out of Alaska, believes they are selling those fish or using them

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as gifts and can't believe one family will consume as much fish as he has seen leaving the state.

PWS Proposals

RC 118 pertains to Proposal 44, which was deferred by the BOF to their March meeting in Anchorage. Check the BOF web site when the RC's are posted to review this one.

New Business

Moved and seconded to propose changing the starting date for snagging in Seldovia Slough from June 24th to July 7th, to provide more sportfishing opportunity.

Motion was supported 7-2

There are viable king salmon running at that time. The fish run at different times. It is believed that ADF&G can change this date by emergency order. Last June there were some 20-30 pound kings being taken by snagging. This change would benefit B&B's, restaurants, as well as set netters. There was a question of where the June 24 date came from, seems very arbitrary, and the committee would like to see it moved to later.

Public comment – prefers status quo.

Last year's run was really late and the fish just kept coming. Kings at the top of the slough should be able to be snagged. Not seeing them during the third week of June. Lot of people going up past the airport with canoes, waders and believe they could still harvest the fish. It is a terminal fishery. Commercial harvest has been down. There was a question about the subsistence fishery timing and harvest amount. There were only about a dozen king salmon harvested under subsistence this past summer.

Tim Dillon agreed to discuss this with the Homer office and provide an update at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

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

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

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

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Determined there is a quorum. Call to order.

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

Public turnout, see attached sign-in sheet.

First order of Business:

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

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

Next order of business:

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

Next, Elections:

Gary announces 3 seats open,
Mike Saunders nominated, seconded
Tim McDonough nominated, seconded
Duck Hess nominated, Duck declines nomination
Gary Hess nominated, seconded
All seats filled by unanimous votes in favor.

Election of officers – Gary Hess, re-elected to Chair, Les Katzeek, re-elected for Vice Chair, and Mike Saunders elected Secretary.

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

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

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

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

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

Proposal 223 – No Action

Proposal 224 – No Action

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

Proposal 242 – No Action

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

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

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

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

Proposal 262 – Support.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Proposal 295 – No Action.

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

Proposal 300 – No Action.

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

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

Next order of Business:

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

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

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UPPER LYNN CANAL FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

Old Business: Minutes approved. Agenda approved.

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

Status of Chilkat Lake Weir Added to the Agenda

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

BOF PROPOSALS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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UPPER LYNN CANAL FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Comments on Board of Fish Proposals affecting Upper Lynn Canal

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

PROPOSAL 242: No action.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mike Saunders
Secretary
Upper Lynn Canal Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

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UPPER LYNN CANAL FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Comments on Board of Fish proposals effecting Upper Lynn Canal

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

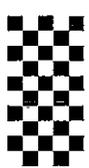
PROPOSAL 274: OPPOSED: Identical to proposal 273, The committee voted to oppose for the same reasons as above for proposal 273.

PROPOSAL 284: IN FAVOR:

PROPOSAL 285: IN FAVOR

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- Proposal # Page #
- 218 166 Oppose. Would give holders of two permits unfair advantage over single permits & would allow the two permit holder to be able to basically cork off a single permit holder. Passed 7 to 2
- 221 168 Oppose. Regulations are already based on the availability of fish. Especially areas where fish are stocked to allow a better opportunity for fishermen.
- 232 175 Support. There is excessive taking of King salmon during the early subsistence gill net fishery in the Chilkat Inlet. Some people intentionally target King Salmon while they are still milling in the Inlet before they start up the river to spawn. Too many King Salmon being taken during the early fishery allowing less fish to go up river to spawn, keeping escapement numbers low and not letting the fishery get back to it's historic levels. There is still plenty of time after July 1 for the subsistence gillnetters to be able to subsistence fish for sockeye in the Inlet, which is supposed to be the targeted fish.
- 233 168 Support. Unanimous. Same comments as proposal 232.
- 237 179 opposed. Motion passes 7 to 2 King Salmon, other than for native Americans is not a subsistence fish. This proposal is to set up a fishery for a certain group of people. Mainly the Mud Bay residents.
- 240 181 Oppose. Unanimous. Some of the Klukwan residents have been guilty of not attending their subsistence nets. It has been noted on more than one occasion nets have been unattended for quite some time resulting in fish spoiling in the net. THIS IS WANTON WASTE. The Klukwan

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fishermen should not be any more above the law than any other subsistence fisherman.

244 184 Support. Unanimous. Allocation issues in the commercial salmon fisheries prompted this proposal from our local gillnet representatives.

245 185 Support. Unanimous. Allocation issues prompted this proposal by gillnet representatives in Juneau.

255 192 Opposed. Unanimous. Gillnet representatives on the committee opposed this proposal and explained how it would create two classes of gillnet fishermen. Many local fisherman from Haines, klukwan and Skagway would find it hard to compete in this two tiered system and a financial burden to have to purchase a second permit to stay competitive. It also may not be in accord with the state constitution.

256 194 Opposed. Unanimous. This proposal is almost identical to 255 & the committee voted unanimously.

261 197 Opposed. Unanimous. Any increase in fishing pressure by the seine fleet ion Northern Chatham Straits/Lower Lynn Canal would be detrimental to local Stocks for all user groups.

262 198 Support. Unanimous. Some additional regulations may be necessary to protect sockeye in these mixed stock seine fisheries.

267 202 Opposed. Unanimous. The present system is allocated 2-1 in favor of the gillnet fishermen because of the more efficient purse seine. To allocate the fishery 1-1 would give the purse seine fishermen a great advantage and would more than likely run the gillnetters out of that fishery forcing many to fish Lynn Canal putting even more pressure on the upper Canal fish stocks.

268 202 Opposed. Unanimous. Same reasoning as proposal 267.

273 206 Oppose. Unanimous. This proposal would change

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

- 274 207 Opposed. Unanimous. Identical to proposal 273 & opposed for the same reasons as stated in proposal 273.
- 284 218 Support. Committee felt this was a house keeping proposal by the department.
- 285 219 Support. Unanimous. Committee felt this was a house keeping proposal.
- 292 228 Opposed. Unanimous. The committee didn't feel that Dolly Varden are a targeted species
- 298 232 Opposed. Unanimous. This is just laziness on the part of fishermen. Sport fishermen fish for the thrill of catching a fish, no matter the species. This proposal would seem to take the hands on approach out of fishing & make it to be more of a commercial type endeavor.
- 305 236 Support. Due to information provided by Department staff and a member of the committee regarding the spread of

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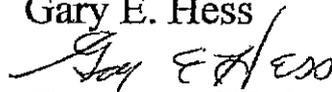
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invasive species due to the use of these waders the committee felt this was a serious issue that deserves the boards attention.

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239 Support. Allowing lodges, charter vessels etc. to have subsistence harvested or personal resources at the lodge or aboard a charter craft has a tendency to be an abuse of the subsistence resource.

Gary E. Hess



Chairman, ULCF&GAC

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Dear Alaska Board of Fisheries,

This letter is being written on behalf of proposal # 266 referring to gillnet specifications and operations for the Yakutat area. The Yakutat Advisory Committee is in full support of this proposal. We the Yakutat advisory committee did not get the chance to vote on this proposal prior to the April deadline because at the meeting that this proposal was presented to the Yakutat Advisory Committee, there were not enough members present to form a quorum. However at the latest meeting on January 6th we did vote unanimously in support of this proposal. We do agree that it is important to change the rules so that the Yakutat area setnet fishermen are encouraged to spread out and fish in areas other than the Yakutat Bay and Situk River. Currently there are way too many fishermen in these areas and the problem will not be resolved unless the rules are changed.



Dave Stone
Yakutat Advisory Committee Chairman

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: 12-22-08, meeting recessed, then reconvened on 12-31-08

ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME: Elfin Cove Advisory Committee

LOCATION: Community Building Library, Elfin Cove, Alaska

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MEMBERS PRESENT: 12-22: Gordy Wrobel, Lane Ply, Michael Nelson, Steve Alexander (alternate), Greg Howe, and Jim Lewis, Travis Lewis.

12-31-08: Greg Howe, Mike Nelson, Travis Lewis, Steve Alexander, Gordy Wrobel, and Lane Ply

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sean Elliott (Alternate), Gerry Harvey (Alternate)

PUBLIC PRESENT: 12-22 none, 12-31 Scott Raymer, Jim Wild (elected to 1-year term)

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:30 am

AGENDA:

- **Elections**
- **Discussion & voting on Board of Fish proposals for 08-09 meeting cycle**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Officers and Members: Jim Wild was elected to a 1-year term, replacing Sean Elliott who is now an alternate. Jim Lewis, Lane Ply and Greg Howe were re-elected to three-year terms.

2. Current officer and member roster:

Greg Howe—Chairman
Gordon Wrobel—Vice Chairman
Lane Ply—Secretary

<u>Term</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
3-year	Jim Lewis	2011
3-year	Lane Ply	2011
3-year	Greg Howe	2011
2-year	Gordon Wrobel	2009
2-year	Travis Lewis	2009
2-year	Mike Nelson	2009
1-year	Jim Wild	2010
Alternate	Sean Elliott	
Alternate	Steve Alexander	
Alternate	Gerry Harvey	

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3. Discussion and Voting on Alaska Board of Fish Proposals to be addressed at the January and February 2009 meetings. As this committee's policy has been in the past, we have only acted on proposals that we felt directly relate to our area and activity.

Proposals 133:

Vote: unanimously opposed

Discussion: We felt this proposal was too broad and was not well written.

Proposals 135:

Vote: unanimously opposed

Discussion: Our group felt this was unfair to sport users who might need mechanical assistance to participate.

Proposal 137:

Vote: Passed (Yes 6, No 0, Abstain 1)

Discussion: We support the establishment of bag limits for all species due to changes in the targeting from sport and commercial anglers.

Proposal 139:

Vote:

Discussion: We feel that this proposal is an attempt to limit non-resident sport catch of shrimp but as written it unduly limits resident fishers. The strength of the stocks is not the issue throughout southeast Alaska.

Proposal 147:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support attempts by the department of Public Safety to clarify rules and regulations.

Proposal 160:

Vote: Failed (Yes 0, No 5, Abstain 1)

Discussion: We don't need the reductions in this geographical area and we don't want to see this limit imposed on local users.

Proposal 161, 162, 163:

Vote: unanimously opposed to all three of these proposals

Discussion: This would be very difficult to enforce and the act of catching the fish or crab will have some mortality. People are using the resource and should support its use by purchasing a license.

Proposal 164, 165:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support the efforts of local residents to access the resource.

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Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support ADF&G's efforts for enforcement.

Proposal 199:

Vote: Yes-1, No-2, Abstain-3.

Discussion: The yes vote member wanted to go on record as in favor of closing these fisheries because he wants to protect natural prey species for salmon. The abstaining voters did not have enough information to make a decision.

Proposal 200:

Vote: no vote

Discussion: We didn't vote on this proposal because it's out of our area, but we would like to make a statement about our general concern for the herring resource. We are concerned with the sustainability of the herring stocks in Southeast and especially in Sitka Sound. In general our group is in favor of proposals that are pro resource conservation and which enhance sustainability. One possible avenue would be roe harvest in pounds or by other methods that don't kill the herring.

Proposal 218:

Vote: unanimously opposed to proposal.

Discussion: We don't support simultaneous use of permits and gear.

Proposal 221:

Vote: unanimously opposed to proposal.

Discussion: We feel this limits ADF&G's management options.

Proposal 222:

Vote: Passed (Yes-5, No-0, Abs-1).

Discussion: We agree with the proposal.

Proposal 223:

Vote: unanimously opposed to proposal

Discussion: If the king salmon are so abundant, an individual should be able to catch plenty of fish with one rod.

Proposal 224:

Vote: Passed (Yes-5, No-0, Abs-1).

Discussion: We support the Golden North Salmon Derby.

Proposal 230, 231:

Vote: Passed (Yes-5, No-0, Abs-1).

Discussion: We support increased troller access to these areas.

Proposal 243:

Vote: unanimously in favor of proposal.

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Discussion: We feel that rockfish and lingcod should be able to be taken with rod and reel for subsistence use.

Proposal 245:

Vote: Failed (Yes-0, No-5)

Discussion: We feel that if this is such a big problem that a task force should be created to study the problem. This is not a viable solution.

Proposal 252:

Vote: Passed (Yes-6, No-0)

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposals 253, 254:

Vote: Tied (Yes-3, No-3)

Discussion: The yes voters felt this would increase efficiency; the no voters felt increased efficiencies were unnecessary.

Meeting recessed at 1:30 pm on 12-22-08.

Meeting reconvened on at 11:30 am 12-31-08 with additional participants:

Proposal 286, 287:

Vote: Passed (Yes-7, No-1)

Discussion: The No voter feels this issue needs to be addressed but that this is a poorly written proposal.

Proposal 288:

Vote: Passed (Yes-6, No-1, Abs-1)

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposal 289:

Vote: Passed (Yes-7, No-1)

Discussion: The no voter feels this proposal doesn't address the issue.

Proposal 290:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposal 292:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposal 293:

Vote: Passed (Yes-7, No-1)

Discussion: We support this as long as the resource is fully utilized.

Proposal 295:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We are concerned with catch and release mortality in the charter fishery.

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Proposal 296:

Vote: Passed (Yes-6, No-0)

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposal 297, 298:

Vote: Failed (Yes-1, No-5, Abs-1)

Discussion: Most voters opposed use of electric reels because it makes it too easy to fish deep, extending the range of the sport fisher beyond traditional access limits.

Proposal 299:

Vote: unanimously opposed

Discussion: We oppose this because if an inexperienced fisher was allowed to fish this way, the possibility of catching and killing way more fish than needed for the bait supply is highly probable. This method is too efficient for the bait needs of the charter fisher.

Proposal 300:

Vote: Unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support the proposal as written

Proposal 301:

Vote: Passed (Yes-4, No-1, Abs-1)

Discussion: Yes voters felt mortality is a big problem, no and abstain voters took issue with the wording of the proposal.

Proposal 302:

Vote: Failed (Yes-0, No-5, Abs-1)

Discussion: We felt this proposal was too restrictive.

Proposal 303:

Vote: unanimously opposed

Discussion: Without a definition of the herring jig, we felt this method might lead to a single fisherman being able to use 2 poles.

Proposal 305, 306:

Vote: Unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support the proposal as written

Proposal 308:

Vote: Failed (Yes-1, No-5, Abs-1)

Discussion: We recognize that issue is a problem, but this unfairly penalized those who live aboard their boats.

Proposal 309:

Vote: Failed (Yes-2, No-4)

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Discussion: We support establishment of allocation of coho salmon, but this proposal isn't worded specifically or clearly enough.

Proposal 310:

Vote: Passed (Yes-6, No-0, Abs-1)

Discussion: The abstaining voter wondered if this would replace the log book?

Proposal 311:

Vote: Passed (Yes-5, No-1, Abs-1)

Discussion: Most supported because we see this as a problem locally and had heard of it as an issue in other places so we welcomed this as a beginning to address the issue.

Proposal 312:

Vote: Passed (Yes-6, No-1)

Discussion: We support efforts to insure legal fishing practice throughout the charter fishing industry.

Proposal 320, 321:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support the proposal because it allows more access in the winter season when the fish are worth more money. It also helps trollers meet their allocations.

Proposal 323:

Vote: unanimously opposed

Discussion: We strongly disagree because this penalizes trollers in the Cross Sound area that have previously participated in this fishery. The Elfin Cove troll fleet is revitalizing this fishery that was negatively impacted by the low prices of 1999-2002. At that time processor interest waned as the pink price fell. Processor interest is on the increase at this time and prices have doubled. Regardless of what happens to the king salmon resource, if this proposal passes the opportunity to fish pink and chum in Cross Sound in June is lost. Please see Elfin Cove Advisory Committee's proposal 324 regarding this same fishery. We don't think troll managers should eliminate existing fisheries because they are too busy to manage.

Proposal 324:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: This proposal allows better access to a fishery that has a solid economic history that needs to be developed for today's markets.

Proposal 325:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support the proposal as written

Proposal 326:

Vote: Failed (Yes-0, No-6, Abs-1)

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Discussion: We support the existing management plan and not further restrictions on the number of days commercial trollers are allowed to fish.

Proposal 328, 329:

Vote: unanimously opposed

Discussion: We feel that if an individual wants to power troll, they should buy a power troll permit.

Proposal 333:

Vote: Passed (Yes-6, No-0, Abs-1)

Discussion: We support the use of good science in allocation efforts.

Proposal 334:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposal 336:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support this because it would result in better utilization of bicatch.

Proposal 337:

Vote: Passed (Yes-6, No-1)

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposal 339:

Vote: Passed (Yes-6, No-1)

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposal 340:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposal 341:

Vote: Failed (Yes-1, No-6)

Discussion: We are concerned with the increased effort by sport charter on rockfish. Because of biological consequences we oppose this reallocation to the sport charter fleet.

Proposal 342:

Vote: Passed (Yes-5, No-2)

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposal 343:

Vote: Failed (Yes-1, No-6)

Discussion: We are concerned for the rockfish stocks.

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Proposal 344:

Vote: unanimously opposed

Discussion: We feel this would result in over-fishing yelloweye stocks.

Proposal 349:

Vote: unanimously in favor

Discussion: We support the proposal as written.

Proposal 351:

Vote: Failed (Yes-1, No-5, Abs-1)

Discussion: The no voters feel that with current technology this is non-workable in a commercial setting.

Proposal 353:

Vote: unanimously opposed

Discussion: We feel this proposal would result in increased mortality in all rockfish stocks.

Proposal 354:

Vote: Passed (Yes-7, No-1)

Discussion: We support ADF&G.

Proposal 355:

Vote: unanimously opposed

Discussion: We do not support new fisheries directed toward rockfish.

Proposal 367:

Vote: unanimously opposed

Discussion: We do not support proxy fishing for shrimp and crab.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Lane Ply, Secretary ECAC

Lane Ply
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Sumner Strait Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Friday, January 16, 2009

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Meeting called to order 11:00 AM

In Attendance: Mike Mortell, -Chair , Mike Nichols, Gretchen Goldstein, Judy Magnuson, Sam Carlson.

Main purpose of the meeting was to consider proposals from the F&G booklet
Discussed that we had received maps from the Forest Service that we had requested for our area . These are in response to our desire for a joint project to restore habitat in the Labouchere Bay area. We will have to get together to go over the maps, though Mike Mortell suggested that an area at Red Bay may be a good place to start.

Motion: Mike Mortell, Mike Nichols- second

To support our proposal ,249 , with the addition, "Southeast Alaska". To allow gillnet and troll gear on board vessel while participating in either fishery in Southeast Alaska.

Passed unanimous

Motion: Gretchen , Judy second

To support proposal 204, to include herring seined in test sets as herring harvested in the Guideline Harvest Limit. Alternative suggestions were to have tests done by subsistence fishermen or gillnet to lower impact to fish biomass , or close fishery- which seemed to drastic.

Passed unanimous

Motion: Sam, Mike Nichols- second

Support prop. 203, Guideline harvest level for herring sac roe shall be established by the department shall not exceed 10,000 tons. Discussion - Concern over herring being over fished to point of no return.

Herring in Point Baker and Port Protection used to be thick in winter with a local run, they were seined out around 1975 and have never returned. We would like to keep that from happening to Sitka's fishery There does not seem to be any projects for herring enhancement in areas depleted of herring. Summer Strait Advisory should look into possibility to start a local run here again

Passed unanimous

Motion: Sam, Mike Mortell second.

Support prop. 288, to require non resident anglers to have nontransferable harvest record in possession when fishing Coho salmon. 16" or longer, 6 daily, 12 in possession , 12 fish annual limit.

Discussion- Coho numbers have been down , 12 Coho is a lot of meat and should be adequate. Would mean less fish would be wasted. This would make the fishery easier to manage. Should abundance improve the number could be increased.

Passed unanimous

Motion: Judy, Gretchen - second

Support prop. 328, to allow holders of transferable hand troll permits to use 2 powered troll gurdies, with the amendment for use only after the age of 40. Hand trolling is hard on the body especially the shoulder and elbow joints. Hand trollers have not caught their quota in years. Negative impact would be that permits may become more valuable making it harder for young people just entering the fishery to be able to afford them.

Vote- 4 in favor , 1 opposed

Motion: Judy, Sam- second

Support prop. 329, increase allowable hand gurdies to 4. Discussion- Think all hand trollers should

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have 4 if they want them. Hand troller's have never caught their quota since having 2 lines.
Passed unanimous

Motion: Gretchen , Judy - second

Support prop. 243, allow subsistence harvest of rockfish and Lingcod by rod and reel. Discussion- easiest and most logical way for subsistence fishermen to catch them.

Passed unanimous

Meeting adjourned 12:20 PM

Judy Magnuson
Secretary

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Board of Fisheries proposals supported.

203 Concern over herring being over fished to point of no return. Herring in Point Baker and Port Protection used to be thick in winter with a local run, they were seined out around 1975 and have never returned. we would like to keep that from happening in Sitka fishery. Especially as there does not seem to be any projects for herring enhancement in areas depleted of herring. unanimous

204 herring are harmed during test fisheries such as scale loss, and fish kept and not released. Impact on biomass should be kept to a minimum. And this herring should be part of herring harvest limit as they are kept. Alternate suggestions: have tests done by subsistence fishermen or by gill net and smaller amount taken. Fishery could be closed but that seemed to drastic. unanimous.

249 support for our own proposal with the amendment to read: Allow gillnet and troll gear on board vessel while participating in either fishery in Southeast Alaska. unanimous.

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Coho numbers have been down. 12 coho is a lot of meat and should be adequate. Would mean less wasted. This would make the fishery easier to manage. Should abundance improve the number could be increased unanimous.

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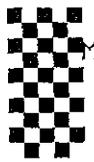
Supported with amendment for the use of power gurdies after the age of 40. Hand trolling is hard on the body, especially the shoulder and elbow joints. Hand trollers have not caught their quota in years. Negative impact would be that the permits may become more valuable making it harder for young people just entering the fishery to be able to afford them. vote - 4 in favor, 1 vote against.

