

## AC Comments

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Unalaska AC2  
Kodiak AC3

Whittier Fish & Game Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2007

Members Present: Milton Stevens, Steve Flodin, Carl Etheridge, Jon Van Hyning, Dale Etheridge, Steve Aberle

Members Absent Excused: Ric Varsolvic, Brad Von Wichman

Members Absent Unexcused: Brian Lee, Ray Spangler

Public Present: Gordon Scott, John Scott, David Pinguoch

Staff Present: Dan Bosch, Sherry Wright

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Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 1:00 pm.

Nominations for seats: Brad Von Wichman, Ric Vrsalovic, Jon Van Hyning, Gordon Scott, Milton Stevens, David Pinguoch, Dale Etheridge, Mike Durtschi.

Committee discussed the need to balance the AC with some seiners and sport fishing interests, bringing all voices to the table.

Members elected Brad Von Wichman, Ric Vrsalovic, Jon Van Hyning, for three year seats; Gordon Scott, Milton Stevens, David Pinguoch, Dale Etheridge, for two year seats and Mike Durtschi for the one year alternate. Election was by unanimous consent.

Officers were elected by unanimous consent as follows: Jon Van Hyning – Chair; Steve Aberle – Vice Chair; Ric Vrsalovic – Secretary.

**Board of Fisheries Proposals – March Statewide Shellfish**

**Prop 361**

**Support as amended**

**Amendment** – Season Sept 16 – Apr 14 and prefer to see an opportunity for Whittier reporting to Anchorage (as opposed to Valdez or Cordova). Eliminate the calling in requirement, turn in the punch card within 10 days of closure. 5 tanner and 5 king limits per person per season.

**Discussion:** Support so that people can find out what is going on with the crab populations. The log book and punch card requirements are very important aspects of these permits. This could be a valuable tool for the department to get information on what is going on in the Prince William Sound on these animals. Shrimp permits are not that restrictive. Calling in is going overboard., which may be fashioned after the halibut IFQ. Sounds like the proponent was very conservative in an attempt to show the boards what fishermen are willing to go through, just for an opportunity to harvest a few crab and see what is going on with them. Committee talked about current shrimp permit reporting requirements. This committee has discussed opening opportunity for some crab fishing for quite awhile.

ADF&G submitted a proposal for tanner crab in the Lower Cook Inlet, but not Prince William Sound.

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The committee held a discussion of potential PWS proposals for the Board of Fisheries. Committee discussed the increase of orca whales in the sound. Subcommittees for BOF PWS proposals:

Black cod – Ric Vrsalovic, Brad Von Wichman (Subcommittee Chair), Gordon Scott, Brian Lee wants to serve on that committee for proposals.

Charter/personal use – David Pinguoch (Subcommittee Chair) 1. 5 gallon heads off / 10 gallons heads on per boat per trip limit on spot shrimp possession limits. 2. Allow use of pink/chums for bait (rather than dumping them). 3. Eliminate terminal harvest areas in the sound – no way for enforcement to differentiate between 6 and 12 limits. 4. Eshamy Lagoon – if not good enough escapement, allow sockeye fishing; if escapement is enough for snagging, also open for commercial harvest in a different area so they aren't taking lagoon fish, to allow some additional harvest. (Able to tell by the timing of the runs).

Spot Shrimp –Gordon Scott(Subcommittee Chair), Ric Vrsalovic, David Pinguoch

Trawl Shrimp – Jon Van Hyning will draft some proposals.

Commercial Salmon – Steve Aberle (Subcommittee Chair) discussed the issues of seiners' / gillnetters. The issue has been fairly well addressed under the leadership of BOF Chair Mel Morris. 5 year rolling average. Some of the seiner's heartburn has been addressed by an increase in the price of pinks. There are still many boats that aren't participating in the fishery. Brian Lee also may participate on this.

Committee expressed concern about the removal of the spot shrimp reporting requirements. ADF&G staff stated they can use the Statewide Harvest Survey data, which has been consistent over the last several years. There was a lack of communication between the sport and commercial users on this issue.

An update of recent board actions was brought by Sherry Wright.

Jon Van Hyning will represent the committee at the Statewide Shellfish BOF meeting.

Next meeting will be in February or March to finalize PWS BOF proposals.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

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To: ADFG Board Support Section

Date: 10-29-2007

Fax:

From: Frank Kelty, Chairman Unalaska/Dutch Harbor Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Subject: Minutes of the September Advisory Committee meeting and Board Comments on Crab