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Hand trollers do not catch their part of the quota and share of the fish. All hand trollers should be able to use 4 gurdies everywhere. unanimous

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Allow subsistence harvest of rockfish and lingcod by rod and reel. Seems like the most logical way and easiest for subsistence fishermen. unanimous



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Proposal #	Support - Oppose - Abstain	
Prop 209	No action	
Prop 210	No action	
Prop 211	13- 0-0	support
Prop 212 Will produce better product, less handling.	13-0-0	support
Prop 213 clarifies wording	13-0-0	support
Prop 214	13-0-0	support
Prop 215 should not negatively affect subsistence fishery. Supports expanding area.	13-0-0	support
Prop 216 increased opportunity for fleet to spread out in area.	13-0-0	support
Prop 217	13-0-0	support
Prop 218 will encourage consolidation of permits. Amend prop to read: One Southeast Alaska set gillnet CFEC permit holder may own and fish two permits aboard his / her vessel concurrently.	amendment 11-2-0	support
Prop 219 Does not feel necessary to list as stock of concern. (Bill joined board)	0-13-0	oppose
Prop 220 proposal is confusing	0-14-0	oppose
Prop 221 Board feels proposal is written in error.	0-14-0	oppose
Prop 222 feels sport should continue to be able to fish in current area.	0-14-0	oppose

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Prop 247 14-0-0 support

Prop 248 14-0-0 support
Supports separating the fisheries.

Prop 249 Take no action
will take action on 250 & 252

Prop 250 13-1-0 support

Prop 251 Take no action

Prop 252 14-0-0 support

Prop 253 0-14-0 oppose
feels proposal is un-called for

Prop 254 0-14-0 oppose
likes current means of measuring and feels this proposal is not needed.

Prop 255 0-14-0 oppose
Supporting view feels this will provide incentive to own and fish 2 permits and encourage consolidating of permit holders. Feels fishery is over-capitalized.
Opposing view feels that same number of permits still exist. May result in a small number of permit holders catching a large percentage of fish. Could restrict opportunity for new entrants, making it very difficult to purchase a permit.
Note: lengthy discussion occurred. Feels restructuring would be appropriate.

Prop 256 8-6-0 support
Supporting feels that idea is a simpler solution. Will decrease boats fishing but will not eliminate permit. Opposing has same comments as Prop 255

Prop 260 0-14-0 oppose
Note: written with confusing wording. Doesn't specify seine fishery.

Prop 261 2-12-0 oppose
supporting wants access to pink salmon
opposing feels that plan is very elaborate, too broad spectrum.
Note: did not have much representation from seine fleet.

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Proposal #	Support - Oppose - Abstain	
Prop 262	0-15-0	Oppose
Prop 263 Feels prop is un-necessary	0-15-0	Oppose
Prop 264 Oppose because no area is outlined.	0-15-0	Oppose
Prop 272 all strongly opposed	0-15-0	Oppose
Prop 286 Supporting feels that a limit is needed. Opposing feels this is too restrictive. Committee cannot support due to the way this Prop is written.	1-14-0	Oppose
Prop 287 refer to comments of Prop 286	take no action	
Prop 288 Opposing is against setting bag limits when there are no allocation concerns. Feels both resident and non-resident anglers should have same limits. Supporting feels an annual limit is reasonable. This may not be a solution but may address concerns.	9-6-0	Support
Prop 289 Aware that funding may be an issue, but also feel appropriate.	10-5-0	Support
Prop 290	0-15-0	Oppose
Prop 291	0-15-0	Oppose
Prop 292 There are no conservation issues. Locally in Petersburg, kids are avid dolly varden fishermen. They should not be penalized. Cannot support. Prop needs to be written for a specific region.	0-15-0	Oppose
Prop 293 Do not feel needed.	3-12-0	Oppose
Prop 294 Supporting view has noticed increased efforts of guided sport fishers in commercially funded terminal harvest areas.	3-12-0	Opposed

Prop 295	take no action	
Feels educating people about good catch and release technique & training is appropriate.		
Feels proposal may not be the way to promote this.		
Note: Committee supports concept		
Prop 296	6-9-0	Oppose
Feels proposal may be too restrictive, yet support concept.		
Prop 297	0-15-0	Oppose
Prop 298	13-2-0	Support
Majority of Committee does not support jigging machines or equipment mounted to boat.		
Does support hand held rods with electric reels.		
Prop 299	0-15-0	Oppose
Prop 300	15-0-0	Support
Prop 301	0-15-0	Oppose
Committee does not support use of barbless hooks.		
Prop 302	0-15-0	Oppose
Prop 303	0-15-0	Oppose
Feels proposal should specify exactly what the additional rod or line should be used for, hook size, number of hooks, etc.		
Prop 304	2-13-0	Oppose
Can support in concept when applied only to freshwater.		
Opposing does support as a precedence in saltwater fisheries.		
Prop 305	0-15-0	Oppose
Opposing is concerned with safety issues of using rubber soles, but is aware of advancements in rubber soles to prevent slipping.		
Note: Committee feels concern over the issue and feels the public should be made aware of proper cleanliness techniques to prevent further issues.		
Prop 306	15-0-0	Support
Prop 307	0-15-0	Oppose
Prop 308	3-12-0	Oppose
Opposing feels prop is too extreme.		

Prop 309 0-15-0 Oppose
Committee does not feel this is a viable concept.

Prop 310 6-9-0 Oppose
Supporting feels that this method of reporting is warranted. Opposing feels that the current reporting system is sufficient.

Note: Some opposed committee members feel that this proposal should apply to all sport fish harvest, whether guided or un-guided. Committee would like to see this concept statewide

Prop 311 10-5-0 Support
Supporting feels that processors & Commercial vessels are subject to similar scrutiny. Opposing feels this concept is too invasive into private property.

Prop 312 9-6-0 Support

Prop 313 7-8-0 Oppose

Prop 314 No action

Prop 315 No action

Prop 316 No action

Prop 317 No action

Prop 319 No action

Prop 320 0-15-0 Oppose

Motion was made to support the concept of the RPT regarding proposals 244-246, 267-269, 271, 273-274, 327
We voted 15-0-0 in favor of supporting RPT.

January, 30, 2009, 1900-2210 hrs The Petersburg Advisory Committee held a meeting in the city council chambers covering more finfish proposals. Members present included Kurt Marsh, Ralph Strickland, Mike Bangs, Mike Neuneker, Justin Peeler, Joel Randrup, Arnold Enge, Cole Rhoden, Stan Malcom, Dave Benitz, Wes Malcom, and Bill Davidson, Skip Behrey, and Joe Short. An election was held for the 2nd seine seat on the AC and Alec Pfundt was elected. Amber Behrey took notes.

Audience: Ed Wood, Mike Corl, Andy Wright, Lee Gilpin, Julianne Curry (PVOA), Clyde Curry, Andy Knight, Dean Haltiner, Dave-Ellen's husband, Brian Kandoll, John Jensen, next to Andy Wright, Frank Neidiffer, Dave Rojcewicz, Bill Johnston, guy next to Andy Knight: Staff: Troy Thynes, Doug Fleming, Brian Lynch, and William

We started at the proposal 262 and went in sequence, skipping the ones that they had previously been voted upon. The salmon allocation proposals that the Regional Planning Teams had acted upon were treated separately and acted upon as one group. The AC voted to support the RPT's recommendations. The last meeting should be Monday, February 2.

All the motions were made in the affirmative to pass each proposal with the all in favor being the first number and the all against being the second number.

- 262 0-15
- 263 0-15
- 264 0-15
- 244, 245, 246 (which they had already opposed at earlier meeting), 267, 268, 269 (no action by RPT will have AC revisit), 271, 273, 274, and 327 were set aside as allocation proposals between the gear groups on which the joint Regional Planning Teams had made recommendations.
- 272 0-15
- 286 1-14
- 287 No Action due to action on 286
- 288 9-6
- 289 10-5
- 290 0-15
- 291 0-15
- 292 0-15
- 293 3-12
- 294 3-12

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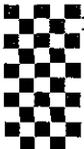
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- 295 No Action but support the concept of reducing catch & release mortality
296 6-9
297 0-15
298 13-2
299 0-15
300 15-0
301 0-15
302 0-15
303 0-15
304 0-15
305 0-15
306 15-0
307 0-15
308 3-12
309 0-15
310 6-9 there was considerable discussion around this proposal to require a fish ticket system for guided sport fishery
311 10-5 discussion around the legality of inspecting facilities associated with sport fishing
312 9-6
313 7-8
314 No Action-out of Petersburg Area
315 No Action- out of Petersburg Area
316 No Action- out of Petersburg Area
317 No Action- out of Petersburg Area
318 Already addressed by Board
319 No Action- out of Petersburg Area
320 0-15
15-0 ? Motion to support the RPT proposal and table other proposals.

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Petersburg Fish and Game Advisory Committee

December 30, 2008

The Petersburg Advisory Committee met at 7:00 PM to consider Fin-fish proposals. Attending from ADF&G were William Bergman, Troy Thynes, and Doug Flemming. There were 10 members present, which was a quorum.

Proposal#

- 199 0-10 Failed
- 200 0-10 Failed
- 201 0-10 Failed
- 202 2-8 Failed
- 203 0-10 Failed
- 204 0-10 Failed
- 205 0-10 Failed
- 206 0-10 Failed
- 207 0-10 Failed
- 208 0-10 Failed
- 209 No Action: Take up later for Vessel Owners comments.
- 210 No Action
- 215 Delayed until next meeting
- 232 No Action Out of our area
- 233 No Action: Out of our area
- 234 0-10 There is no limit to constrain users
- 235 10-0 Carried
- 237 No Action: Out of our area
- 238 0-10 Failed
- 239 0-10 Failed
- 246 0-10 Failed
- 257 1-9 Failed
- 258 No Action: See proposal #257
- 259 10-0 Our vote reflected an amendment to change District 8 gillnet sockeye openings to Monday for the first two weeks only
- 265 0-10
- 266 No Action
- 270 No Action
- 275 10-0 Carried
- 276 10-0 Carried
- 285 10-0 Carried
- 331 0-10 Failed
- 232 No Action
- 238 No Action
- 239 9-1 Carried

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At this meeting the Committee considered selected proposals; because ADF&G did not have their briefing documents prepared. We considered only proposals that ADF&G were neutral on.

The committee adjourned at 10:00PM.

Arnold M. Enge, Vice-Chair for:

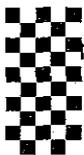
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Proposal #	Support - Oppose - Abstain	
Prop 241 Game Book	0-13-0	Oppose
Opposing feels that there should be a resident preference. Bonus point system may have a non-resident advantage. It is noted that bonus point systems in others states have not been fair to their residents.		
Prop 321	0-13-0	Oppose
Strongly oppose. Appears to strongly benefit coastal trollers, yet this prop will most likely have a negative impact on the summer opening, affecting the entire fleet.		
Prop 322	0-13-0	Oppose
Opposing this Proposal would continue to benefit our local resident fishing families. Due to the fact that the area is already closed, the local residents of Petersburg would like to maintain this closed area for a local sport fishery.		
Prop 323	13-0-0	Support
Supporting due to this fishery converting to a hatchery access area.		
Prop 324	Took no action	
Committee chose to take no action due to support of proposal 323		
Prop 325	0-13-0	Oppose
Committee opposes changing the current system, due to F&G current ability to extend the season on an as-needed basis.		
Proposal 326	0-13-0	Oppose
Oppose due to potential mortality risk, in-efficiency in the fishery, loss of opportunity, etc.		
Prop 327	Refer to RPT	
Prop 328	0-13-0	Oppose
Committee feels hand trollers that wish to use power gurdies should purchase a power troll permit.		
Prop 329	0-13-0	Oppose
Prop 330	13-0-0	Support
Prop 333	0-12-0	Oppose

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Prop 354 13-0-0 Support

Prop 355 0-13-0 Oppose

Prop 357 13-0-0 Support

Committee addressed prop 357 due to the public interest in this statewide crab proposal.

Prop 368

Note: This Committee was not aware of this proposal and took no action.

ACTIONS OF THE WRANGELL FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AT IT'S MEETINGS OF,

November 24, December 1, December 18 December 22,
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Members Present 11/24/2008 (12)

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

Members Present 12/1/2008 (12)

Tom Sims	Brennon Eagle	David Rak
Marlin Benedict	Janice Churchill	Tony Guggenbickler
Brian Merritt	Otto Florschutz	Alan Reeves
Robert Rooney	Bill Knecht	Mike Bauer

Members Present 12/8/2008 (14)

Tom Sims	Brennon Eagle	David Rak
Marlin Benedict	Janice Churchill	John Yeager
Tony Guggenbickler	Brian Merritt	Otto Florschutz
Alan Reeves	Robert Rooney	Bill Knecht
Randy Easterly	Mike Bauer	

Members Present 12/22/2008 (11)

Tom Sims	Brennon Eagle	David Rak
Chris Guggenbickler	Marlin Benedict	Janice Churchill
John Yeager	Tony Guggenbickler	Otto Florschutz
Alan Reeves	Bill Knecht	

Members Present 12/29/2008 (8)

Tom Sims	Brennon Eagle	David Rak
Marlin Benedict	John Yeager	Otto Florschutz
Alan Reeves	Bill Knecht	

Members Present 1/12/2009 (11)

Tom Sims	Brennon Eagle	David Rak
Marlin Benedict	Janice Churchill	John Yeager
Otto Florschutz	Alan Reeves	Robert Rooney
Bill Knecht	Mike Bauer	

Members Present 1/19/2009 (8)

Tom Sims	David Rak	Marlin Benedict
Janice Churchill	John Yeager	Brian Merritt
Otto Florschutz	Alan Reeves	Bill Knecht

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

The November 24 meeting was called to order by Tom Sims, Committee Chair at about 7 PM.

SOUTHEAST AND YAKUTAT FINFISH PROPOSALS**Proposal #199 OPPOSE**

Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Otto

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 12

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: Closing commercial herring fisheries in SE-AK is not needed. ADF&G has managed herring stocks successfully, up to this time, and herring stocks are very heavily managed. The waters near Wrangell are plentiful with herring. Many species that feed on herring are depleted, except whales.

Proposals #200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, and 218

COMMENTS ONLY

Motion to comment by: Tony Second by: David

Number in favor: 12

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: Blanket comment for proposals 200 through 218: Let ADF&G manage the herring stocks. The Wrangell AC feels that they have done this well in the past.

Note: Chris Guggenbickler leaves the AC Meeting.**Proposal #219 TABLED – NO ACTION**

Motion to adopt by: Marlin (11/24/08) Second by: Rob

Motion to table proposal by: Tony (11/24/08) Second by: Bill

Comments 11/24/2008: The Wrangell AC would like to see some action taken to rebuild the Bradfield salmon stocks to what they were in the 1960's; similar to the way the Stikine River salmon stocks were rebuilt. The impacts of timber h on fish habitat in the Bradfield River drainage caused a major decline in Bradfield king salmon stocks. Bradfield coho salmon stocks declined after the gillnet fishery was moved from Area 8 to Area 6. It is understood that a "stock of concern" is the ADF&G term for fish stocks that need to be looked into. An action proposed to lessen the harvest of the Bradfield kings would be to move the line for the seiners down the beach about 3 miles. It is expected the seiners by catch would be less king salmon. The seiners can live release any king salmon by catch.

Motion to Amend: Ask ADF&G or BOF to set up a task force to manage rebuilding of the Bradfield salmon stocks. The task force would be funded for rebuilding and enhancement projects.

Motion to table proposal until future meeting to allow for more research for the proposal.

Comments 12/8/2008: Tom Sims, Chairperson, reported contacting Keith Pahlke, ADF&G Douglas, about listing the Bradfield kings salmon as a species of concern. The ADF&G lacks adequate information on the Bradfield kings to make a determination at the upcoming meetings in 2009. A further delay in action on the proposal is needed for Tom to discuss the proposal with SSRAA.

Comments 1/12/2009: It was noted that proposal #219 had been tabled. No motion was made to take further action of proposal.

Proposal #220 SUPPORT AS AMENDED

Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Alan

Number in favor as amended: 8

Number opposed: 2

Number abstaining: 0

Comments (11/24/2008): Two important points to consider with this proposal: The BOF does not deal with halibut regulations; and there is no bag limit for king salmon caught in fresh water in SE-AK. The Wrangell AC agrees there needs to be some accountability for king salmon overages and underages harvested by the sport-guided sector in SE-AK.

Motion to Amend by: Tony Second by: Bill

Amend by removing all references to "fresh water" and "halibut" from proposal.

Number in favor of amendment: 10

Number opposed to amendment: 1

Number abstaining: 0

Additional Comments (12/1/2008): The Wrangell AC wishes to make the sport charter fleet accountable for overages and underages of fish harvested.

Wrangell AC recesses meeting until December 1, 2008.

The Wrangell AC resumes its meeting on December 1, 2008 at 7 PM.

Tom Sims, Chairperson, read to the AC a letter about actions on the finfish proposals by John Yeager. The letter is in support of sport fishing guides. A copy of that letter is attached to these minutes. Tom also read to the AC an email message from Patti Skannes, ADF&G, which provided background information for proposal 220.

Proposals #221 NO ACTION
No Comments

Proposal #222 NO ACTION
Motion to adopt by: Bill WITHDRAWN Second by: Alan WITHDRAWN
Comments: With this proposal areas of high abundance would be closed to both commercial and sport charter fishing during years of low overall abundance. Puts sport charter on an equal footing with commercial other harvest. The proposal needs to say areas would be closed to all fishing to be truly effective. In favor of the proposal's idea, but as written, it may not be enforceable.

Proposal #223 SUPPORT AS AMENDED
Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Brian
Number in favor as amended: 12
Number opposed: 0
Number abstaining: 0
Comments: It is believed that it is currently legal to use 2 rods, depending on the index. If the bag limit is followed, the number of rods used is not an issue. ADF&G would also need to set a limit for the number of fish taken during the winter time, to preserve enough fish for the summer fishery by the charter fleet.
Motion to Amend by: Mike Second by: Marlin
Amend proposal to include only Alaska residents. The use of 2 poles in winter would be available to AK residents only.
Number in favor of amended: 12
Number opposed: 0
Number abstaining: 0

Proposal #224 OPPOSE
Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Otto
Number in favor: 0
Number opposed: 10
Number abstaining: 2
Comments: This proposal would allow for an exception in August. It was noted that the Juneau Salmon Derby is in August. The Wrangell AC is generally not in favor of exceptions to regulations.

Proposal #225 OPPOSE
Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Otto
Number in favor: 0
Number opposed: 12
Number abstaining: 0
Comments: This proposal is opposed because commercial fishermen have contributed 3% to produce the fish in the troll access corridor. Allowing more sport boats in the troll access corridor would make it more difficult for commercial boats to work.

Proposal #226 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Brian
Number in favor: 0
Number opposed: 12
Number abstaining: 0
Comments: This proposal is opposed for the same reason that proposal #225 is opposed.

Proposal #227 SUPPORT
Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Brian
Number in favor: 10
Number opposed: 1
Number abstaining: 1
Comments: Brennon stated that 7 days is too long, but he could accept 5 days. Tony stated that trollers are allocated 31% of the fish, but never get to catch that many (see data in the proposal). To mitigate this imbalance, the entire area could be open for 7 days. Tom agreed the trollers should be provided access to their allocation, and that all of District 8 should be opened.

Proposals #228 NO ACTION
Comments: This proposal may be dealt with in Petersburg.

Proposal #229 OPPOSE
Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Otto
Number in favor: 0
Number opposed: 12
Number abstaining: 0
Comments: This proposal would reallocate a resource. The current allocation plan is fairly new and should be allowed more time to work. The AC feels there is not yet a need for a change, and favors staying with the solution worked out in the past. Compromises were made to establish this fishery, and the proposed change would set up a new user group.

Proposals #230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241 and, 242 NO ACTION
No Comments

Proposal #243 OPPOSE
Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Brian
Number in favor: 0
Number opposed: 12
Number abstaining: 0
Comments: This proposal would make all fisheries subsistence, and all daily sport bag limits moot. Allowing a rod and reel for subsistence harvest would eliminate the daily sport bag limits. All resident fisheries would become subsistence harvest.

Proposal #244 SUPPORT
Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Otto
Number in favor: 12
Number opposed: 0
Number abstaining: 0
Comments: The Wrangell AC is in favor of removing fish from private non-profit production facilities, which do not receive fisheries enhancement revenues, from the fishery allocation process.

Proposals #245 NO ACTION
No Comments

Note: Brennon Eagle leaves the AC Meeting.

Proposal #246 SUPPORT AS AMENDED
Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Brian
Number in favor as amended: 11
Number opposed: 0
Number abstaining: 0

Comments: It was noted that the City of Coffman Cove is releasing king salmon. It is thought that the proposed action would not affect any commercial fishery, and that the Coffman Cove gillnetters are OK with the proposal. The proposal needs to define the closed area.

Motion to amend the proposal by: Otto Second by: Brian
Amend proposal to define the close area from the ferry terminal into the bay.
Number in favor of amendment: 11
Number opposed: 0
Number abstaining: 0

Proposal #247 SUPPORT
Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Otto
Number in favor: 11
Number opposed: 0
Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would make management easier for the Department, and would not affect the troll fishery. The proposal should not change the fishing time. Emil indicated he did not have a problem with the proposal.

Wrangell AC recesses meeting until December 8, 2008.

The Wrangell AC resumes it meeting on December 8, 2008 at 7 PM.

Tom Sims, Chairperson, addressed the Advisory Committee on the issue of a Committee Member that had recently gone to court on a moose hunting violation. Robert Rooney was convicted of harvesting a sub legal bull moose. The antler has a broken point, which was not observed before the moose was harvested. The broken antler point disqualified the bull moose. Rob will continue to be a member of the Wrangell AC because he meets the qualifications of being a community member in good standing. The broken moose antler point was old, and not caused by Rob. Rob cooperated with the Protection Officer during the case and forfeited the moose meat to charity.

Tom Sims, Chairperson, reported contacting Keith Pahlke, ADF&G Douglas, about listing the Bradfield kings salmon as a species of concern. (See notes on proposal #219) The ADF&G lacks adequate information on the Bradfield kings to make a determination at the upcoming meetings in 2009. A further delay in action on the proposal is needed for Tom to discuss the proposal with SSRAA.

Proposals #248 NO ACTION
No Comments

Proposal #249 SUPPORT
Motion to adopt by: Bill Second by: Alan
Number in favor: 13
Number opposed: 0
Number abstaining: 0

Comments: It was reported that both ADF&G and ATA approve of this proposal (#249) along with proposal #252. This proposal may be considered as an allocation of fish from one fishery to another, but it is really not an allocation.

Proposal #250 OPPOSE
 Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Bill
 Number in favor: 0
 Number opposed: 13
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal lacks a definition for "one unit of troll gear. One unit of troll gear (only one of each item, no extras or spares) would not be a reasonable amount of gear for a fishery. ". Currently a boat can have on board more than one net. The second net must be bagged and tied.

Proposals #251 NO ACTION
 No Comments

Proposal #252 SUPPORT
 Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Randy
 Number in favor: 13
 Number opposed: 0
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal is not an unreasonable requirement for persons participating in 2 fisheries. It is reported that ADF&G supports proposal this proposal (#252) and proposal #249.

Note: Alan Reeves leaves the AC Meeting, and Brian Merritt arrives at the AC Meeting.

Proposal #253 SUPPORT
 Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Rob
 Number in favor: 10
 Number opposed: 0
 Number abstaining: 3

Comments: This proposal would set a new length limit for a Southeast seiner. The AC feels it makes no sense to restrict fisher's business by setting any length to the boat if it makes no difference to the number of fish that are caught. The length of the sein net and the number of sein permits largely determine the number of fish that could be caught. Changing the length of the sein boat would not change the length of the sein net (and its ability to catch fish), nor the number of sein permits. The 58-ft limit is old and was set to restrict boats from the south states. If today a longer boat will allow a boat to participate in multiple fisheries, longer boats should be allowed. Also a person should be allowed to get a longer boat if it will make the fishing operation more efficient. The 58 ft boats are built wider to increase capacity, and wider boats are less fuel efficient to push through the water. A longer boat would have an advantage in open water along the coast. The Wrangell Ac would like a copy of the supplement from the October ADF&G workshop that covered this topic.

Proposal #254 SUPPORT
 Motion to adopt by: Rob Second by: Otto
 Number in favor: 11
 Number opposed: 1
 Number abstaining: 1

Comments: The term "add ons" as used in the proposal is not defined and too variable. If proposal #253 fails then any "add-ons" would not be measures as part of a 58-ft boat. Also noted is that a bulbous bow would not be included as an add-on to be measured.

Proposal #255 OPPOSE
 Motion to adopt by: Bill Second by: Otto
 Number in favor: 0
 Number opposed: 13
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: There is a State rule that a fisher cannot own 2 permits in the same fishery. As a fisher cannot own 2 gillnet permits, the proposal makes little sense. Assume that if the proposal passes it would allow that a person owns permit #1 and their spouse owns permit #2, this would change the whole fishery. Also the proposal is 2-fold; it could reduce the

gillnet gear from 300 fathoms to 200 fathoms. . This proposal would provide special privileges to one group and take away from others.

Proposal #256 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Randy

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 13

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would definitely result in permit stacking. Comments to proposal #256 are the same as comments to proposal #255.

Note: Alan Reeves returns to the AC Meeting. Brennon Eagle arrives at the AC meeting.

Proposal #257 SUPPORT AS AMENDED

Motion to adopt by: Bill Second by: Otto

Number in favor as amended: 10

Number opposed: 3

Number abstaining: 1

Comments: Supporters of this proposal explained that it would avoid conflicts with weekend recreational boats, and that not fishing on the weekend would not affect the marketability of the fish. The author of the proposal chooses not to fish on Sunday for moral reasons. Sundays should be reserved for families and personal worship.

Those who oppose the proposal explained that starting the opening on Monday would require the turn-a-round for boats to occur on Sunday, which in Wrangell is not possible. Fishers cannot purchase fuel, food or obtain ice. The reasons stated in the proposal for starting on Monday would be exchanged to the other end of the fishing trip, and could be a reason not to start on Monday. The stated reasons for a change could be used to limit or end any weekend commercial fishery. This would be a significant loss of fishing time that would be devastating. It is a matter of personal choice not to fish on Sunday. The weekly openings should start at 6 AM for self-market fishers to get fish to airfreight for the Monday opening.

Motion to Amend by: Otto Second by: Bill

Amend proposal to specify that openings begin at 6 AM Monday morning.

Number in favor of amendment: 12

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 2

Proposals #258 NO ACTION

No Comments

Proposal #259 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Brennon Second by: Brian

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 12

Number abstaining: 2

Comments: The proposed action is not needed because the conflict issue in District 8 is being dealt with. There is a need to catch the sockeye so the Canadians don't use low harvest as a reason to catch more fish. More boats are needed to target the sockeye.

Proposal #260 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Rob Second by: Brennon

Number in favor: 1

Number opposed: 13

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: There is frustration with gillnetters working at Nemo Point, the upper Anita Bay terminal harvest area (THA). There are already conflicts with crabbers and salmon fishers in the area proposed to move into. The solution may be to the timing of the rotation, not the harvest area. There are no sharing goals for the Anita Bay THA. The proposal is opposed because current management is based upon access to sockeye fishery, and should remain unchanged.

Proposals #261, 262 and 263 NO ACTION
No Comments

Proposal #264 OPPOSE
Motion to adopt by: Rob Second by: Otto & Brian
Number in favor: 0
Number opposed: 14
Number abstaining: 0
Comments: This proposal lacks clear lines for the proposed closed area. What is the Klawock Area? Is it out as far as Noyes Island? What "stocks" are identified for protection? The Wrangell AC assumes ADF&G already has the power to protect stocks of concern.

Proposal #265 OPPOSE
Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Rob
Number in favor: 0
Number opposed: 14
Number abstaining: 0
Comments: This proposal (#265) is similar to proposal #264, except the dates are different. Both proposals should allow ADF&G to manage stocks of concern, but the proposal is somewhat vague.

Proposal #266 OPPOSE
Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Otto
Number in favor: 0
Number opposed: 14
Number abstaining: 0
Comments: This proposal would increase the length of set gillnets outside of the surfline in Yakutat. This action could increase the harvest of migrating enhanced salmon. As the set net fishers do not contribute 3% for fisheries enhancement they should not be allowed increased access at enhanced fish. This proposal would be a reallocation of enhanced fish to set gill-netters, as it would put nets on fish not normally caught by the Yakutat set nets. This proposal could also decrease the salmon available for the sport and charter fishery.

Proposal #267 OPPOSE
Motion to adopt by: Rob Second by: Brennon
Number in favor: 1
Number opposed: 11
Number abstaining: 2
Comments: Nakat Inlet is a gillnet area. Seiners want into the Inlet to offset the imbalance in Juneau. This proposal would compensate for the Douglas Island Pink and Chum (DIPAC) harvest in Juneau. The BOF should deal with DIPAC. There is an imbalance in the harvest of enhanced salmon, which is a very complicated issue. The Wrangell AC defers back to its position to take DIPAC out of the allocation model. We would like to send a message to the BOF that Regional Aquaculture Associations (SSRAA and NSRAA) should deal with allocation of enhanced fish in their respective areas

Wrangell AC recesses meeting until December 22, 2008.

The Wrangell AC resumes it meeting on December 22, 2008 at 7 PM.

Tom Sims, Chairperson, addressed the Advisory Committee by reading a letter from the RPT concerning the ADF&G proposals being considered by the AC. The net fleet harvest of enhanced salmon is currently out of balance, with the gillnet harvest being over and the sein harvest being under the planned allocation. Tom suggested the Wrangell Ac have a separate meeting dealing with hatchery allocation, and continue with the finfish proposals at this meeting.

Proposals #268 NO ACTION
Comments: Is a moot proposal until more fish get released at Neets Bay

Proposal #269 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Brennon Second by: Otto

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 11

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would The Neets Bay harvest is a commercial fishery funded project with some sport access. There is no need to allow sport fishers to harvest more of the enhanced fish. The fish are not going to waste. The AC opposes sport taking of salmon that are not counted against the daily harvest limit. Approval of this proposal could increase the harvest of Unik and Chickman salmon, and those stocks are not rebuilt yet. The proposal would open a fishery in Clover Pass.

Proposals #270 NO ACTION

Comments: Proposal addresses king salmon fishing from the beach in front of Witman Bay Hatchery.

Proposal #271 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Chris

Number in favor: 1

Number opposed: 10

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: The RPT recommends support for this proposal (See the letter from the RPT). The Wrangell AC could delay action on this proposal till a later meeting with other RPT issues. Wrangell has a large number of gill net fishers that support a big part of our town's economy. Currently sein caught fish are not processed in Wrangell. So an increase in the sein allocation would not greatly add to Wrangell's economy. The proposed action would decrease the gill-netter's catch when fishing an area following a sein fishery.

Note: there were no seiners at the meeting to voice comments/opinion. It is assumed the Wrangell seiners might support the proposal.

Proposals #272 NO ACTION

No Comments

Proposal #273 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Alan Second by: Otto

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 11

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: Deep Inlet is a place where seiners fish up against gillnetters. There is no buildup time after the sein closure so that only the gillnetters fishing the line catch any fish. There are no fish left inside the area on the first day after the sein closure. Gillnetters fishing inside will catch fish after a few days as the fish return.

Proposals #274 NO ACTION
Comments: Repeats proposal #273.

Proposals #275, and 276 NO ACTION
No Comments

Proposals #277 and 278 NO ACTION
Comments: Housekeeping proposals.

Proposal #279 OPPOSE
Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Alan
Number in favor: 0
Number opposed: 11
Number abstaining: 0
Comments: There are many good reasons to keep Earl West Cove available as a release site for enhanced salmon. Alternating releases yearly between Earl West and Anita Bay could confuse the predators and increase survival if released fish fry. Releasing fish at two sites would provide 2 areas (with more space) to fish.

Proposals #281, 282, 283, 284 and 285 NO ACTION
No Comments

Note: John Yeager addresses the AC reading from a written statement by Mike Bauer, Marlin Benedict and John Yeager. The sport charter operators in Wrangell ask the Wrangell Advisory Committee to help them develop regulations; support enhanced fish production, and imposes limits to the sport fish industry, and to work along with other commercial fisheries.

Proposal #286 PASSES
Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Brennon
Number in favor: 11
Number opposed: 0
Number abstaining: 0
Comments: This proposal is a companion to proposal #288, which are good tools to keep track of fish after they are caught. The key to the proposal is the addition of "return to Domicile" and the removal of "unreserved", so that the regulation includes all fish caught. The onboard freezing of fish would continue to be allowed for multi-day charters. This proposal #286), along with punch cards for each species, would end abuses as described in this proposal. The fee paid for the punch cards could go toward fish enhancement work. The Wrangell AC would like to see more enforcement of sport fishing charter regulations.

Proposal #287 SUPPORT
Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Alan
Number in favor: 11
Number opposed: 0
Number abstaining: 0
Comments: Comments to proposal #287 are similar to the comments for proposal#286.

Proposal #288 SUPPORT
Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Alan
Number in favor: 11
Number opposed: 0
Number abstaining: 0
Comments: This proposal is a good tool to track fish on a boat caught by charter clients. It should be used along with proposal #286. And there should be a similar harvest record (punch card) for other fish caught from charter boats.

Wrangell AC recesses meeting until December 29, 2008.

The Wrangell AC resumes its meeting on December 29, 2008 at 7 PM.

Proposal #289 NO ACTION

Motion to adopt by: Otto WITHDRAWN Second by: Marlin WITHDRAWN

Comments: This proposal may not accomplish anything if it is a stand-alone action. The action needs to include other associated regulations. This proposal is similar to proposal #288, and would only be needed if proposal #288 were not adopted by the BOF. The proposal could help protection officers enforce the fishing regulations. Note: The AC feels that proposal #288 could do a better job to solve the problem the Committee would like to see addressed.

Proposal #290 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Brennon Second by: Bill

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 8

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would eliminate steelhead sport fishing in streams in the Wrangell area with no known conservation problems. The Ac is not in favor of stream closures if no conservation is needed. Federal subsistence regulations for steelhead are very liberal for most streams. So State regulations could have limited impact on harvest. As most guided sport steelhead fishing in the Wrangell area is catch-and-release, the issue of possessing/retaining sport caught steelhead is not a big issue. State managers need a better/complete understanding of the subsistence regulations for steelhead harvest. Some members would like to know if ADF&G has the data to support the massive closure of streams the proposal would cause. The AC members realize that some steelhead systems are in trouble and need a limited harvest. We expect the State and Federal fishery managers to work together to manage the streams to conserve the steelhead. ADF&G should address only the high impact stream systems; only those streams that are heavily fished, such as the POW streams. The steelhead stream systems along the Bradfield Canal may have been bead down by sport charter fisheries, and there may be a need to rebuild those steelhead stocks.

There is a mortality of catch-and-release sport caught steelhead.

The major issue with this proposal is the closing of streams without adequate data on the populations of steelhead in those streams. The proposal may be "knee-jerk-reaction" by the State to the problem of Federal subsistence harvest. The AC would prefer the Department manage these streams by Emergency Order (EO) to close the streams with stocks of concern for steelhead. The Department should not manage the streams by blanket regulations in the proposal.

Proposals #291 NO ACTION

No Comments

Proposal #292 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Bill

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 8

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would make Dolly Varden a trophy fish. Dolly Varden was historically managed as a predator to salmon. Any protection of Dolly Varden would greatly decrease salmon escapement. The AC feels there is no need for conservation of Dolly Varden the Wrangell area. There may be a problem with decreased Dolly Varden stocks in the populated areas around Juneau. Dolly Varden is not a stock of concern in the Wrangell area.

Proposal #293 SUPPORT

Motion to adopt by: Brennon Second by: Bill

Number in favor: 8

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: Members of the AC feel the harvest of dogfish should be expanded. Dogfish should not be regulated like greater sharks. Long line fisheries see no shortage of dogfish, and feel there should be a greater sport and commercial harvest of dogfish.

Proposal #294 OPPOSE
 Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Brennon
 Number in favor: 1
 Number opposed: 7
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: It is felt that the intent of terminal harvest areas are being abused a bit. Aquaculture Associations collect funds from commercial fishers to produce fish. As charter fishers do not contribute to Aquaculture fish production, they should be kept out of the terminal harvest areas, or charter boats should pay into Aquaculture funds to produce fish they would catch. Charter boats should especially not interfere with harvest for cost recovery in terminal harvest areas. Also, unguided non-resident sport fisheries should not harvest in terminal areas or in areas of concentration of aquaculture enhanced fish. The proposal could make people angry when they need to work together. The proposal would regulate access in navigable waters. This is not an action some Committee members favor. Other members thought it would be similar to not allowing gillnetters into sein boats.

Otto proposed an amendment to the proposal. The amendment died for lack of a second.
 Amendment: Limit access to terminal areas, where State and/or sport fish funds are being used to raise the fish.

Proposal #295 SUPPORT AS AMENDED
 Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Bill
 Number in favor as amended: 8
 Number opposed: 0
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would
 Motion to amend proposal by: Brennon Second by: Marlin
 Amendment: The BOF should form a task force of sport users, charter guides, and Department personnel to develop a proposal on measures that will lower the catch-and-release mortality in the sport fishery. This proposal should be developed and acted on as soon as possible.

Number in favor of amendment: 8
 Number opposed: 0
 Number abstaining: 0

Proposal #296 SUPPORT
 Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Bill
 Number in favor: 8
 Number opposed: 0
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would allow charter boats to go after block cod (which is a totally allocated resource) and to use power reels to catch them. The use of electric reels for sport fishing is a new tool that should be nipped in the bud and stopped now, before the electric reels are more widely used. Sport fishers should hold their rod in their hand and also work the reel by hand.

Proposal #297 OPPOSE
 Motion to adopt by: Brennon Second by: Marlin
 Number in favor: 0
 Number opposed: 8
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal is similar to proposal #296 in that it would allow for electric powered sport fishing reel. The Wrangell AC is not in favor of powered reels for sport fishing.

Proposal #298 OPPOSE
 Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Alan
 Number in favor:
 Number opposed:
 Number abstaining:

Comments: This proposal would allow powered sport fishing reels. . The Wrangell AC is not in favor of powered reel sport fishing.

Proposals #299, 300, 301 and 302 NO ACTION

No Comments

Proposal #303 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Bill Second by: John

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 8

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: It is believed that charter boats are already allowed to have a pole out just to catch bait. The proposal would allow another line in the water to catch fish for unguided sport fishers. The proposal should specify the hook size allowed for herring jigging. The proposal should be further defined to ensure that the extra rod or line is not another salmon rod. The proposal should specify the size of hook, the strength of the line, and the type of fishing gear to use.

Proposals #304 NO ACTION

No Comments

Proposal #305 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Marlin Second by: Brennon

Number in favor: 3

Number opposed: 5

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would address the spread of harmful invasive by felt sole wading boots. Felt soles are needed on wading boots/shoes for walking on slippery stream surfaces. There is a need to stop the spread of invasive species. If felt soles are brand new, they should be allowed in the waters of SE-AK. Stopping the spread of dangerous invasive should be addressed by all persons who wade in the streams, not just guided fisherman.

Proposal #306 SUPPORT AS AMENDED

Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Brennon

Number in favor as amended: 8

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would create a large loophole that allows for an extra line to fish by charter clients. The Wrangell AC favors one fishing line per paying clients.

Motion to amend proposal by: Brennon Second by: Otto

Amendment: Eliminate the reference to 5AAC 47.030(b) from the proposal.

Number in favor of amendment: 8

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Proposal #307 SUPPORT AS AMENDED

Motion to adopt by: John Second by: Martin

Number in favor as amended: 8

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would establish a 30-day waiting period for charter vessels. Thirty days is too long a time! Most members would not favor the proposal because it would not be fair to prohibit the charter boat use for personal fishing between charters. It is agreed that there have been abuses of this practice in the past, so a short waiting period may be needed. It is already not legal to give subsistence and/or personal use caught fish to guided clients.

Motion to amend proposal by: Otto Second by: Alan

Amendment: There should only be a 7-day waiting period.

Number in favor of amendment: 8

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Proposal #308 SUPPORT AS AMENDED
 Motion to adopt by: Brennon Second by: Alan
 Number in favor as amended: 8
 Number opposed: 0
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal addresses a real problem and is an excellent tool to stop the chronic problem of subsistence or personal use caught fish being used in commercial food service. There is a concern for lack of enforcement of this proposal/regulation due to a lack of funding. The lodge owners and charter vessels should be charged for the extra enforcement costs.

Motion to amend proposal by: Bill Second by: Otto
 Amendment: No owner, operator, or employee of a lodge or charter vessel, or other enterprise may give or serve to paying clients personal use or subsistence caught finfish or shellfish.
 Number in favor of amendment: 8
 Number opposed: 0
 Number abstaining: 0

Note: Next Wrangell Advisory Committee meeting will be in two weeks on January 12, 2009.

The Wrangell AC resumes it meeting on January 12, 2009 at 7 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Tom Sims, Committee Chair at about 7 PM. Eleven people were present to participate in Committee elections, and attend the meeting.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS for 2009.

The Chairperson opened the meeting for nominations to refill 5 expiring Committee positions. Alan made a motion, second by Janis, to nominate Tom Sims, Brennon Eagle, Tony Guggenbickler, Randy Easterly, and Otto Florschutz as candidates. Brennon made a motion, second by Otto, to nominate Mike Bayer as a candidate. The nominations for elections were closed by a motion from Brennon, second by Bill, with a slate of six candidates for the five open seats. An election by secret ballot was held with all eleven people present at the meeting voting. Following is a list of candidates and the vote tally.

2008 CANDIDATES & VOTE TALLY

Tom Sims	11
Brennon Eagle	11
Tony Guggenbickler	10
Randy Easterly	4
Otto Florschutz	10
Mike Bayer	9

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECTED.

Tom Sims, Brennon Eagle, Tony Guggenbickler, Otto Florschutz and Mike Bauer were elected to three-year terms ending in January 2012. The newly elected members made a quorum so business could be conducted.

OFFICERS ELECTED

A motion was made by Bill, second by Marlin, to accept the previous officers: Tom Sims, Chair; Brennon Eagle, Vice-Chair; and David Rak, Secretary, for 2009. The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Committee members.

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBER

Tom Sims appointed Randy Easterly to a one-year term as an alternate member of the Wrangell AC for 2009.

APPOINTMENT OF AC REPRESENTATIVE

Tom appointed Alan Reeves to represent the Wrangell AC to the BOF meeting as they consider the 2009 Shellfish proposals for SE-AK.

Proposal #309 SUPPORT

Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Brennon

Number in favor: 8

Number opposed: 3

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would establish an allocation for guided sport caught coho salmon. The question was asked how much the guided sport catch of coho salmon has increased over the past 10 years? Establishing an allocation for the sport-guided fishery would force the charter fishery to live within a set harvest number. Another proposal would set a lower bag limit for sport charter cohoes. The sport guides on the AC were asked if they would rather have a coho allocation, or a restricted daily bag limit? The sport guides are not in favor of high bag limits that cannot be sustained year-to-year because repeat customers come to expect the higher bag limit each year. It was noted that in years of low coho abundance, setting an allocation would require everyone to harvest within their allocation. Setting an allocation baseline would be difficult due to the lack of good numbers for historical coho catch by sport guided fishers. It was further noted that the guided sport take of coho salmon might be difficult to track and determine, as some people do not trust the guides' logbook data and reports. If the BOF adopts proposal #286, that proposal would be a better solution to the problem address in proposal #309. Proposal #309 may not be the first choice of the Wrangell AC, but #309 should be supported in case proposal #286 is not adopted.

Proposal #310 SUPPORT

Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Marlin

Number in favor: 8

Number opposed: 3

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would require ADF&G to develop a state of the art fish ticket system for guided sport fish harvest. A fish ticket system may not be the best solution to the problem, but fish tickets are a good system for tracking fish harvest. Currently there is a 2-year lag on obtaining good harvest information from the sport fish harvest, as ADF&G is slow to compile and share the harvest data. Currently sport charter skippers must report and mail in harvest data every Sunday when fishing. The proposal would put the burden on ADF&G to quickly process fish ticket information similar to the commercial harvest data. But completing fish tickets would be one more thing that a sport guide must require their clients of themselves to complete. Currently sport charter skippers fill report sheets daily and are required have the report sheets to ADF&G by a set time after the end of the fishing week. Proposal #310 would prod ADF&G to process the harvest data more quickly. The proposal is a useful tool that would cause ADF&G to process harvest data in a timely manner, and share that information with all concerned or interested persons. The sport charter members of the Wrangell AC ask that any new system not cause additional reporting, beyond the currently reported harvest information. It is assumed that if the sport charter fishery has an allocation, proposal 310 would ensure that the sport charter clients are able to harvest all of that allocation. Note: It is felt that the sport guides are currently providing adequate harvest documentation, and that the burden is on ADF&G to process and share that information in a timely manner.

Proposal #311, 312 & 313 SUPPORT

Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Alan

Number in favor: 9

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 2

Comments: These three proposals allow similar search activities by enforcement and are handled as a group. It was noted and questioned that as vessels and lodges are private property, would there be a need for a search warrant to check their freezers, etc? It is expected/understood that if a proposal is unconstitutional that the BOF would not consider it. The Wrangell AC is in favor of providing enforcement all the tools needed to adequately monitor what is going on, or reported to them. As enforcement can check every hold and locker on a vessel, they should also be able to check all shore facilities for fish. All things being equal.

Proposals #314, 315, 316, 317 & 318 NO ACTION

No Comments

Proposal #319 SUPPORT

Motion to adopt by: Mike Second by: Otto

Number in favor: 11

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would close or restrict an area to charter and sport boats. It was noted that the areas listed in the proposal are being heavily used, and maybe abused, by spot and charter boats for the past few years. Over harvest could adversely impact or wipe out small runs of salmon returning to the creeks in the bays. Sport charter members of the Wrangell AC feel this is a serious problem that needs to be addressed. The waters of the inner bays are being over fished, and there is no need to fish up into the creeks. Sport and charter boats can catch fish in the open water beyond the markers. On a related issue, it would be OK to catch enhanced fish right in front of a hatchery, but it is not OK to fish wild stocks in front of small creeks.

Proposal #320 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Brennon

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 11

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: We feel that the fish that are not caught in the winter fishery should move into the summer fishery as they currently do. This will lengthen the summer fishery, and will lead to less release mortality on king salmon while the troll fishery is targeting coho. If these fish are used to expand the spring hatchery access fishery it could lead to more conflict with the sport fleet.

Proposal #321 OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Brennon

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 11

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: The winter fishery works well the way it is currently managed. If it is expanded the summer fishery will need to be shortened. This is not in the overall best interest of the troll fleet because of the release mortality that must be figured into the overall harvest of the troll fleet when they are on non-retention. The way the troll fishery is currently managed is largely a result of a task force, and we are not in favor of changing the management now.

Proposal #322 SUPPORT AS AMENDED
 Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Brennon
 Number in favor: 11
 Number opposed: 0
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: It was questioned and noted that the location of the winter closure lines makes little sense. Currently fishers cannot fish the River in the winter, but as there are no spawners in the closed area waters, why are those waters closed to conserve kings? It appears the proposal would allow for commercial fishing inside of Greys Passage in the winter, which is not favored by Wrangell AC. Would commercial trollers be able to anchor up in Greys Pass, as mooching at anchor is not trolling? The depth of the water across the Stikine flats would restrict/self regulate the ability of a troller to troll across the flats and enter the deeper water in Greys Pass.

Motion to amend proposal by: Alan Second by: Bill

Amendment: Amend proposal to close the Stikine River side of Greys Passage from the west end of Greys Island to the west end of Rynda Island.

Number in favor of amendment: 11
 Number opposed: 0
 Number abstaining: 0

Proposals #323 & 324 NO ACTION
 No Comments

Proposal #325 SUPPORT
 Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Tom
 Number in favor: 7
 Number opposed: 3
 Number abstaining: 1

Comments: This proposal would extend the closing date for troll coho. In some years of high coho abundance some trollers may want to continue to fish, and they should be allowed to do so. The AC however would not like to expand the fishery in years when trollers are over their allocation. If the area is open by a regulation change, it may not be able to close the area as needed for conservation. The proposal would set the closure date with no adjustment for abundance or lack of abundance. The current regulation works well in most years, but not 2008, so should not be changed. The last 2 years the fish have been late, which could be the start of a trend? If the season is extended from 9/20 to 9/30, there is usually a price increase for the fish at the end of the season, and the fish are bigger. There are also more harbor days due to weather later in the season.

ADF&G manages the troll to 61%. This proposal would not change the %, but it would change the fishing time to help trollers to reach that %. Most cohoes are caught on the outside. This proposal benefits the inside trollers, who are generally local residents. By the end of the season (including later dates proposed) most down south boats have departed south for home.

Proposal #326 OPPOSE
 Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Alan
 Number in favor: 0
 Number opposed: 11
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: We are opposed to opening the coho season later. That will lead to more mortality on the coho, as the general summer troll season will be open and trollers will not be able to retain the coho they catch. By extending the season past September 20 across Southeast Alaska there may be conservation concerns. We support the way the troll fishery is currently managed, which allows for more access on years of high abundance. In certain areas this seems to work well.

Proposal #327 SUPPORT
 Motion to adopt by: Brennon Second by: Alan
 Number in favor: 10
 Number opposed: 0
 Number abstaining: 1

Comments: This proposal would extend the troll dates in Behm Canal and Clarence Straight. The Wrangell AC supports this proposal because it allows access to specific fish, and would not just open a large area. There could be a problem if an area is opened based on hatchery fish. ADF&G may not support this proposal.

Proposal #328 OPPOSE
 Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Brennon
 Number in favor: 0
 Number opposed: 11
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would hand troll permit to use power gurdies. The Wrangell AC feels hand troll permits need to remain hand troll. Allowing power equipment would exploit the troll fishery to a level never seen. The proposal would greatly increase the amount of troll gear in the water.

Proposals #329, 330, & 331 NO ACTION
 No Comments

Proposal #332 OPPOSE
 Motion to adopt by: Bill Second by: Otto
 Number in favor: 0
 Number opposed: 11
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would close area around Naha Bay from bottom fishing. The Wrangell AC is consistently against closures. The closure of Naha Bay should not go the way of the crab closures. Commercial fisheries are there to make money, and if they cannot make money in an area they will not go there. If an area is depleted, it should be closed to all fisheries.

Proposal #333 SUPPORT
 Motion to adopt by: Mike Second by: Marlin
 Number in favor: 11
 Number opposed: 0
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would raise the guideline harvest level for lingcod in central outside areas. It is understood that the biologist feel the lingcod stocks are OK. Perhaps the sport charter fleet should be allowed no lingcod retention after 9/15. Sport charter members would like to keep lingcod, if stocks can support the charter catch. The AC has reports from long line harvesters that lingcod stocks are plentiful. Several AC members reported that current lingcod retention regulations are difficult to understand, so many do not retain lingcod. The length of a lingcod that can be kept must fit a slot length restriction, because large fish are needed for breeding. The Wrangell AC supports conservation of old fish, which are slow to reproduce. Some members believe lingcod are managed too conservatively.

Proposal #334 NO ACTION – MOTION WITHDRAWN
 Motion to adopt by: Mike Second by: John

Comments: This proposal would increase the allocation of lingcod to the sport fishery. It was suggested that the proposal would not change the lingcod allocation; it would just change the opportunity to catch lingcod. Suggestions were made to do away with the size limit for lingcod, and change the guided recreation anglers to include all recreation anglers, not just guided. No lingcod allocation should be taken away from the trollers or dinglebars.

Proposal #335 OPPOSE
 Motion to adopt by: Otto Second by: Brennon
 Number in favor: 0
 Number opposed: 11
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would also increase the allocation of lingcod to the sport fishery. There was no support for an arbitrary reallocation of 50% to the sport fishery. This would be a reallocation of the resource from the commercial to sport charter. The stated issue is not true.

Proposals #336 NO ACTION
No Comments

Proposal #337 SUPPORT
Motion to adopt by: Brennon Second by: Otto
Number in favor: 11
Number opposed: 0
Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would make surplus dinglebar quota available to the troll fleet. The Wrangell AC feels this is a reasonable action as long as the dinglebar fishery can also continue to occur. It is OK that fish not being caught by dinglebar, are caught by another gear group with a historic catch. The troll fleet has a history of catching lingcod.

Proposals #338 NO ACTION
No Comments

Proposal #339 SUPPORT AS AMENDED
Motion to adopt by: Mike Second by: Marlin
Number in favor: 11
Number opposed: 0
Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would allow recreational anglers to retain one lingcod. Harvest would remain open all summer at one fish/day and an annual limit of 2 fish. The Wrangell AC supports conservative management of lingcod, and asks if the lingcod resource can support 2 ½ months of fishing by guided anglers. The proposal is a huge change from the current management, which was a huge change from the previous regulations. The AC favors a change to the size limit and a change to the harvest season, but not a change in the total annual harvest limit of 1 fish for non residents, because of the potential to greatly increase the number of fish harvested. Again it was mentioned that the regulation for keeping lingcod bycatch is confusing, and it is easier not to keep them

Motion to amend proposal by: Otto Second by: Mike
Amendment: Amend proposal to allow one ling cod annually by recreational anglers with a minimum size limit of 30 inches or larger.
Number in favor of amendment: 11
Number opposed: 0
Number abstaining: 0

Proposals #340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, & 346 NO ACTION
No Comments

Proposal #347 OPPOSE
Motion to adopt by: Brennon Second by: Alan
Number in favor: 11
Number opposed: 0
Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would allow retention of slope rockfish during summer directed Pacific cod fishery. The Wrangell AC feels that slope rockfish should not be allowed as bycatch by Pacific cod fishers. The grounds for Pacific cod and slope rockfish are different areas. There is no need to exploit the rockfish resource.

Proposals #348 NO ACTION

Comments: This is a housekeeping proposal.

Proposal #349, 350 & 351

NO ACTION- COMMENTS ONLY

Motion to adopt by: Mike

Second by: Brennon

Number in favor: No vote

Number opposed: No Vote

Number abstaining: No Vote

Comments: This proposal would require the use of a decompression device for releasing rockfish. It is accepted that it is a waste of the fish to surface release a rockfish and see them floating belly up. It was reported that the puncture method is not recommended for rockfish release. A weighted hook to the fishes lip could be used to get the fish down in the water.

NOTE: The Wrangell AC would like the sported guided charter fleet and ADF&G to develop a technique minimize mortality on rockfish returned alive to the sea.

Proposals #352, 353, 354, 355 & 356

NO ACTION

No Comments

Proposal #357

SUPPORT

Motion to adopt by: Brennon

Second by: Alan

Number in favor: 11

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would increase the allowable thread size for shellfish pot escapement mechanism. Pot fisherman on the AC agree this is a valid problem and favor 90 rot string; but note the pots must be rigged correctly to allow escapement. The pots must be rigged so they will come undone when the rot string breaks. It was reported that currently rot strings need to be replaced once during the harvest season. The proposal would be labor saving in that rot strings on dungee pots could last the entire season.

Proposals #358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366 & 367

NO ACTION

No Comments

Proposal #368

OPPOSE

Motion to adopt by: Otto

Second by: Marlin

Number in favor: 0

Number opposed: 11

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This proposal would establish possession limits for nonresidents as one daily bag limit for all species. This action could put sport charter industry out of business. The problem described is dealt with much better, and more sensible, in other proposals. The Wrangell AC would like to see the BOF take actions to develop reasonable regulations on possession and bag limits at this meeting. The BOF should not appoint a task force taken which would delay any other direct action.

***Tom Announces next Wrangell Advisory Committee meeting will be in one week on January 19, 2009.
Meeting adjourned about 11 PM***

The Wrangell AC meeting on January 19, 2009 started at 7 PM.

Eight members were present attend the meeting which was called to order by Tom Sims, Committee Chair at about 7 PM. Tom made several announcements including Otto will represent the Wrangell Ac at the BOF shellfish meeting in Petersburg, and news from a recent SSRAA Board meeting. Tom is president of the new SSRAA Board. SSRAA will move forward with restructuring the Burnett Hatchery, which should increase chum production in District 6. The story is different for coho where there is resistance to change from summer to fall coho. The survival of summer coho from Neck Lake has been consistently poor. Tom presented the AC with a report by species of where SSRAA produced fish were caught in 2008. The report is available on the Internet. The SSRAA Board has passed a new seven year strategic plan for SSRAA.

operations. That plan can be amended as needed during its tenure. The SSRAA Boars voted 17 to 1 (Tom did not support) in favor of the Regional Planning Team's (RPT's) proposal for the allocation of salmon. Tom feels that if the BOF passes the RPT proposal, the plan should have a 1-year tenure, and then be available for change.

Motion on RPT Plan

SUPPORT AS AMENDED

The Wrangell AC will accept the RPT plan as a fall back proposal dealing with the allocation issue only with the stipulation that changes in the 1:1 rotation could occur on a year-to-year basis, as needed.

Motion by: Alan Second by: Bill

Number in favor: 8

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Comments: This motion could be considered as being in opposition to some of the other actions the Wrangell AC has taken on several 2009 finfish proposals. The big problem in accepting the RPT plan is if then SSRAA does not get the authorization and/or the money to raise the additional 1.25 million coho salmon that are needed. It was noted that in the Wrangell area seine caught salmon are shipped out to Petersburg and Ketchikan for processing, providing no jobs in Wrangell. Gillnet caught salmon are a boost to the Wrangell economy. Wrangell gillnetters support the Wrangell economy as they purchase food and fuel in Wrangell.

Motion to amend motion by: Bill Second by: Alan

Amendment to motion: The 1:1 rotation will have 48 hour openings, with a continuous fishery (i.e. 2 days of seine followed by 2 days of gillnet, followed by 2 days of seine.)

Number in favor of amendment: 8

Number opposed: 0

Number abstaining: 0

Comments on Amendment: The Wrangell AC will accept the RPT plan as a fall back proposal dealing with the allocation of salmon. In the 1:1 rotation the AC favors 2 days on for a gear group, followed by 2 days off for that same gear group. Gillnetters fishing area right after seine opening have little success during first 24 hrs as fish settle down and rebuild in the area. Two-day opening will provide better access to gillnetters.

Meeting adjourned about 9:45 PM

/s/David Rak

DAVID RAK
Wrangell AC Secretary

Attachment

To the Wrangell Fish & Game Board,

I apologize for not being there in person, but I feel very compelled to express my concern for the finfish proposals that are currently in front of you as well as the upcoming proposals we face as a board regarding sportfish limits and restrictions. I enjoy my seat on the AC board for many reasons, one of them is to get a better understanding of the gear groups and how the resource at hand is utilized by all of us with historical use or not. The 3 seats that are held by sportfish representatives are to add a certain diversity and balance to the board as well as to support the gear groups represented. As a board I have always felt that the decisions made, votes cast, and proposals that are adopted are for the betterment of the resource and to try and secure a viable future for all of us and our families alike.

I am concerned by the proposals that are very one-sided and if passed by the Board of Fish with the help of the Wrangell AC board, will eventually mean certain demise of the sport charter industry and my livelihood. Myself and fellow charter guides will suffer severe financial losses, our businesses will loose value that we have worked so hard to build and Wrangell as a City will loose revenue that our clients provide during their stay here. If this board adopts and supports these detrimental proposals, we will have succeeded in cutting the throats of members of our own community. By limiting bag limits so severely for sport, you will ultimately destroy the desire for anyone to come to Alaska and fish, and moreover, take in the scenery and surroundings the we are blessed with. I find it very hard to believe that you will see such an increase in your gillnets and on your hooks that eliminating sport fishing really made the difference.

Need I remind all of you that Wrangell is not a "meat fishery" and the handful of actual licensed guides that take out clients is very small. My total take of King Salmon for 2008 was a mere fraction of what a gill-netter can haul and a troller can land in a day of fishing. If Wrangell has a meat fishery, our commercial fleet is leading the way. As a fishing guide I can see the abuse of our resource by the lodge industry, but to head hunt and terminate the sport charter fleet and discourage non-resident anglers from coming to Alaska is the wrong approach and tact by this board. We can rewrite or submit new proposals to better frame in the lodges abilities and accountability for their catch. The bottom line is we need to help establish a means for better law enforcement presence and issuance of fines to the lodges that are abusing the current limits. Regardless, sport fishing is not the sole cause of resource mismanagement unfortunately; we are just the smallest voice.

I will continue to represent the sport charter industry as loudly as the rest of you represent the commercial fleet. My goals are not to annihilate the fishery that supports our town and the people sitting on this board, there are better solutions out there without resorting to the prejudice of not allowing sport charters to exist. I urge all of you to carefully consider the "quick draw" attitude to adopt proposals that are so one sided and undoubtedly self centered towards the smallest user of a great resource and opportunity. The demise of sport fishing and the ability to hire a responsible law bidding guide will ultimately come back to hurt us all, commercial or not.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting.

Respectfully,

John Yeager.

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Meeting called to order by Chairman John M. Scoblic 6:10 PM

Introductions – see sign in sheet attached.

Approval of Agenda

Election of Alternate Committee Member Mike Moyer nominated by Art second by Don motion carries Mike Moyer is our first alternate member.

Approval of last three meeting minutes; Don motions to table approval until next meeting, seconded by Jeff motion carries 10-0

Reports- Chairman's thanks for all you time commitments and dedication to the KTN AC
ADF&G-none
Others- none

Public Comment-none

Old business- none

New business-

Prop 199

Don motions to support - Clay seconds. Motion fails 4-6 OPPOSE 199.

This issue has been highly controversial in Ketchikan for several board cycles and there was considerable discussion.

Those in support of 199 state: In the past there was a lot more herring around than there is now; there are lots of whales now; whales eat lots of herring; our district 1 herring fisheries moved from beach to beach; we are fishing too hard on the bottom of the food chain; king salmon are smaller and fewer; halibut are smaller and fewer; herring is a building block for all other marine resources.

Those who oppose 199 state: Southeast Alaska district 1-16 is a huge area and many of the stocks are doing well and support healthy fisheries; ADF& G uses the best science to manage; this is too drastic to close all fisheries. We harvest on sliding scale related to the size of the biomass - we fish less when there are fewer fish and fish not at all when we don't meet the threshold.

Prop 200

Dan motions to oppose - Mike seconds. Mac offers friendly amendment to motion to take no action. The issue is out of our area. Motion carries 10-0 NO ACTION 200.

Prop 201

Don motions to oppose - Jeff seconds. Discussion: The proposal is poorly written hard to understand and not practical. Motion carries 10-0 OPPOSE 201

Prop 202

Don motions to oppose - Darrel seconds. Discussion: We already harvest 100% of the resource and this is poorly written. Motion carries 10-0 OPPOSE 202.

Prop 203

Don motions to support - Clay seconds. Discussion: We should take no action; this could protect the resource; this is a political maneuver the biomass is healthy; subsistence take goes up and down but they do take a lot of product already. Motion fails 1-6, 3 abstain. OPPOSE 203.

Prop 204

Don motions to support - Clay seconds. Discussion: What is the mortality of test fishing for roe herring? What is net burst? Very few fish die in test fishing; sac roe test fishing is totally different than harvesting herring to put into pounds for SOK. Motion fails 1-9 OPPOSE 204.

Prop 205, 206 & 207

Don motions to oppose 205-207 - Mac seconds. The proposals are not written well, not well thought out and confusing. Motion carries 10-0 OPPOSE 205, 206 & 207

Prop 208

Clay motions to take no action - Art seconds. Discussion: Economics and fisheries change and develop. Are tenders a legal user group? This will create inefficiencies; some tenders can't make it the way it is anymore. Motion carries 9-1 NO ACTION 208.

Prop 209

Dan motions to support - Clay seconds. Discussion: A rationalized fishery could yield 1% high roe recovery across the board; at the last board cycle ADF&G though it could lead to better roe quality; currently it is hard to find a small school of fish to have a reasonably organized fishery; some guys really hit big in 2008. Motion carries 8-2 SUPPORT 209.

Prop 210

Dan motions to take NO Action - Clay seconds. Due to actions taken on 209. Motion carries 10-0 NO ACTION 210.

Prop 211

Art motions to oppose - Don seconds. Discussion: Some fishers introduce kelp and fish to pounds all at once, some put kelp first then fish later; some fishers work in groups; this could help groups or fishers going from fishery to fishery. In other fisheries the permit holder must deploy gear and be present during fishing activities. Motion fails 1-9
SUPPORT 211

Prop 212

Jeff motions to support - Clay seconds. Discussion: This could be a good thing by reducing the number of panels in a pound structure by two. Possible problem - this prop did not define multiple. What permit holder is responsible? Possible enforcement issue. Motion carries 10-0 SUPPORT 212.

Prop 213

Dan motions to support - Don seconds. Discussion: Housekeeping; gets it into regs; makes it easier to enforce. Motion carries 10-0 SUPPORT 213.

Prop 214

Jeff motions to support - Dan seconds. Motion carries 9-1 SUPPORT 214.

Prop 215

Don motions to support - Dan seconds. Motions fails 1-9 OPPOSE 215.

Prop 216

Don motions to support - Dan seconds. Motion fails 0-10 OPPOSE 216.

Prop 217

Don motions to table until next meeting - Art seconds. Motion carries 10-0 TABLE 217 until next meeting.

Prop 218

Jeff motions to support - Darrel seconds. Motion fails 0-10 OPPOSE 218.

Meeting adjourns 9:30PM

Meeting called to order by Chairman John M. Scoblic 6:09 PM

Introductions – see sign in sheet attached.

Approval of Agenda 9-0

Approval of last three meeting minutes (shellfish) 9-0

KETCHIKAN AC COMMENTS - FINFISH 08/09

Reports- Chairman's thanks for all you time commitments and dedication to the KTN AC
ADF&G-none
Others- none

Public Comment- Ketchikan Herring Action Group Andy Rauwolf opposes Prop 217 for a bunch of reasons: Science, speculation and history. He spoke extensively about Kah Shakes and Annette island history and the concept of multiple small herring stocks.

Old business- Mike Moyer needs to fill out form for State

New business- 217, 225& 226, 227...

Prop 217

Motion to support and seconded. Discussion: Ketchikan Herring Action group spoke against this; members of the committee spoke against this; members of the committee and public spoke in favor of this prop, this was tied together in many ways with prop 199 (KTN AC opposed 6-4). There was very passionate debate on both sides of this issue. Motion fails 3-6 OPPOSE 217.

Prop 219

Motion to support and seconded. Discussion: Bradfield is a murky glacial system with no data from ADF&G; Seiners are on Chinook non-retention during July; there was logging and extensive habitat destruction from that activity in the past; very fast running river, the channels are diverted. Don offers a friendly amendment to take no action, Dan did not accept. Kings are getting fewer and smaller. Motion fails 1-8 OPPOSE 219.

Prop 220

Motion to support and seconded. Discussion: This is a Guided Sport vs. Sport/Recreational user issue; you can not bank underage or overage on King salmon within the Pacific Salmon Treaty. Motion fails 0-9 OPPOSE 220.

Prop 221

Motion to support and seconded. Discussion: Poorly written; author must be confused; apparent backward interpretation of current regulations. Motion fails 0-9 OPPOSE 221.

Prop 222

Motion to take NO ACTION moved and seconded. Motion carries 9-0 NO ACTION 222.

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Prop 223

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: Support because residents benefit, motion carries 8-1 SUPPORT 223.

Prop 224

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: This is for Juneau salmon derby, Hatchery fish are up to 40% of catch, it would be the only sport fish area in SE open at that time to catch kings. Motion fails 0-9 OPPOSE 224.

Prop 225&226

Motion to table until next meeting is moved and seconded. Motion carries 8-0.

Jeff W. makes a motion that John Scoblic to attend both BOF meetings as the KTN AC rep. Motion carries 9-0.

Adjourn 9:01 PM

Meeting called to order by Chairman John M. Scoblic 6:07 PM

Introductions – see sign in sheet attached.

Approval of Agenda 9-0

Approval of meeting minutes (Jan 6 & 7 need to be written up).

Reports- Chairman's thanks for all you time commitments and dedication to the KTN AC ADF&G-none

Others- none

Public Comment- Ketchikan Herring Action Group Andy Rauwolf Opposes Prop 199 for a bunch of reasons: Science, speculation and history. He spoke extensively about Kah Shakes and Annette island history and the concept of multiple small herring stocks.

Old business - Andy Rauwolf to talk to Prop 199 as amended
- Mike Moyer needs to fill out form for State

New business- 199, 226& 225, 227...

Prop 199 amended by author. — Revisited

Motion to support moved and seconded. Discussion: Smaller herring; less herring; more whales; intensive fishing pressure; expanding fisheries boundary; healthy fisheries; good science; only fishing on stocks that meet threshold. Motion fails 5-6 OPPOSE 199 as amended.

Prop 226

Motion to support moved and seconded. Discussion: This increases the bag limit from 1 fish to 2. This would be for the entire spring management area 101-29. This may take 960 more treaty fish. Sport fish comes in less than 20% on many years, and this would allow for better access to hatchery fish for sport fleet. Sport fish pays from 40-67% of SSRAA king salmon production. The fear is we will take too many up front and cause a sport king closure. The ratio of wild to hatchery kings in this area is +/- 50%. Three guides on the KTN AC don't agree with this; one guide authored this; one guide/lodge states sport fish pays a lot of hatchery bills for kings. This would take a few fish away from Neets bay Seine and gillnet rotational fishery. BoF did not accept at last board cycle. Motion fails 3-7 OPPOSE 226.

Prop 225

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Prop. 225 is very similar to 226. Motion fails 1-7, 2 abstain OPPOSE 225.

Prop 227

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Motion fails 0-10, 1 abstains OPPOSE 227.

Prop 228

Motion to support moved and seconded. Discussion: Trollers are looking for a new area to be open; this is a sport vs. commercial issue; Stikine fish are not counted as treaty fish as they are Trans Boundary River fish. Friendly amendment to motion to take no action, seconded. Motion carries 10-0 NO ACTION.

Prop 229

Motion to take no action is moved and seconded. Motion carries 9-1 NO ACTION 229.

Prop 230 -233

Motion to take no action is moved and seconded. Motion carries 10-0 NO ACTION 230-233.

Prop 234 & 235

Motion to take no action is moved and seconded. Motion carries 10-0 NO ACTION 234 & 235.

Prop 236

Motion to support moved and seconded. Discussion: It sounds like Kootznoowoo is looking for hard target numbers so that commercial and sport fish will be shut down for subsistence needs. Motion fails 0-10 OPPOSE 236.

Prop 237

Motion to take no action is moved and seconded. Motion carries 10-0 NO ACTION 237.

Prop 238

Motion to support moved and seconded. Discussion: It is unclear what the proposals intent is. Motion fails 0-10 OPPOSE 238.

Prop 239

Motion to support moved and seconded. Discussion: Out of our area; it dose not make sense; hard to understand proposals intent. Motion fails 1-3, 6 abstain OPPOSE 239.

Prop 240 & 241 & 242

Motion to take no action is moved and seconded. Motion carries 10-0 NO ACTION 240, 241 & 242.

Prop 243

Motion to support moved and seconded. Discussion: Possible enforcement issues; this will create a subsistence vs. sport issue if passed; will impact Ling-cod resource in a negative way; it could also negatively affect rockfish stocks. Motion fails 0-10 OPPOSE 243.

Prop 244

Motion to support moved and seconded. Discussion: This would take DIPAC out of equation; this would go against the deal made at the joint RPT in KTN. Motion fails 0-10 OPPOSE 244.

Prop 245

Motion to support moved and seconded. Discussion: This would torpedo actions from 3 board cycles ago; this should go to NSRAA not BoF. Motion fails 0-10 OPPOSE 245.

Prop 246

Motion to support moved and seconded. Discussion: Coffman Cove paid for this project; this would create special area for one user group; just because you released the fish does not mean you own that shoreline. Motion fails 0-10 OPPOSE 246.

Prop 247

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Motion to take no action is moved and seconded. Friendly offer to amend motion is made to support accepted and seconded. This was seen to be an ADF&G housekeeping prop. Motion carries 9-0,1 abstains SUPPORT 247.

Prop 248

Motion to take no action is moved and seconded. Out of our area. Motion carries 10-0 NO ACTION 248.

Prop 249 – 250

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Motion fails 0-10 OPPOSE 249 and 250.

Prop 251

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: Go getters should be allowed to work if they can every day. Motion carries 10-0 SUPPORT 251.

Adjourn 9:04 PM

Next meeting 6 PM 01.14.09

Meeting called to order by Chairman John M. Scoblic 6:07 PM

Introductions – see sign in sheet attached.

Approval of Agenda 9-0

Approval of meeting minutes Jan 6 & 7 Motion to table approval until next meeting.
Motion passes 9-0

Reports- - We have 107 proposals to review and available time is drawing short
- WRITTEN COMMENT DEADLINE FEBRUARY 3rd FOR FINFISH PROPOSALS
- JMS DPT KTN 01.21.09 FLT 65 RETRUN KTN 01.27.09

ADF&G-none

Others- none

Public Comment- None

Old business - None

New business- Finfish proposals 252 up to 9 pm...

Prop 252

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G supports if fleet approves. Motion carries 9-0 SUPPORT 252

Prop 253

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: The 58' limit has been in place for a long time; the economics to upgrade boats is serious business; this could help custom processors; this could de-value smaller boats if adopted; SEAS is split about 50/50 on this issue; this was pushed more when the price of pinks was much lower than today. Motion fails 2-4, 3 abstain OPPOSE 253.

Prop 254

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: Years ago boats from Puget Sound came up with there rollers on and this issue got enforced; this sounds like a fall back position from 253; make your boat longer or more deck space with rollers or add-ons. Motion fails 0-7, 2 abstain OPPOSE 254.

Prop 255

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: Gillnetters at tree point don't support this; the Seiners have a buy back plan; if the gillnetters want to get permits out they need a buy back, not a stacking deal. Motion fails 0-9 OPPOSE.

Prop 256

Motion to take no action is moved and seconded, due to actions taken on 255. Motion carries 9-0 NO ACTION 256.

Prop 257, 258 & 259

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: This concept is not supported widely by the gillnet fleet. Motion fails 0-9 OPPOSE 257,258 &259.

Prop 260

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: Anita should be 1 to 1 in 2009. Motion fails 1-8 OPPOSE 260.

Prop 261

Motion to take no action is moved and seconded due to possible withdrawal from SEAS. Motion carries 9-0 NO ACTION.

Prop 262

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: There are rumors of subsistence over harvest so close to the village; there was no seining in Chatham in 2008; they had no better escapements in 2008 either. Motion fails 0-9 OPPOSE 262.

Prop 263

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: SEAS supports; ADF&G opposes as written; not sure how it would effect CPUE. Motion carries 3-2, 4 abstain SUPPORT 263.

Prop 264

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: This would close district 4 to seiners to pass more fish to the Klawock river. Motion fails 0-9 OPPOSE 264.

Prop 265

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G would be okay with July 15- August 7th; ADF&G thinks run is stable; SEAS tries very hard to work with subsistence users that won't drastically change commercial fisheries; this prop is confusing because they say the run is in trouble yet they ask for more time; possible harvest of more females. This proposal is contradictory and hard to understand. Motion carries 6-3 SUPPORT 265.

Prop 266

Motion to take no action is moved and seconded. Motion carries 9-0 NO ACTION 266.

Prop 267 & 268

Motion to take no action due to SEAS possible withdrawal because of KTN RPT joint meeting in KTN. Motion carries 9-0 NO ACTION 267 & 268

Prop 269

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: This area has 72% hatchery fish take during this period; this is a small area leading to Neets Bay; sport fish pay for a lot of hatchery kings; this is different than 226 and 225 because it is a smaller area and has a high take of hatchery fish (non- treaty fish). Motion carries 8-0, 1 abstains SUPPORT 269.

Prop 270

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G has tried to help find ways to address these many issue in relation to the shore fishery and all options have been rejected by homeowners group; this is a real shame that some anglers behave so poorly; moving the release site is not a good idea or practical. Motion fails 0-9 OPPOSE 270.

Prop 271

Motion to take no action is moved and seconded. Motion carries 9-0 NO ACTION 271.

Prop 272

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Motion to take no action is moved and seconded. Discussion: Out of our area; poorly written; non-issue. Motion carries 9-0 NO ACTION 272.

Prop 273 & 274

Motion to take no action is moved and seconded. Motion carries 9-0 NO ACTION 273 & 274.

Prop 275

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G housekeeping prop. Motion carries 9-0 SUPPORT 275.

Prop 276

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G housekeeping prop. Motion carries 9-0 SUPPORT 276

Prop 277

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G housekeeping prop. Motion carries 9-0 SUPPORT 277

Prop 278-285

Motion to take no action on props 278-285 out of our area is moved and seconded. Motion carries 9-0 NO ACTION 278-285.

Prop 286

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: This redefines state-wide position limit language; this should be a state wide issue not just SE. Motion fails 0-9 OPPOSE 286.

Prop 287

Motion to take no action is moved and seconded, due to action on 286. Motion carries 9-0 NO ACTION 287

Prop 288 & 289

Motion to support is moved and seconded for 288 & 289. Discussion: ADF&G is neutral on allocation issue however they oppose harvest restrictions with out there being a need to limit harvest. Motion fails 0-9 OPPOSE 288 & 289.

Next meeting January 15, 2009 6 PM.

Adjourn 9:20 PM

KETCHIKAN AC COMMENTS - FINFISH 08/09

Meeting called to order by Chairman John M. Scoblic 6:15 PM quorum of 8 members.

Introductions – John M. Scoblic, Donald Westlund, Rudy Franulovich, Art Maioriello, Jeff Wedekind, Darell Welk, Clay Slanaker, Kelly Piazza ADF&G Sport fish, Bo Meredith ADF&G Comm. Fish, Steve Lacroix via teleconf. and Rick Collins.-see sign in sheet attached.

Approval of Agenda 8-0

Approval of meeting minutes - Jan 6, 7, 13 & 14. Motion to table approval until next meeting. Motion passes 8-0

Reports- - We have +/- 66 proposals to review and available time is drawing short
- WRITTEN COMMENT DEADLINE FEBRUARY 3rd FOR FINFISH PROPOSALS

ADF&G-none

Others- none

Public Comment- None

Old business - None

New business- Finfish proposals 290 up to 9 pm...

Prop 290

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: A member felt there should be no take of steelhead; a member felt this was reasonable low take. Motion fails 2-5, 1 abstains OPPOSE 290.

Prop 291

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: This is a catch and release for steelhead; this is a good idea the stocks crashed in the 90's and still have not recovered; we have remained at a low level for the last decade. Motion carries 8-0 SUPPORT 291.

Prop 292

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: A member thought this was a good idea, there used to be more and bigger dolly caught in the KTN area; a member opposed, there are lots of dollies; they are predators; kids would not understand rules. ADF&G opposes length restrictions; there is not a conservation concern; there are tons of dollies. Motion fails 1-7 OPPOSE 292.

Prop 293

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G opposes; anglers don't catch their limits now; this is a long lived creature - slow to mature, long gestation period; 96-99% are released; no demand by anglers; A member is in support of liberalization of the fishery; there are too many dogfish around and as halibut numbers dwindle they can take up even more area. Motion carries 4-3, 1 abstains SUPPORT 293.

Prop 294

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: A member felt because you release some fish in a bay you are not entitled to the shoreline leading back to that bay; another member felt Hatchery organizations can close THA's, a final member felt this prop was against sport charter operations. Motion fails 0-8 OPPOSE 294.

Prop 295

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G is neutral and does not see how this would change any current regulation; a member questions how this would be enforced; another member points out that most guides do all they possibly can to release fish without mortality now. Motion fails 0-8 OPPOSE 295.

(Motion to accept Rick Collins as an alternate member of the Ketchikan AC, seconded. Motion passes 8-0)

Prop 296

Motion to support is moved and seconded, Discussion: ADF&G is neutral; a member stated that someone found this guides website and thought it was foul play and called protection; Protection found it to be perfectly legal; this is a small niche market and the take is not large; a member felt taking away electrical reels could take away opportunity for some anglers; another member agreed; a member felt if this was such a big issue why not just limit harvest with bag limits. Motion fails 0-8 OPPOSE 296.

Prop 297

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: One member thought this was housekeeping - it defines the gear; another thought this was a good definition. Motion carries 9-0 SUPPORT 297.

Prop 298

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Motion carries 9-0 SUPPORT 298.

Prop 299

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G opposes; a member opposes. Motion fails 0-9 OPPOSE 299.

Prop 300

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G housekeeping. Motion carries 9-0 SUPPORT 300.

Prop 301

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G opposes; this could be difficult to enforce; could create more drop off mortality; there would need to be a barbless definition; a member points out this is a sport only issue and there are barbless hooks with a bead; a member comments if you hook a fish and it bleeds from the gills it will die - a barbless hook won't help that; another member felt like this could actually kill more fish. Motion fails 0-9 OPPOSE 301.

Prop 302

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G is neutral and there are no conservation concerns; a member points out you would have the take all the fish you catch and should be able to make the choice to keep it or release it unharmed. Motion fails 0-9 OPPOSE 302.

Prop 303

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: A member felt this would be good for resident Alaskans; this is hard to interpret by members and department. Friendly amendment to take no action is moved and accepted. Motion carries 9-0 to take NO ACTION 303.

Prop 304

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G is neutral; the department felt they had necessary tool already; a member thought this was too restrictive although the intent is good; another member opposed this because it is too cut and dried; you can execute this procedure in or out of the water successfully if you are careful. Motion fails 0-9 OPPOSE 304.

Prop 305

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: One member felt this is a real issue and another member felt like this could happen. Motion carries 9-0 SUPPORT 305

Prop 306

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G housekeeping; this is an effort to get all sport regulations all in once section of the regulation book. Motion carries 9-0 SUPPORT 306.

Prop 307

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Motion fails 0-9 OPPOSE 307.

Prop 308

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Motion fails 0-9 OPPOSE 308

Prop 308

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G states there is not a conservation concern at this time and if there was this type of issue might be better handled with a bag limit. Motion fails 0-9 OPPOSE 309.

Next meeting January 28, 2009 6 PM.

Adjourn 8:35 PM

Meeting called to order by Chairman John M. Scoblic 6:05 PM quorum of 9 members.

Introductions – John M. Scoblic, Clay Slanaker, Jeff Wedekind, Darell Welk, Dan Castle, Rick Collins, Art Maioriello, Charles Denny, Donald Westlund, Bo Meredith ADF&G, Mike Wood ADF&G, Rudy Franulovich (teleconf.).

Approval of Agenda 9-0

Approval of meeting minutes - Jan 6, 7, 13, 14,15 & 28. Motion to table approval until next meeting. Motion passes 9-0.

Reports- - We have +/- 45 proposals to review and available time is drawing short
- WRITTEN COMMENT DEADLINE FEBRUARY 3rd FOR FINFISH PROPOSALS

ADF&G-None

Others- None

Public Comment- None

Motion to accept Todd Ranniger as our final alternate committee member is moved and seconded. Discussion: Welcome Todd; thanks for accepting nomination. Motion carries 9-0

Old business- None

New business- Finfish proposals 310 up to 9 pm...

Prop 310

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G wonders what state of the art means; this would have a negative budget impact on the department; ADF&G is opposed; the department is looking into the logbook program and point of sale distribution of annual sport fish surveys; one member thinks this will be too much added time on top of all the reporting guides already do now; another member points out this does not address the issue of the annual limit or take; a member states all commercial fisheries should operate on a fish ticket system (guided sport is commercial in his opinion) for a level playing field and the ADF&G would have one database; a member again asks what does state of the art mean; a member states we already have a state of the art logbook system. We reviewed a logbook for the guided charter fishery. Motion fails 1-8 OPPOSE 310

Prop 311

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion; ADF&G is still wondering what the department of Law thinks about this type of regulatory language; one member questions what kind of enforcement tools such as search warrants, subpoenas, and other legal process issues would be involved; another member states this is over the top and drug dealers would have more rights than a lodge owner.

A friendly amendment to the motion is made to lump 311, 312 and 313 all together is accepted.

Prop 311, 312 & 313

Motion to support 311, 312 and 313 is moved and seconded. Motion fails 0-10 OPPOSE 311,312 &313.

Prop 314

Motion to take no action is moved and seconded. Discussion: This is out of our area. Motion carries 10-0 NO ACTION on 314.

Prop 315

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G supports; this adds two weeks of harvest opportunity; no conservation concerns at this time. Motion carries 10-0 SUPPORT 315.

Prop 316 & Prop 317

Motion to take no action is moved and seconded. Discussion: This is out of our area.
Motion carries 10-0 NO ACTION 316 & 317.

Prop 318

This has already been acted upon by the BOF at the Petersburg Shellfish meeting.

Prop 319

Motion to take no action is moved and seconded. Discussion: This is out of our area.
Motion carries 10-0 NO ACTION on 319.

Prop 320

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G is neutral on allocation aspects; this could negatively impact the summer king GHL +/- 750 kings; a member opposes this because sport does not get to roll numbers forward or backward; a member comments this just shifts the take from one time on the calendar to another; a member states this give flexibility to take fish at a higher value due to harvest timing; ADF&G states this has been done before. Motion carries 8-1, 1 abstains SUPPORT 320

Prop 321

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G is neutral on allocation but this could lose days in the summer fishery if adopted; there could be PSC treaty issues; a member states this is just a sneaky way of trying to get more winter fish; maybe they just should ask for a new winter GHL for kings; too shifty of an approach. Motion fails 0-11 OPPOSE 321.

Prop 322

Motion to take no action is moved and seconded. Discussion: This is out of our area.
Motion carries 10-1 NO ACTION 322.

Prop 323

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G housekeeping; a member states this used to be a meaningful indicator for pink and chum but it is not used anymore; nobody is really trolling for pink and chum there anymore.
Motion carries 11-0 SUPPORT 323.

Prop 324

Motion and second to take no action, due to the actions taken on 323. Motion carries 11-0 NO ACTION on 324.

Prop 325

Motion to support is moved and seconded: Discussion: ADF&G neutral on allocation; it could be a problem due to the speed of information transfer; they do not do escapement surveys until it would be too late; it is easy to extend it is harder to shut down early; a member supports and has for many cycles; a member questions when gillnet gets shut down the general answer from ADF&G is September 20 with some exceptions;

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a member states ADF&G can already do this with an Emergency Order - they can extend the fishery and do when runs are strong.

Friendly amendment to the motion is made to lump 325, 326 & 327 all together is accepted.

Prop 325, 326 & 327

Motion to support 325, 326 and 327 is moved and seconded. Motion fails 2-9 OPPOSE 325, 326 & 327.

Prop 328

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: The author states he knows this won't fly. Motion fails 1-10 OPPOSE 328.

Prop 329

Motion to take no action is moved and seconded. Discussion: This is out of our area. Motion carries 10-1 NO ACTION on 329.

Prop 330

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G housekeeping; looking for good data; this is the system the ADF&G database uses; this would limit conversations and the confusion that goes with that; this is done in the Geoduck logbook program now.

Motion carries 11-0 SUPPORT 330.

Prop 331

Motion to take no action is moved and seconded. Discussion: This is out of our area. Motion carries 10-1 NO ACTION 331.

Prop 332

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G this would close SSEI commercial, sport and sport charter fisheries; ADF&G sees no conservation issues at this time; ADF&G is neutral on the allocation; a member is opposed to this type of closure and this would take away from locals; a member states a lot of people sport fish there now and catch, too; a member points out the closure time is too vague and not defined; a member states there is no data to scientifically support the proposers claim. Motion fails 0-11 OPPOSE 332.

Prop 333

Motion to support is moved and seconded to lump 333 and 334 together. Friendly amendment is offered to separate 333 & 334 and accepted. Vote on 333. Motion fails 0-10 OPPOSE 333

Prop 334

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: This had support but it was unclear what the real intent was and the definition of need needs to be established.

Motion fails 1-9 OPPOSE 334.

Prop 335

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Author states he will withdraw this proposal. No vote is taken, NO ACTION.

Prop 336

Motion to take no action is moved and seconded. Discussion: This is out of our area. Motion carries 10-0 NO ACTION 336.

Prop 337

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G neutral on allocation; this would be difficult or impossible to implement, because both fisheries run concurrently. Motion fails 0-10 OPPOSE 337.

Prop 338

Motion and second to take no action, due to actions taken on 337. Motion carries 9-0 NO ACTION 338.

Prop 339

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G neutral on allocation; this would be a very small number of lingcod (4-10 annually); the state record is 57"; a member wonders if this would change fishing behavior and if people would start targeting large lingcod and what about catch and release type high grading. Motion carries 8-0, 2 abstain SUPPORT 339.

Prop 340

Motion to take no action is moved and seconded. Discussion: This is out of our area. Motion carries 10-0 NO ACTION 340.

Prop 341

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G is neutral on allocation; this would change it to sport 25%, com. fish 75% from Sport 16%, com. Fish 84%; a member states there is relatively small amount of DSR directed harvest occurring lately; a member likes this - it would likely make the DSR bycatch-only for commercial and increase sport fish take. Motion carries 7-2 SUPPORT 340.

Prop 342

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Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G housekeeping; a member thinks this is a irresponsible way to manage. Motion fails 1-9 OPPOSE 342.

Next Meeting 6 PM 1.29.09.

Adjourn 9:05 PM.

Meeting called to order by Chairman John M. Scoblic 6:06 PM. Quorum of 11 members.

Introductions – John M. Scoblic, Clay Slanaker, Darell Welk, Larry Painter, Dan Castle, Art Maioriello, Charles Denny, Mike Moyer, Donald Westlund, Scott Walker ADF&G, Mike Wood ADF&G, Jeff Wedekind, Rudy Franulovich (teleconf.), Clay Bezenek (teleconf.).

Approval of Agenda 11-0

Approval of meeting minutes Jan 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 28 & 29 motion to table approval until next meeting, February 2nd 6 PM, motion passes 12-0.

Reports-

Chairman's Report - We have +/- 15 proposals to review. The Board of Fish took action on proposal 149 during the Petersburg meeting to open Districts 1 & 2 with the rest of Registration area A. This truly is a surprise. I am still stunned and can't believe this proposal made it through. We submitted our written comment to Oppose in a timely manner and I testified during public testimony that the KTN AC unanimously opposed this proposal. I was not available for the beginning of Committee D but did join Committee D after prop 149 had already been spoken to. I did not see anything in the committee report to lead me to believe that prop 149 had any legs. This action was taken after I had left Petersburg.

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ADF&G- Scott Walker Com. Fish- Proposal 149 was revisited after the passage of 151. The initial vote was 3-3 with the motion failing and passed when revisited 5-1. ADF&G has opposed this type of proposal for many cycles. ADF&G was told by some board members that the studies and science the department has is dated as it is 30 years old.

Others- Larry Painter commented that he has fought this proposal or ones like it for the last 40 years in the BoF process. He has missed two BoF meeting that had this issue before it and twice now the board has decided to open even more area to the summer fishery. "They are going to wipe out our crab stocks" "We just don't have the prime habitat for dungy crab in our areas" and "What about Misty Fjords? This could turn into the next Glacier Bay type conflict between user groups".

Public Comment- None

Old business- Todd Ranniger needs to file his form with the State as the final alternate member to our KTN AC.

New business- Finfish proposals 343 then back to 225 & 226

Prop 343

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G says this would create lots of problems for the IFQ long line fisheries - there are enforcement issues and directed long line fisheries would be closed; a member stated these are very long lived fish and need to be left alone; there used to be lots and now they are scarce; this is irresponsible. Motion fails 0-12 OPPOSE 343

Prop 344

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G says there are just a handful of participants in this Jig fishery; essentially you would keep the jigs going until the quota is caught; the department is neutral on allocations aspects; one member states this is similar to the way they expanded the dinglebar fishery and opposes. Motion fails 0-12 OPPOSE 344.

Prop 345

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G would support this under the current allocation plan and this is based on surveys; a member expresses Yellow-eye are already in trouble; another member asks why do we need to hit the GHF exactly? A member states compared to historical levels this long-lived fish is fewer and fewer; one member thinks these fish need to be left alone to rebuild the biomass. One member is sympathetic but thinks this is the wrong approach. Motion fails 1-11 OPPOSE 345.

Prop 346

Motion to support is moved and seconded: Discussion: ADF&G says this would make DSR a bi-catch to other fisheries only; DSR would close for all directed fisheries and is neutral on allocation; one member state when they keep the bi-catch at 10% that is okay because they leave some un-harvested and that is okay too; one member thinks this could have radical impacts on the fishery; another member states it is possible that there is under reporting despite the full retention on DSR. Motion fails 0-12 OPPOSE 346.

Prop 347

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G says this would restore a directed fishery on slope rockfish and would result in over exploitation of the resource; ADF&G is opposed; a member states these are even longer lived than other rockfish and they need to be protected. Motion fails 0-12 OPPOSE 347.

Prop 348

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G says this would change the requirement for full retention of DSR and would exclude trollers; it is stated the trollers catch very small numbers of DSR rockfish. Motion carries 7-3, 2 abstain SUPPORT 348.

Prop 349 & Prop 350

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G says release at depth may reduce mortality, some studies show it may work; this affects each species somewhat differently; the long term affects are very unclear; this might change fishermen's habits and encourage high grading; ADF&G is opposed to this; a member states you can tell if these fish are goners already - their eyes bug out and they look stressed; this would not work on many fish, supports full retention, is opposed to catch a release of these fish; another member has sympathy for this idea but states there is not enough science yet to support such measures. Motion fails 0-12 OPPOSE 349 & 350.

Prop 351 & Prop 352

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G says the full effects and long term survival rates are unknown at this time and opposes for all the same reasons in 349 & 350. Motion fails 0-12 OPPOSE 351 & 352.

Prop 353

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G opposes; possible enforcement issues; this is too vague and the long term survival rates are not known; one member states there is no way to account for this on the fishing grounds; another member believes this would be a true management nightmare; go with a bag limit and stick to it. Motion fails 0-12 OPPOSE 353.

Prop 354

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G housekeeping; intended to encourage full retention, simplify current regulations and make is less confusing for participants. Motion carries 12-0 SUPPORT 354

Prop 355

Motion to support is moved and seconded. Discussion: ADF&G called the author to clarify intent - the author seeks to open the entire outside coast and other areas with some areas remaining closed; a member states this is just another land grab. Motion fails 0-12 OPPOSE 355.

Prop 226 - REVISITED

This proposal was previously voted down at a past meeting. We are revisiting this due to the author spending more time researching with the ADF&G and some new language

being introduced. The author suggests the dates be made firm at May 20th as the start date and June 30 the close date and that the bag limit and annual limit be doubled. Motion and second to support 226 as amended (May 20th to June 30th, double the bag limit and double the annual limit). Discussion: If the fishery is opened later in May the ratio of hatchery fish is very close to 50%; the ratio of hatchery kings increases all the time and by June 1 in most years the % of hatchery kings may get up to 75-80% in this area; the intent of this proposal is to give all sport users (resident and nonresident) a chance at a high take of the hatchery fish they are helping to pay for when they are of a higher quality for a short period of time; one member says he feels this would help all people in the Ketchikan area. Motion carries as amended 9-0 SUPPORT 226 as amended.

The following is the actions previously taken on PROP 226: The following is from the Jan 13th meeting: Prop 226 Motion to support is moved and seconded, discussion; this increases the bag limit from 1 fish to 2. This would be for the entire spring management area 101-29. This may take 960 more treaty fish, sport fish comes in less than 20% on many years, and this would allow for better access to hatchery fish for sport fleet, Sport fish pays from 40-67% of SSRAA king salmon production. The fear is we will take too many up front and cause a sport king closure. The ration of wild to hatchery kings in this area in +/- 50%. 3 guides on the KTN AC don't agree with this, 1 guide authored this, 1 guide/lodge states sport fish pays a lot of hatchery bills for kings. This would take a few fish away from Neets bay Seine and gillnet rotational fishery, BoF did not accept at last board cycle. Vote Support 3 Oppose 7 motion FAILS OPPOSE 226

It is the general consensus of the group that the KTN AC rep should introduce this as an RC at the Sitka BoF meeting.

Adjourn 9 PM

Craig Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes February 2, 2009

Call to order: 7pm

Roll Call:

- Karl Demmert
- Bill Farmer
- Steve Stumpf
- Steve Merritt
- Fred Hamilton
- Brian Castle
- Matt Peavey
- William Russell
- Corky Timpe

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Stu Merchant and Ellen Hannon are absent

Doug Rhodes is an alternate sitting in for Ellen Hannon.

Public turnout: James Dennis, Michael Douville, Dennis Watson, Kathy Peavey, Kurt Agnisch, Chuck Haydu,

Determined there is a quorum. Call to order
Minutes from last meeting:

Doug Rhodes makes a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Brian Castle seconded, no discussion. No opposition.

Steve Merritt discussed the procedure for going through the proposal book.

Fred Hamilton discussed that the alternate sit up with the group. Stu Merchant arrived and joined the group.

Steve Merritt mentioned that he will be conducting the meeting with Roberts Rules of order and would like to conduct a civil and fair meeting.

Steve Merritt went through the proposal book and narrowed down the field to address certain proposal unless someone has an issue with a proposal that is not listed to talk about.

3 minute time limit for talking.

S.Merritt entertained a motion to accept his agenda and time limits.

FH moved to accept the motion. BC seconded, No opposition.

Chuck Haydu wanted to know about speaking about proposals now or later.

Douville- wants to let people know to when to comment. Merritt says board first then public.

FH wants to clarify when the public speaks. Wants public input.

FH makes a motion to let the public speak during a proposal.. Bill Farmer seconded the motion... all in favor. No opposition. Motion passed.

Dennis Watson gave suggestions for running the meeting.

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Proposal 211

Stu Merchant moves to accept 211. Doug Rhodes seconded, discussion. Mike Douville opposes the proposal. It shows a commitment to the fishery, someone could lease many permits. FH agrees, should be on site through fishery. Karl Demmert agrees. D. Rhodes agrees that permit holder should be there with multiple permits it is a good idea. Groups are doing lots of activities at a time ~~and~~

4 yes, 7 opposed. Abstain 0

Opposed

Proposal 212

DR makes a motion to adopt 212. SMerchant seconded. No opposition. BC when the pens get large, it is hard for people to keep track of what is in the pound. KD, questioned whether they are putting two pens together. Public comment. MD opposes, not a waste, FH could be an enforcement issue. No value, speaks against it. Vote: Yes 0 No 11

Oppose

Proposal 215

Motion to adopt 215 DR seconded Stu Merchant. FH opposes the proposal. Public comment. DW point of order... comment then vote. Mike Douville, opposes, stocks in jeopardy. Area is adequate. Vote: 1 yes, 10 oppose.

Opposed

Proposal 216

DR moves to approve SM Second BC opposes to this. People can be getting herring leaves from anywhere. DWatson mentioned that the open pound has least impact. FH, says that we do have open pounds. Vote: 1 yes, 10 No

Oppose

Proposal 221

DR moves to adopt, BC second. Steve Stumpf asked for clarification on cruise ship passengers. S Merritt does not understand.. Stu mentioned it must be terminal areas. William Russell mentioned that if we voted for this we might be lowered in the future.

Yes 0 No 11

Oppose

Proposal 236

Adopt DR Stu Merchant Seconded.

DR looks like there are no resources in F and G to do this stock assessment.

BC agrees with Doug, but if there were enough people then they might want to do evaluations in the future.

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FH, systems being overfished, bag limit, not daily or seasonal. Look at systems separately.

Public. Mike Douville. Sockeyes are not coming back, impacted by the early fishery in Chatham Straits, up shore line intercepting sockeye heading for streams. Hoonah and Angoon unhappy with returns... pointing out the problem.

Vote:
8 yes 3 oppose

Support

Proposal 238

DR moves Steve Stumpf seconds.

FH speaks against the proposal.. could set a precedent for other communities. Bill Russell might be in violation of an international treaty... proposal might be a conflict.

Public. Mike Douville thinks they wanted to send a boat out to fish before the fishery to provide food for people.

Vote: Yes 0 No 11

Failed

Proposal 243

Adopt DR seconded SM

FH speaks in favor. BC agrees for subsistence you should be able to use a rod and reel. Bill Farmer agrees.

Public NC

Yes 11 0 No

Support

Proposal 246

BC adopt. SM seconded

Stu says pretty shallow in there. Conflict with the hatchery board. BC opposes this, thought a gillnetter would go up in the cove and Coffman Cove doesn't say where the boundaries are.

D.Rhodes says it's a bad proposal, worded wrong.

Vote Yes 0 No 11

Failed

Proposal 249

DR moves to adopt, SM seconded.

DR says there is no set wording in the regulations and what constitutes gear is unclear. DR says that when two fisheries are happening we need to have something. DR is in favor of this.

Stu says 251 is more specific.

Public- Mike Douville said Canadians were allowed, but then had to choose

Yes 1 oppose 10

Failed

Bill Farmer wants to address 251

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S Merritt called 251 to list

Proposal 251

DR adopts to open S Merchant Seconded.
DR speaks in favor of this.

Yes, 7 no 4

Support

Proposal 252

DR moves to adopt SM Seconded.
Steve Merritt says the incentive to sell gillnet fish as troll fish is high due to price difference.
S Stumpf agrees for same reason

Yes 11

Proposal 253

DR moves to accept, SM second
Carl Demmert opposes this. BC opposed as well.
Public. Mike D gives an unfair advantage to the people who can afford the boat,
M Peavey hard on quality.
DW opposed

Vote Yes 0 No 11

Failed

BC would like to do 254 important to seine fleet

Proposal 254

DR adopts 254 SM seconded.
BC asked Carl what he thought, not sure about the roller part, helps raise and lower skiff. Doesn't see how it helps with gear.
BC discusses the wording "add-ons"
FH says Canadian boats come with rollers and people don't want to cut them off
Public, MD does not support the proposal. Stick with the rules.

Vote Yes 0 No 11

Oppose

Proposal 257

DR moves to address. SM seconded.
Stu Merchant says that it sounds like people are going through nets. BC supports this, it would help by not having the gillnet boats out there on Sundays, could help with processing times. Does cause resident conflict.

Yes 11 No 0

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Support

Proposal 263

DR moved to adopt SM seconded.

Carl says it doesn't apply to him, the reasoning to get near hatcheries. SM says this is for shallow hatchery areas.

FH says that this gives the super seiners advantage.

BC asks Carl if it is an advantage. Carl says that on the coast no, but the hatcheries yes. Carl says most have gone to shallower nets and then move to another area.

Vote yes 1 No 9 abstained 1

Opposed

Proposal 264

DR SM seconded.

FH said not worded well, where is the Klawock area? Would like to see some pressure taken off the commercial end. BC opposes for the same reason, wording vague.

Oppose 10 Yes 1

Oppose

Proposal 265

DR SM seconded

Steve Merritt asks about the closing date Stu Merchant says end of July. Stumpf says sockeye coming in later. FH speaks in favor of this proposal, moving back is ok. They are the primary users of the area.

S Merchant clarifies, stocks have declined in the early season. Run going late. Allows more early fish to get to spawning beds.

Bill Russell agrees to move it back, but not forward a week.

BC needs clarification.. Stu Merchant says that the run is depressed early and move the season back later so the stocks can rebuild. Stumpf, going into August 15, the silvers will be showing up and taking those fish as well.

Public. Chuck Haydu, Klawock had a record year. Jim Dennis says the board will appreciate the comments

M Douville says they want to give up some in the beginning to get more in the end. Fishery used to be closed by July 1st. Deserve an opportunity to catch fish, Stu Merchant, M-F closed Sat. and Sun.

Questioned on date clarification.

Motion on what kind of comment to make

BC does not agree, too vague.

Yes 5

abstain 1

5 No

F Hamilton wants more discussion wants people to reconsider vote. Subsistence lifestyle is important.

Dennis Watson explained how to reconsider the vote.

Steve Merritt motioned to reconsider... FH moved, BC seconded.

FH and BC discuss issues. See tape. DR changes the regulation. Mentions the issues that people are confused about... the boundaries and the dates... M-F weekends off? We don't agree with the dates, but agree with shifting it two weeks later.

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Bill Farmer is all for subsistence but it is just one run. When stocks deplete nature takes over and might show later. SMerchant. Locals have to ask for extensions and would rather not wait
 DWatson discusses all the factors why runs might be late, but taking pressure off the front run is good.
 MDouville. No fish that is more important than the sockeye, give people the adequate opportunity...supports proposal
 Revote

Yes 9 No 2
 Support

Proposal 286

Carl Timpe motion to accept Stu Merchant seconded

Stumpf opposes, helps sell fishing trips. Strongly against. Bill Russell, looks like a 12 fish possession. Needs to have a possession limit, or a definition of it. Carl Timpe says that there is no limit to the fish adding salt, changes it
 Bill wants a clarification... Stumpf sets up for future possession limits.
 Comments from Public- Dennis Watson, fish small early. Wants comment from lodge owners.
 Stumpf, says does not want to be greedy, it is a selling point, will limit the sales. He does not promote unlimited fishing. Jim Dennis Waterfall is making two trips a day. Chuck Haydu said Waterfall does two half day charters to clarify why they are coming and going. Most guys want to get limit, in support of the none residents, they support the hatchery, raised money on the derby from the lodges. 23,000.00 last year and 16,000.00 this year. Supports getting 18 cohos. Economy tough. Sport fishermen support salmon enhancement.
 Steve Merritt supports this proposal as a troller.
 Bill Russell says local lodges that pay sales tax like Shelter cove and Catch a King help out a lot. The money consideration should be considered.
 BC agree with what's been said, but is off the subject. What is wrong with it. BR wants a definition of wording. Steve Stumpf opposes this as there is no possession limit. - listen to tape
 FH asks question about 3 days fishing limit.
 DRhodes asking the charter that they are in support of a limit in the future of these talks.
 BFarmer pointed at the people who are here 30-60 90 days. Not pointed at the charter fisherman.
 Steve Stumpf has problem with the abuse.

Vote;
 Yes 7 no 4

Support

Dennis Watson talked about the economic issues and looking forward to a middle ground, it is the abuses we are concerned with.

Steve Stumpf makes a motion to comment on the 18 fish middle ground. Stu Merchant seconded. Would like to sit down with Lodge owners and discuss it with them. DR agrees but next proposal deals with similar thoughts.

We can recommend to amend

CHaydu comments at this point with the economy. Talks that the fish make money for the community. Most take 75 pounds home.

Mike Douville makes a point to mention that 3% of gross all commercial fishermen's income goes into these fish and hears that Waterfall ships out a million pounds.

Amend: **SEND THIS COMMENT** : There is an agreement of the board that an 18 fish limit is better than a 12 fish limit

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Vote on this comment
11 yes

Proposal 288

DR S Merchant to second
Stumpf, 12 fish possession is not enough to survive in this fishery.

See tape on this issue.

Vote:
7 yes 4 no

SEE COMMENT ABOVE Comments to be made about 18 fish limit.. use same comment

All in favor, no opposition

Proposal 289

Bill Russell adopts 289 Stu Merchant seconded.

S. Merchant says they do it every week.

Steve Stumpf- a way to police, he is in favor, catch a fish, mark it down. BC agrees, plus the people are not always with their guide.

Vote:
Yes 11 no 0
support

Proposal 291

DR SM second to adopt

Bill Russell doesn't know how they would protect the streams if they are allowing subsistence in the stream... Subsistence would not be regulated. More fish, more subsistence. Stumpf agrees with catch and release. Stumpf is for this proposal. DRhodes clarifies the proposal.

Public. Mike Douville. Used 1992 for catch records. Used this model for all streams on Prince of Wales. DW would like to see some new numbers, just closed down with out adequate information. Hard to vote on this without information. MD talks about the differences in counting fish, does not care much about this proposal.

FH is confused. DR mentions that this addresses the one fish you might catch that is over 36 inches if you are off island.

Some confusion on this issue. Mike Douville says to oppose it.

Yes, 0 Abstain 2 No 9

Proposal 292

DR SM seconded. So moved

BC says that if anyone want to keep ten Dolly's go ahead

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Vote: Yes 1 No 10

Proposal 294

NOTICE:

Doug Rhodes makes a motion to adopt all the proposals and any we might want to add to the end of the meeting, Stu Merchant seconded. All in favor 11 yes.

SM opposes this proposal. BC agrees that to kick someone out is not a good proposal.

Public- Chuck Haydu opposes.

Vote: Yes 0 No 11
opposed

Proposal 295

Stumpf agrees with this proposal. Get educated on how to release fish.
Public: Dennis Watson. Watch what you wish for, the salmon treaty might get involved. Mike Douville opposes this proposal. Stumpf unsure, Merritt presses him. BR shows that it says advisory, not mandatory. Dennis Watson worries about the potential of the salmon treaty using information against us. Merritt thinks there is a better way and worries about the bite. BC agrees with Bill that it is suggestions on release technique. Jim Dennis suggests not to give them an opportunity for a study. D Rhodes - put up a plaque on how to catch and release.

Vote: Yes 2 Abstain 0 No 9
Opposed

Proposal 296

Stumpf for it, reel by hand, unless handicapped.
Merritt agrees
Vote 11 yes
support

Proposal 297

Vote Yes 0 No 11
Failed

Proposal 299

Vote yes 4 No 6 1 abstain

Proposal 301

Can't enforce
FH agrees with this. Stumpf, we don't sit out there and release when we catch our limit. Farmer (see tape) Jim Dennis, what do you do with the clients when one client does not catch their limit, do you wait until they all catch the limit. Laughter, they wait.

Vote yes 2 Oppose 8 abstained 1

Failed

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Proposal 302

Stumpf commented on the experience not just about the fishing. See tape #2

Vote: Yes 1 oppose 9 abstain 1

Proposal 304

Stumpf-No undersized steelhead or any fish should be taken from the water just for a picture or something.

Yes 11 No 0
support

Proposal 305

Yes 10- No 1
Support

Proposal 307

BC says no, 30 day is ridiculous, Merritt agrees. Stumpf as well. FH speaks in favor of this.

Doug Rhodes speaks in favor of a 2 week

Chuck Haydu opposes it. Can't take the family out on his day off. Stu Merchant takes family out and deer hunting sets skates and it will keep them from fishing. M Peavey agrees that people are abusing the issue.

Vote: Yes 7 No 4

NOTICE:

FH makes a motion to have this be a 2week limit not 30 days. Carl Timpco seconded.

9 yes 2 no

Proposal 308

Stumpf disagrees with some of it. Public, opposes it too. BC discussing that it seems like clients are being fed subsistence fish. Chuck Haydu- Frozen fish has to be from a processor. Can serve fish of the day. BC mentioned that it is also shellfish. BC asks Stumpf, does not want to be penalized for having fish in his freezer.

Yes 1 opposed 8 abstained 2

Proposal 311

D Rhodes This solves the problem of a freezer full of shrimp. Steve Stumpf is against it and is against the constitution to rifle through your stuff.

Bill Farmer is for it, when you buy the license you give up the right for them to check you.

Jim Dennis if you're a lodge, you lose the right if your commercial. Dennis Watson, Commercial fishermen get boarded, lodges are a commercial use of the resource, Kurt Agnich invites them to come over. Chuck Haydu was opposed but is now for it.

Vote:

Yes 9 yes no 2

Proposal 326

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Merritt comments that June 15 is good. Hatchery openings fish are big, Public comments. Mike Douville opposes it.

No 11 yes 0
Failed

Proposal 333

Some clarification on where the lines are

Merritt is in support of this proposal. BC says that with the halibut being cut way... in support of this. Public. Mike Douville says that Halibut is going to go up and how do you reverse what you do today. BC says that it follows the GHL. DR how is this tied into halibut. MP as a bycatch. Chuck Haydu says it states it under issues- BC gives an example. Merritt explains. See tape- FH be careful with what we play with, how will it be addressed later.

Yes 2 No 9

Failed

Proposal 334

Stumpf says restrictions are heavy and he would like to see a better solution. Wants to go along with proposal 333.

Yes, 1 No 10

Proposal 339

Stumpf feels that there are fish out there. See tape. Doug Rhodes, you can catch 1 fish for year 30-35 inches. If you have a 50 incher it is released. Stumpf give 2 fish. FH confused, how many fish can you have now? NResident 1
This proposal increases annual bag limit to 2.
Kurt Agnisch releasing a lot of lingcod to get to this size. FH opposes this due to lack of fairness.

Vote 2 yes No 9
Opposed

Proposal 341

Matt Peavey, it is a way for Commercial fisherman to come up short on the bycatch for halibut.
Public:
Mike Douville There is a direct fishery out there now- to give up any of those fish would be hard to recover later.

Vote:
Yes 0 Abstain 1 No 10
Oppose

Proposal 343

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Matt Peavey, No.

BCastle- would like to see summer. MP, not enough fish available to fish in summer. Bill Farmer talked about the market as well.

Public:

Vote Yes No 11

Failed

Proposal 345

Some discussion by Doug Rhodes to clarify the statement... see tape recording for details....

FH it will eliminate the direct fishery in the winter. MP questions the money taking.

Mike Douville says that the fishery is valuable to the town should not increase the summer quota to take the fish.

Vote: Yes 0 No 11

opposed

Proposal 349

BC a good idea, study shows survival.

Yes 5 No 6

Opposed

Proposal 351

Vote: Yes 0 No 11

opposed

Proposal 353

Stumpf says this is already a regulation.

Yes 1 Abstain 1 No 9

Proposal 328

Needs a motion to accept 328 Doug Rhodes makes a motion to accept 328 -Shu Merchant seconded

No 11 yes 0

opposed

Proposal 329

same as above DR SM seconded

No 11 yes 0

opposed

Proposal 310

Same as above DR SMerchant seconded

Steve Stumpf said he has to write name, fish harvest and number turned in every week and signed before fish is off the boat. BC do we need to vote on it?

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Vote yes 0 No 11
opposed

Proposal 330

Doug Rhodes adopts, Stu Merchant seconded
MP says you have to write it down.

Vote yes 11 no 0
Support

Proposal 361

DR adopts 361 SM seconded.

Merritt opposes this.
FHamilton said subsistence is for helping. In favor of this.

Vote yes 6 abstain 3 no 2
support

Proposal 223

DR moved SMerchant seconded
BC two rods ok, SMerritt says this does not say resident only. Would not like to see a charter fishery in the winter. Bill Farmer says no, proposed by the Charter boat association. Steve Stumpf opposes as well.

Vote yes 1 no 10

Failed

Merritt nominated to go to Sitka, concerned about being able to speak personally as well.
Jim Dennis suggests to accept the position now

Doug Made a motion to accept Steve going, Stu Merchant seconded.

No opposition.

Next meeting dates-
Wait until Ellen comes back.

Doug Rhodes makes a comment to have a meeting after the board of fish meeting. Bill Farmer said within 2 days you can find out from Rhonda... next BOF Dungeness crab coming up March 16-20th. Have to meet 2 weeks prior.

Doug Rhodes said this may not be part of our area.
Merritt asked Fred if we need to have a meeting. FH said to look into later.

Carl Timpe made a motion to adjourn 10:48pm Doug Rhodes seconded.

From: *Matt Peaver* secretary

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#	Text	Vote	Notes
286	Define possession limit as the maximum number of fish a person may have in possession until returning to their domicile	4-8-1 FAIL	Public-Could hurt commercial fisherman who possess fish for their own consumption. Other members do not agree. Public claims that not passing this could damage stocks for residents for the benefit of charter customers. Chair, enforcement has problem with the language, (ex. Domicile.) Ian, sympathizes with enforcement, but agrees with claim. Claim that there is no scientific evidence that the proposal would work and be unenforceable. Chris C has a problem with domicile, what is the definition, thinks charters are unfairly targeted; required logs are sufficiently strict. Ian believes that processed fish in possession does not count toward possession. Jenny would like to have enforcement here. Gregg thinks that the proposal lacks the facts to put the issue in context. Todd does not see the conservation benefits.
287	Define possession limit as the maximum number of fish a person may have in possession until returning to his/her domicile	4-8-1 FAIL	Chris, same as 286,
288	Establish an annual limit of 12 Coho for nonresidents and require a harvest record	7-6-1 PASS	Public, there is no evidence conservation threats for Coho. Ian dispute that there is no conservation concerns. Barry agrees with Ian and disagrees with no conservation issue. Chris, charter takes smaller percentage of fish. Todd thinks that there is good count on landings now. Public, ADFG would regulate more strictly regulate if there was a stock shortage. Mike B, believe the average non-res takes less than 12, and the proposal covers only southeast.
289	Amend harvest reporting requirements for nonresidents to include Coho salmon	8-6-1 PASS Mark S is here now	Chris, same as part of last one. Yancy asked what media is the record? Chris same as kings maybe. Barry, on the back of the licenses it requires that people do it already. Ian believes that this proposal would provide better data. Chris
290	Prohibit the retention of steelhead in fresh and salt waters except in 16 streams	8-1-4 PASS	Public if this proposal passes it should apply to the gillnet fishery adjacent to the fishery area (would have to sell them). Mark S thinks that they can't sell steelhead and doesn't see the benefit of selling the fish rather than keeping for personal use. Jenny proposal submitted by ADFG so she presumes that they have scientific. Mike supports proposal.
293	Liberalize dogfish bag and possession limits and repeal annual limit	14-0-1 PASS	Mike P, is there a current limit. Chris yes 2 per day. Robert worries about unintended consequences. Barry supports as the proposal asks to increase limit. Mike and Jason support proposal.
294	Close regional aquaculture association terminal harvest areas to guided sport harvest of salmon species not financed by	No Action.	Pete Wright representing Charter Association read a statement about 15 proposals, objects to these proposals as an assault against charter industries. Ian suggests that there is no way to determine what

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	state.		fishery contributes more to the local economy. Mike B wonders how many fish are taken by commercial fishers who do not contribute to aquaculture. Chris, problem residents pay less than non residents and the funds go into aquaculture. Claims that they do pay taxes through increased license fees and are more than proportional than commercial. Public, no need to close as the Aquaculture industry does not see as necessary. Chris, recent increase in tax on charter for aquaculture. Mark S, Lets move on there are none of these areas in our area.
296	Modify definition of sport fishing gear for the Southeast Alaska area	5-9-0 FAIL	Public, against as it restricts disabled from partaking in fisheries. Hand troll wouldn't be able to use. Mike B is in favor this proposal would legalize current legal year. Public, this is an attempt to regulate fishery by restricting apparatus. Chris thinks that it would be more appropriate to have bag and possession limit. Public, black cod is fully allocated with no provisions for personal use anglers. Mike B has fished with disabled persons with electric fishing reels who wouldn't have been able to fish otherwise. Public wrong method to regulate.
297	Modify the definition of a fishing rod for the Southeast Alaska area NOTE: This vote is to ALLOW as there is a misprint and/or confusing the language in the proposal.	5-7-3 FAIL	Mike B explained this and the next proposal. Ian question are these the same? Both are Southeast. Chris Question what is the difference. Gregg confused by Mike B explanation. Barry does not think this is a big deal. I oppose because it is already legal.
298	Allow the use of electric reels for sport fishing	5-7-3 FAIL	Agreed to vote for both.
299	Add beach seine, cast net, purse seine, and gill net as legal gear type for herring	13-0-2 PASS	Public opposes the measure. Barry read that it is allowed for personal use (residents) not legal for sport (non-resident). Preponderance of opinion that this proposal enables personal use for non-residents.
301	Require single barbless hook if catch and release salmon fishing	1-12-2 FAIL	Chris opposes as unenforceable. Mike B opposes as unenforceable. Barry agrees that this is unenforceable. Jenny interoperates the proposal as a conservation attempt for King Salmon. Mike B warned that if passed it would be unenforceable.
302	Prohibit catch and release fishing in guided sport fishery	0-15-0 FAIL	Mark S thinks unenforceable. Chris also thinks unenforceable. He thinks that mortality is already calculated. More science is needed. Ian would like to know more about mortality. Forrest opposes as unenforceable.
303	Allow unguided anglers an additional rod or line for jigging herring	3-11-1 FAIL	Chris thinks that this would eventually allow guided and unguided. Mike B says non-captains can only have one rod. Chris says that charter captains can already, this just allows non charter to do it also.
307	Prohibit charter vessel use in subsistence or personal use fisheries within 30 days of use in guided sport fishery.	0-15-0 FAIL	Public, thinks it is an attack on charter; it is a safety issue if you have to get a smaller boat. Todd one of the reasons he charters a boat is to be able to afford it. Chris opposes. Unfair that commercial isn't included. Jason, commercial are prohibited for shellfish. Proposal trying to prevent prospecting. Jake thinks if it should apply across the boards.

			Mark opposes as this is an eye poke regulation. Barry, protection for species already accounted for in regulations. Ian 30 days is excessive.
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#	Text	Vote	Notes
199	Close commercial herring fisheries in Areas 1A thru 16.	0-14-0 FAIL	Jim Becker Gillnetter former herring fisherman opposes. Floyd Kookesh subsistence user and charter captain thinks fishing is being damaged by loss of herring stocks. Fisheries are now worse than they were. Peter Wright Sport Fisherman opposes, as this proposal is too general. He agrees with the previous speakers that there is a problem with the stocks. Mike Bethers asked about the stability of the Sitka fishery and other SE fisheries. Dept says Kah Shakes no fishery since '93 etc. Biomass is greater than in the past. Robert Edwardson asked if fishing is the only variable making herring disappear in certain location, and is there any reason to believe that closing commercial fishing would cause them to reappear. Gregg opposes this proposal, but is concerned about the herring population and would like more study. Jason opposes this proposal but is curious about whale predation numbers. Todd Wicks asked why Lynn Canal was closed in '83. Many variables may have contributed to the decline.
220	Adjust allocation to guided sport fishery by amount over or under previous year's allocation.	0-13-1 FAIL	Mark Stophaasked about how percentage is calculated. Barry Brokken asked if commercial fisherman were allowed catch unused sport percentage. Dept answered No. Mike Peterson asked if this over/under allocation applied in any other fishery. Dept tracks over/under but does not regulate based on over/under. Rich Davis said the feds award underage to successive years for halibut and blackcod.
230	Open troll fishery 7 days per week in District 11 when trans boundary river fishery is open.	5-6-3 No action 6-7-1 Amendment 2-8-3 Amendment 1-11-2 FAIL	Jim Becker united Southeast Gillnetters Opposes as this is a large district that includes prime fishery areas and the proposer uses dated data that no longer is accurate. Mark Stopha asked Mr. Becker about allocated Taku stocks. Ian Fisk asked how the dept estimated numbers which the department answered coated wire tags. Wayne Rugland opposes because of potential impact on the sport fishery. Rich Davis stated UGA was an adversary of trollers for a long time and the troll fishery has a long historical fishery in the locations cited in the proposal. He opposes because of the general nature of the proposal, but wants equal time as gillnetters. Ken Ak Trollers, no intent to grab b or C. Sommerville opposes proposal, do not to increase harvest. Max Milke Fisherman supports wants to get their share in the Taku. Chris Knight Gillnetter trollers already have more fishing time. Mike Bethers thinks opening 11a as proposed would cause gear conflicts. Mr. Emerson worries about future conservation efforts where it benefits one gear group over the other. Jason Kohlhasse opposes the proposal as written poorly and there is more going on, and

			<p>the gear groups representatives cannot get support from their own gear groups. A member of the public noted the difference between gillnetters 11000 fish and trollers had 11 fish. Barry Brokken asked if there was room for growth. Dept said in past years there has been over escapement.</p> <p>Vote to Take no action. Vote failed.</p> <p>Open troll fishery for 7 days per week when transboundry river fishery is open as follows....Failed.</p> <p>Open troll fishery from 7 days per week in 11 b.</p>
231	Open troll fishery throughout District 11 when trans boundary river fishery is open.	2-9-3 FAIL	Same as 230.
245	Modify enhanced salmon allocation plan for Northern Southeast Alaska.	13-1-0 No Action.	Beckers recommended that we take no action as this would be a long process.
250	Allow only one unit of troll gear and one unit of gillnet gear to be on board vessel simultaneously.	12-2 PASS	Mike BEthers asked if there have been any problems with people trying to fish two types of gear. The Department answered that you can't have both types of gear now. Chris Knight supports both 250 and 251 as a convenience. Dick Hoffman pointed out that you still have to run to town to offload. Peter Wright pointed out that if approved fisherman wouldn't have to offload the gear when returning to port, so it would still save time
251	Add gear stowage requirements for dual licensed vessels and allow salmon harvested from only one gear type onboard.	12-2 PASS	same
252	Require vessels participating in both troll and gillnet fisheries deliver product from one fishery before starting the next.	12-2 PASS	same
253	Increase length limit for Southeast salmon seine vessels to 75 feet.	3-7-4 FAIL	Ian Fisk supports. Mark Stopha supports. Yancy Nilsen opposes as a seiner as it will devalue existing boats. Mike Bethers asked about the carrying capacity.
254	Change measurement method for Southeast salmon seine vessels.	5-1-7 FAIL	Barry B is concerned with the term "add-ons" as ambiguous.
257	Change first day of gillnet openings to Mondays.	13-1 PASS	Chris Knight supports. Mike Bethers asked how they wouldn't have enough time. Jason Kohlhase supports. Rich Davis Opposes because they (trollers) will lose a day. Todd Wicks supports because of conflicts with sport.
258	Change first day of open periods to Monday.	13-1 PASS	Same
323	Repeal Cross Sound pink and chum troll fishery.	0-13-1 FAIL	Dick Hoffman Fisherman opposes, because this is still a viable fishery. It will go from a 7 day per week to fewer days. Mark Stopha opposes as allocative and disagrees that there is no viable fishery. Ian Fisk opposed and agreed with Mark. Mr. Emerson worries about economic opportunity to Pelican. Chris Knight supports. Mike Bethers asked if the fishery is reaching the 500 fish limit.
324	Allow fishing 7 days a week until June 30 in Cross Sound.	13-1-0 PASS	

325	Extend closing date for Coho Salmon Troll Fishery to September 30.	7-3-4 Revote 7-3-4 FAIL	Rich Davis supports. Jenny thinks that there is mixed message from the department being neutral but the departments explanation seems opposed. Mark says that SE has good Coho data and we can predict escapement well, there are no closure dates in other gear groups. Mike Bethers is concerned with escapement and the ability to ensure escapements. Ian supports. Chris Knight opposes.
368	Establish possession limits for nonresidents at one daily bag limit for species not already specified.	5-6-1 FAIL	Ian, points out it is a daily limit, thinks it is enough. Mike- will enforcement be easier? Todd S. (Enforcement) not necessarily. Healthy discussion: do non-residents need so much fish to fill their freezers? Turning point was that this proposal needed to be more specific as to what species were being covered, rather than an umbrella.

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Klawock Advisory Committee

James Martinez
Aaron Isaac
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Called to order by James Martinez

First was proposal 195 - to move the boundary line back to the north end of St. Philips Island where it was before

because if we don't move it back the commercial fishermen or divers will Deplet the sea.

Proposal 232

We do not know if this will work. We have never tried it before. play it by ear.

Proposal 264

Close Commercial fishing for a period of fifteen days so that the fish run of sockeye could come back from what it is now. We did this before and

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a come back. I know that we ask to
have it shut down for five years, but
fish & game open it back up in 3 years

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

EPOW Advisory Committee:

The East Prince of Wales AC met several times between December 3, 2008 and January 21, 2009 to discuss Board of Fisheries Proposals. Not all members were present at all meetings, but a quorum was at least present at meetings where voting on proposals did take place. Not all Public members listed, or all ADF&G staff listed were present at all meetings. Meetings typically started at around 6:00 p.m. and ended at 9:00 p.m. Meetings were held in the conference room at the USFS Office in Thorne Bay.

EPOW Members:

Jim Beard, Thorne Bay, Sport Fisherman and Hunter, USFS Fish Biologist
Doug Black, Thorne Bay, Trapper and Commercial Fisherman
Jana Carpenter, Thorne Bay, Sport Fisherwoman and Hunter, B&B Owner
Bryce Brucker, Coffman Cove, Charter Boat Operator, Hunter
Raymond Slayton, Thorne Bay, Subsistence Hunter and Fisherman, Trapper, USFS
Wildlife Technician
Jim McFarland, Thorne Bay, Sport Fisherman, Retail Store owner

Public Present:

Richard M. Cabe, Thorne Bay resident, business owner,
Frank Wetherbee, Coffman Cove resident, lodge owner
Charlie Jennings, Thorne Bay resident and commercial fisherman
Bob Hartwell, Thorne Bay resident, sport fisherman
Lynette Carlson, Thorne Bay resident and commercial fisherman

ADF&G Present:

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

Proposal details at a Glance

East Prince Of Wales (EPOW) Advisory Committee (AC)

Table 1. Final EPOWAC vote tally on Board of Fisheries proposals

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350	5	0	0	Support carries	01/14/08
351	0	5	0	Opposition carries	01/14/08
352	5	0	0	Support carries	01/21/08
353	0	5	0	Opposition carries	01/21/08
354	5	0	0	Support carries	01/21/08
355	0	5	0	Opposition carries	01/21/08

VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC had a tie, 3 for, 3 against

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
199	Close commercial herring fisheries in Areas 1A thru 16.	Ketchikan Herring Action Group	Tie 3:3

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
3	3	0

Support: OK with proposal, but felt more of a inventory was needed.

Oppose: Felt proposal too drastic for all of SE AK, felt issue should be looked at on an area by area basis.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
200	Establish minimum threshold levels for herring stocks in Section 13A.	N. Ralph Guthrie Jr.	No Action

No Action—Outside area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
201	Allow harvests in District 3 by stock size.	David Lawler	No Action

No Action—No knowledge of issue.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
202	Increase guideline harvest level in District 10.	David Lawler	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
203	Change Sections 13A&B harvest level and harvest rate for herring sac roe fishery.	Sitka Tribe of Alaska	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
204	Include herring taken in test fishery in the guideline harvest limit in Sections 13A&B.	Sitka Tribe of Alaska	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
205	Set a 25 percent allocation of herring to gillnet fishery.	David Lawler	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: ADF&G should set who gets what based on current stock assessment.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
206	Change herring fishery allocation in Behm Canal.	David Lawler	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: Need more herring in Ernest Sound.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
207	Allow only gillnet fishery for herring in District 10.	David Lawler	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
208	Restrict fishing and tendering in the same herring fishery.	Alaska Independent Tendermans Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: Fishermen should be free to transport on their own or use a tender, their choice.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
209	Establish an equal shares fishery for Sitka Sound sac roe herring.	Sitka Herring Group	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action

Date: 12/03/08

Proposal:

	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
210	Establish an equal share quota for Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery.	Roger Ingman	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
211	Require permit holders to be present only during placement and harvest of product.	Larry Demmert	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: AC felt that permit holder should be present during all actions taken at pen.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
212	Allow use of multiple permits and aggregating units of gear in herring roe on kelp fishery.	Michael Bangs	No Action

No Action—Little knowledge of issue.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support.

Date: 12/03/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
213	Clarification on first day of herring pound	ADF&G	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
6	0	0

Support: ADF&G housekeeping—betters management

Oppose: None

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
214	Change date of required removal of pounds and gear to July 1 in sections 12A and 13C.	Charles R. Olson	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC vote to Oppose.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
215	Expand the herring closed pound area in Section 3B.	Larry Demmert	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: AC felt that opening more area not warranted, assumed closed for a reason.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
216	Allow herring open pen anywhere in Section 3B except the west side of Fish Egg Island.	Larry Demmert	Opposed

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: AC felt that opening more area not warranted, assumed closed for a reason.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
217	Include Salisbury Sound in sac roe herring management area.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
218	Allow use of two set gillnet permits and provide for use of additional gear.	David Lawler	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: AC felt that both the increase in gear and depth for gear was unwarranted—one is enough.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
219	Designate Bradfield Canal king salmon as a stock of concern	Marlin Benedict	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	1

Support: None

Oppose: Not considered a stock of concern at this time by ADF&G

Abstain: Personally biased against seine fleet July opener in Bradfield, severely disrupts sport trolling in area.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
220	Adjust allocation to guided sport fishery by amount over or under previous year's allocation.	Walter Pasternak	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: Allocation already addressed by Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan. We think plan works.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
221	Apply the one king salmon per day bag limit to both residents and nonresidents.	Michael Truax	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: Already is same daily bag limit for residents and non residents. Proposee is confused. 3 fish limit example in proposal for non residents is not a daily limit, it's a total limit for a set timeframe (e.g. Jan to June)

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
222	Close guided sport fishery in areas of high king salmon abundance during years of low overall abundance.	Walter Pasternak	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: Allocation already addressed by Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan. We think plan works.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
223	Allow the use of two rods October through March	Petersburg Charterboat Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan works, don't mess with abundance index or use of equipment.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
224	Allow exception for non-residents salmon bag limit to apply August 1-25.	Territorial Sportsmen, Inc	Opposed

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan works as written, keep Derby during historical timeframes of 2nd half of August.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
225	Double sport bag limit for king salmon in all hatchery troll access corridors.	Donald Westlund	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: Allocation already addressed by Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan. We think plan works.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
226	Double bag limits in all troll access corridors for May and June in the Ketchikan area.	Donald Westlund	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: Allocation already addressed by Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan. We think plan works.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
227	Open troll fishery 7 days per week in District 8 when transboundary river fishery is open.	Alaska Trollers Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan works, let ADF&G manage thru EO if there are surplus fish to be had.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
228	Open portion of Frederick Sound to trolling during May and June.	Alaska Trollers Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: Area currently closed for a reason, stick to area allowed now.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 12/03/08

Proposal:

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
229	Increase the nonresident annual limit for king salmon to a multiple of 4 daily bag limits.	Petersburg Charterboat Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan works, don't mess with current allocation.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
230	Open troll fishery 7 days per week in District 11 when transboundary river fishery is open.	Alaska Trollers Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: Keep as is, ADF&G can open with EO if warranted.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
231	Open troll fishery throughout District 11 when transboundary river fishery is open.	Alaska Trollers Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: Keep as is, ADF&G can open with EO if warranted.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
232	Close subsistence gill netting before July 1 above Seduction Point in Chilkat Inlet.	Haines Sportsmen's Association	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose No Action.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
233	Prohibit subsistence gill netting in Chilkat Inlet above marker before July 1.	Upper Lynn Canal Fish & Game Advisory Committee.	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
234	Increase the amount necessary for subsistence of herring spawn in Area 13-A and 13-B.	Sitka Tribe of Alaska	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
235	Expand permit and reporting requirement for all harvest of herring spawn in Sitka Sound area.	Sitka Herring Association	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to oppose

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
236	Modify amount necessary for subsistence finding for salmon.	Kootznoowoo, Inc.	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: Disagree with proposee, current regulation sets amounts of salmon which appear to be adequate.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
237	Add salmon and smelt to list of customary and traditional resources in Section 15-A.	Michael J. Van Note	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
238	Allow use of seine boat to catch subsistence sockeye needed for Klawock.	Klawock Fish and Game Advisory Committee	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: Proposal does not make sense. Proposal expresses concerns with low numbers of sockeye taken for subsistence, yet want to send out a seine boat to catch enough sockeye for the whole town of Klawock, population 760 ?????? Won't this have a more detrimental effect to sockeye population ?????

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
239	Close subsistence fishing at Falls Lake and Gut Bay	Ken Bellons	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
240	Delete requirement that subsistence permit holder be physically at the net for portions of Chilkat River.	Klukwan AC	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: Permit holder needs to be physically present while net is fishing. To not be present while net is fishing is plain irresponsible.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
241	Clarify weekly Yakutat subsistence fishing period during commercial fishing season.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
242	Extend southern boundary subsistence harvest in Chilkoot Inlet	Burl Sheldon	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 12/03/08

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
243	Allow subsistence harvest of rockfish and lingcod by rod and reel.	Tad Fujioka	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	6	0

Support: None

Oppose: Rod and reel = sportfishing; Sounds like proposee wants to find loophole around sportfish restrictions and bag limits; if truly subsistence fishing would use gear designated in regulations.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
244	Exclude from allocation formula the enhanced salmon production from private nonprofit associations not receiving enhancement tax revenues.	Mike Saunders, Lynn Canal Gilnetters Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Should be included in formula.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
245	Modify enhanced salmon allocation plan for Northern Southeast Alaska.	Jim Becher, Arnold Enge, Jev Shelton, and Cheyne Blough	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Should not be removed.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to oppose

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
246	Close Coffman Cove to commercial trolling, gill netting, and seining.	City of Coffman Cove	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Enhancement project mentioned has no recovery plan for any fishery, thus no commercial fishery taking place. No boundary line mentioned (lat/long). Commercial fishermen do not fish Coffman Cove.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
247	Provide for reopening closed waters for troll fishery in District 8 to match drift gillnet openings.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: ADF&G housekeeping; No EO's have to be written.

Oppose: None

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose No Action.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
248	Uncouple troll and set gillnet openings in the Yakutat area.	Yakutat Fish and Game Advisory Committee	No Action

No Action—Outside Area

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed By	EPOW AC Vote
249	Allow gillnet and troll gear on board vessel while participating in either fishery.	Sumner Strait F&G AC	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: Saves time participating in either fishery; not an issue if other gear not fishing.

Oppose: None

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
250	Allow only one unit of troll gear and one unit of gillnet gear to be on board vessel simultaneously.	Andy Wright	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: While similar to 249, the AC opposed the concept of only one unit of each gear. Some fishermen might be permitted for use 2 – 3 panels. Liked wording better in 249.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
251	Add gear stowage requirements for dual licensed vessels and allow salmon harvested from only one gear type onboard.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Similar to 249, but did not like how was worded. For instance, why take gillnet off reel or remove reel ?? Fish onboard similar to 252, however AC felt fish from one fishery should be offloaded before starting other fishery.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
252	Require vessels participating in both troll and gillnet fisheries deliver product from one fishery before starting the next.	Andy Wright	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: AC agreed—avoids confusion of which fishery catch is from.

Oppose: None.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
253	Increase length limit for Southeast salmon seine vessels to 75 feet.	Larry Demmert	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: This proposal leads to restructuring the seine fleet and AC does not feel larger salmon seiners are warranted.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
254	Change measurement method for Southeast salmon seine vessels.	Larry Demmert	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Similar to 253-reasoning for opposal is same, plus would cause unnecessary expense (ADF&G, fishermen, etc)

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
255	Provide incentive for dual permit use by allowing additional fishing time or gear in drift gillnet fishery.	Andy Wright	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: AC does not feel this restructuring of gillnet fleet is necessary, plus the proposal too confusing, hard on resource, devalues existing gear, and would appear to be an enforcement issue.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
256	Allow dual permit use and use of additional 100 fathoms of gillnet.	Bob Martin	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Same Reasons for opposition as 255 -- AC does not feel this restructuring of gillnet fleet is necessary, plus the proposal too confusing, hard on resource, devalues existing gear

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
257	Change first day of gillnet openings to Mondays.	Adeline Florshutz	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: AC does not feel this change is needed.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
258	Change first day of open periods to Monday.	Paul G. Southland	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Similar to 257. AC does not feel this change is needed.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
259	Change open day of weekly periods to Monday for District 8.	Brent Akers	Opposed

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: AC did not feel this change was necessary.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
260	Open Zimovia Straits concurrently with openings in District 8 gillnet fishery north of Pt. Nemo and south of Chichigof Pass.	Doug Chaney	Opposed

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Keep it closed

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
261	Develop pink salmon management plan for Districts 11, 12, and 14 to allow series of openings based on migration and stock identification.	Southeast Alaska Seiners Association	Opposed

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Keep regulations the same, not needed.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
262	Amend Northern Southeast seine salmon fishery management plans.	Kootznoowoo, Inc.	Opposed

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Management plan works-- Don't change what works.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
263	Allow purse seine vessels to carry an extra net onboard.	Southeast Alaska Seiners Association	Opposed

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Don't need a second net; AC concerns with escapement as more fish likely to be caught cause different size nets.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
264	Close commercial salmon fishing from July 1-15 in Klawock area.	Klawock Fish and Game Advisory Committee	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: No Defined Area (lat/long); let ADF&G set season by EO's as in regulations, allows better management.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
265	Change the opening and closing dates for sockeye season in Klawock area.	Klawock Cooperative Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Let ADF&G set season by EO's as in regulations; concern about 2-week extension of season into August.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose No Action

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
266	Increase allowable set gillnet length for Yakutat Area.	Jonathan Pavlik, and other Yakutat residents	No Action

No Action—Outside Area.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
267	Allocate equal time between seine and gillnet fishing in Nakat Inlet Special Harvest Area.	Southeast Alaska Seiners Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Stick with current allocation plan

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
268	Modify allocation of seine and gillnet time for Neet's Bay Special Harvest Area.	Southeast Alaska Seiners Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Similar to 267; Stick with current allocation plan.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
269	Expand boundary of terminal king salmon harvest area in the Neets Bay fishery, establish a two fish bag limit and liberalize the annual limit .	Ketchikan Guided Sportfish Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: AC had concerns with meeting escapement goals by having fish not count towards harvest limit and expanding harvest area.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
270	Close shoreline fishing at Herring Cove and change king salmon release location.	Janet Brand, and Herring Cove residents	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	4	1

Support: None

Oppose: Legal shore access is below mean high tide line;

Abstain: would like more info on legal aspects

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
271	Modify ratio of seine and gillnet openings for Anita Bay	Southeast Alaska Seiners Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Doesn't need fixing-no change required.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
272	Address Gunnuk Creek Hatchery area management plan.	Henrich Kadake	No Action

No Action—Outside Area.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
273	Use a 1:1 ratio for gillnet and seine openings in Deep Inlet for 2009 to 2011.	Southeast Joint Regional Planning Team	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Current Ratio is fine

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
274	Allocate equal time between seine and gillnet fishing in Deep Inlet Special Harvest Area for three years.	Southeast Alaska Seiners Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Same reasons as 273- current ratio is fine

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
275	Amend Nakat Inlet Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan and Nakat Inlet Special Harvest Area.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: ADF&G housekeeping—allows better management

Oppose: None

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
276	Repeal Carroll Inlet Terminal Harvest Area regulation.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: ADF&G housekeeping—allows better management

Oppose: None

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Proposal: 277

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
277	Establish openings by regulation for Kendrick Bay Terminal Harvest Area.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: ADF&G housekeeping—allows better management

Oppose: None

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
278	Correct definition of Wrangell Narrow-Blind Slough Terminal Harvest Area.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: ADF&G housekeeping—allows better management

Oppose: None

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
279	Repeal Eastern Passage Terminal Harvest Area regulation.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: ADF&G housekeeping—allows better management

Oppose: None

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
280	Establish openings by regulation for Port Armstrong Special Harvest Area.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: ADF&G housekeeping—allows better management

Oppose: None

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
281	Establish closure in regulation for Mist Cove Special Harvest Area.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: ADF&G housekeeping—allows better management

Oppose: None

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
282	Establish in regulation dates for cost recovery in Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association Special Harvest Areas.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: ADF&G housekeeping—allows better management

Oppose: None

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
283	Establish cost recovery openings and modify boundaries for Sheldon Jackson Special Harvest Areas.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: ADF&G housekeeping—allows better management

Oppose: None

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
284	Establish management plan for Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: ADF&G housekeeping—allows better management

Oppose: None

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
285	Repeal Burro Creek Farms special harvest area regulation.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: ADF&G housekeeping—allows better management

Oppose: None

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
286	Define possession limit as the maximum number of fish a person may have in possession until returning to their domicile	Alaska Trollers Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Need to be more specific on definition; current definition seems to be fine.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
287	Define possession limit as the maximum number of fish a person may have in possession until returning to his/her domicile	Benny B. Mitchell, Donna Mitchell, Eric Jordan	Opposed

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Same as 286- current definition seems to be fine.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
288	Establish an annual limit of 12 coho for nonresidents and require a harvest record	Alaska Trollers Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Similar to 286, 287- no limit changes; no known conservation concern.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC vote to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
289	Amend harvest reporting requirements for nonresidents to include coho salmon	Alaska Trollers Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Similar to 288- no limit changes; no known conservation concern.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
290	Prohibit the retention of steelhead in fresh and salt waters except in 16 streams	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
2	3	0

Support: Steelhead concerns-keeps streams with smaller populations free from 36" harvest, single hook reduces mortality over treble hook.

Oppose: Like to see less harassment (catch & release)-shorten seasons if there are conservation concerns

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
291	Prohibit the retention of steelhead only in high use systems, fall steelhead drainages, Ward Creek, Thorne River and Karta River.	Tongass Sportfishing Association Chapter of Trout Unlimited	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Protect streams with smaller populations

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
292	Reduce Dolly Varden bag and possession limit to 4 fish, of which only one may exceed 20 inches	Juneau Chapter of Trout Unlimited	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: No known conservation concern.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support

Date: 10 Dec 2008

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
293	Liberalize dogfish bag and possession limits and repeal annual limit	Tad Fujioka	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
4	1	0

Support: View dogfish as a nuisance, perception of large population.

Oppose: Disagree with rest of AC, sees potential for abuse – dogfish often viewed as trash fish by public.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
294	Close regional aquaculture association terminal harvest areas to guided sport harvest of salmon species not financed by state.	Walter Pasternak	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: The charter industry should help finance the terminal harvest areas, all were opposed to restricting access to any user group

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
295	Develop plan to address catch and release mortality	John L. Murray	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Four members support the overall concept in general, but have concerns about actual specifics on how to address so therefore opposed; one member is just completely opposed to the proposal

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
296	Modify definition of sport fishing gear for the Southeast Alaska area	Seafood Producer's Cooperative	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
4	1	0

Support: Concerns about potential for overexploitation of bottom fish.

Oppose: Support definition of fishing rod, and project use of electronic downrigger, etc. ; Opposed to restriction on use of electric reel, see as measure to help the elderly and handicapped.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
297	Modify the definition of a fishing rod for the Southeast Alaska area	Mike Bethers	Opposed

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Proposal not clearly defined, poorly written

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
298	Allow the use of electric reels for sport fishing.	Mike Bethers	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
1	4	0

Support: Electric reel OK for elderly and handicap needs.

Oppose: No power gear for sport fishing

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed By	EPOW AC Vote
299	Add beach seine, cast net, purse seine, and gill net as legal gear type for herring	Mike and Linda Slifer	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: herring will be more valued if purchased, jigging is not difficult, difficult to account for additional thousands of pounds of herring that may be harvested, purchasing locally better supports local economies.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
300	Correct an error by amending unbaited and artificial lure sport fishing regulations	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: ADF&G Housekeeping—will make regulation more clear.

Oppose: None

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
301	Require single barbless hook if catch and release salmon fishing	Theo Grutter	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: No need for proposal if there are no conservation concerns, hard to define intention (to release). Most charters we are aware of do not intentionally catch & release for the sake of catching lots of fish.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
302	Prohibit catch and release fishing in guided sport fishery	N. Ralph Guthrie Jr.	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: No catch and release is impracticable, should be allowed to release fish.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
303	Allow unguided anglers an additional rod or line for jigging herring	Larry Edfelt	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Implies two rods fishing---one for salmon, one for herring, do not need extra rod for fishing herring.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
304	Prohibit removing steelhead under 36 inches from the water.	Tongass Sportfishing Association Chapter of Trout Unlimited	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: Steelhead clearly under 36 inches should be kept in the water—good catch and release practice.

Oppose: None

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
305	Prohibit use of felt soles for wading in freshwater.	Mark Vinsel	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Not proven necessary yet, too restrictive

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
306	Consolidate regulations for sport fishing services into one section.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: ADF&G housekeeping—clarifies regulation

Oppose: None

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
307	Prohibit charter vessel use in subsistence or personal use fisheries within 30 days of use in guided sport fishery.	Walter Pasternak	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Too restrictive, not needed; should be able to use up to day before or after for personal use/subsistence.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
308	Restrict subsistence and personal use fishing by commercial lodge or charter operators when paying clients are present.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Resident lodge owner/operator should not be restricted from maintaining their own food sources. If fish/crabs being provided to paying clients, is a violation—then enforce the law.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
309	Establish allocation of coho salmon for guided sport fishery based on past 10 years of harvest.	Walter Pasternak	Opposed

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: No known conservation issue/allocation issues. Proposee appears anti-charter.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
310	Develop fish ticket system to monitor inseason harvest within guided sport fishery.	Walter Pasternak	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: No conservation issues at this time; Not sure if talking freshwater guided ?? FW guided/Charters already have a reporting system in place.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
311	Establish regulation to allow enforcement access to vessels, lodges, and processing facilities	Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Legal ability to do this already exists.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
312	Establish regulation to allow monitoring and inspection of private vessels and freezer facilities associated with charter fishing.	Alaska Trollers Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Legal ability to do this already exists.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
313	Establish regulation to allow monitoring and inspection of freezer facilities at lodges and bed and breakfasts associated with charter fishing.	Signid Rutter	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Legal ability to do this already exists.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
314	Reduce sockeye salmon bag and possession limit in the Situk-Ahrnklin Estuary	Yakutat Fish and Game Advisory Committee	No Action

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	0	0

No Action—Outside Area.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
315	Open Ketchikan Creek to sport fishing from September 15 through May 3.	Tongass Sportfishing Association Chapter of Trout Unlimited	No Action

No Action—AC not familiar with issue.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
316	Prohibit snagging from May 1 through November 1 in salt waters between the Macaulay Salmon Hatchery fish ladder to the Channel Wayside fishing dock	CBJ Docks and Harbors	No Action

No Action—AC not familiar with issue.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
317	Prohibit retention of steelhead in all streams crossed by Juneau road system.	Juneau Chapter of Trout Unlimited	No Action

No Action—AC not familiar with issue.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
318	Move Prince of Wales area shrimp regulations to correct subsection.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: ADF&G housekeeping issue—will make regulations better.

Oppose: None

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
319	Close Port Banks, Whale Bay, and Baranof Is. to anchoring and snagging within 200 feet of the falls.	Ken Bellows	No Action

No Action—Outside Area.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
320	Allow uncaught Chinook quota to be available during spring troll fishery.	Fred Fayette	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Stick with current management; if the System's not broke-don't fix it.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
321	Adjust guideline harvest level in winter salmon troll fishery for hatchery component.	Eric Jordan	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Stick with current management; if the System's not broke-don't fix it

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
322	Remove closure in winter salmon troll fishery for District 8.	Alaska Trollers Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Stick with current management; if the System's not broke-don't fix it.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
323	Repeal Cross Sound pink and chum troll fishery.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	No Action

No Action—Outside Area.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
324	Allow fishing 7 days a week until June 30 in Cross Sound.	Elfin Cove Advisory Committee	No Action

No Action—Outside Area.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
325	Extend closing date for Coho Salmon Troll Fishery to September 30.	Alaska Trollers Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Stick with current management; if the System's not broke-don't fix it.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
326	Lengthen coho commercial troll season.	Stanley C. Rude	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Stick with current management; if the System's not broke-don't fix it.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Proposal: 327

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
327	Extend closing date for troll fishery in portion of Behm Canal and Clarence Straight to September 30.	Alaska Trollers Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Stick with current management; if the System's not broke-don't fix it.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
328	Allow holders of transferable hand troll permits to use two powered troll gurdys.	Donald Westlund	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Stick with current management; if the System's not broke-don't fix it.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
329	Increase allowable number of handtrawl gurdies to four after July 1 west of Cape Spencer.	Yakutat Fish and Game Advisory Committee	No Action

No Action—Outside Area.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
330	Specify use of degrees and decimal minutes in logbooks for Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: Makes data consistent; but clarify-- did you mean decimal degrees?

Oppose: None.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
331	Close guided sport and commercial bottom fisheries in Port Frederick between Christ Point and Cannery Point.	Icy Straits AC	No Action

No Action—Outside Area.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
332	Close area around Naha Bay to all bottom fish fishing.	Naha Bay Preservation Coalition	No Action

No Action—Outside Area.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
333	Raise guideline harvest level for lingcod in central outside Southeast Alaska area.	Sitka Charterboat Operators Association	No Action

No Action—Outside Area.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
334	Increase sport allocation of lingcod	SEAGO	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Current management is working.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
335	Set the lingcod allocation equally between the sport and dinglebar fishery	Donald Westlund	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Current management is working.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
336	Amend lingcod possession and landing requirements in Eastern Gulf of Alaska to include Central Southeast Outside Section.	Theo Grutter	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Current management is working.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
337	Make surplus dinglebar quota available to troll fleet.	Alaska Trollers Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Current management is working.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
338	Allow trollers to retain lingcod as bycatch during April in Icy Bay District.	John Vale	Opposed

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Current management is working.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
339	Allow anglers to retain trophy lingcod 55 inches or greater in length.	Sitka Charterboat Operators Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Current management is working.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC chose no action.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
340	Modify boundary for lingcod sport fishery near Cross Sound and Yakobi Island.	Elfin Cove Advisory Committee	No Action

No Action—Outside Area.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
341	Increase sport allocation of demersal shelf rockfish to 25 percent	SEAGO	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Current management is working.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to support.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
342	Amend regulations regarding demersal shelf rockfish fishing seasons for the Eastern Gulf of Alaska.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: Allows ADF&G to better manage.

Oppose: None.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
343	Open summer season for directed fishing of demersal shelf rockfish.	Mike Ame	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Stick to current management. Don't want to see over harvest that could be detrimental to these long-lived fish

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
344	Extend commercial yellow eye rockfish fishery for jig fishing.	Rick Quint	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Stick to current management. Don't want to see over harvest that could be detrimental to these long-lived fish

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
345	Adjust bycatch allowance for demersal shelf rockfish.	Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Current management is working.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
346	Allow only bycatch of demersal shelf rockfish and provide for variable limits.	Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Current management is working.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
347	Allow retention slope rockfish during summer in directed Pacific cod fishery.	Mike Sine	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Current management is working.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
348	Clarify regulation on rockfish possession and landing requirements for Eastern Gulf of Alaska area.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: ADF&G housekeeping---clarifies regulation

Oppose: None.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support.

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
349	Require use of a decompression device for releasing sport caught rockfish in Southeast waters.	Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: Will increase survival rate of these long-lived fish.

Oppose: None.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
350	Require use of a decompression device for releasing sport caught rockfish in Southeast waters.	Benny B. Mitchell, Donna Mitchell, Eric Jordan	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: Will increase survival rate of these long-lived fish.

Oppose: None.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC

Date: 14 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
351	Require release of demersal shelf rockfish at or near bottom of water in commercial fishery.	SEAGO	Opposed

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Unfortunately, seems impractical in commercial fishery, but do support rockfish release devices. Would support if there was a commercially practical way.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support.

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Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
352	Require release of demersal shelf rockfish at or near bottom of water in sport fishery.	SEAGO	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: Will increase survival rate of these long-lived fish.

Oppose: None.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose

Date: 21 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
353	Require retention of yelloweye rockfish and add specifications to release of other rockfish.	Tad Fujioka	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Current regulation fine, prudent fisherman will move elsewhere when limit caught; see potential for abuse as encourages a catch & release mentality for other rockfish.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Support.

Date: 21 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
354	Allow sale black rockfish that are retained as required in Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area.	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Support

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
5	0	0

Support: Allows ADF&G to better manage, ends confusion.

Oppose: None.

Advisory Committee: EPOW AC voted to Oppose.

Date: 21 Jan 2009

Prop. #	Action Requested	Proposed by	EPOW AC Vote
355	Open the inside waters to fishing for black rockfish and outside waters except Salsbury Sound.	Rick Quint	Oppose

SUPPORT	OPPOSE	ABSTAIN
0	5	0

Support: None

Oppose: Let ADF&G manage as is.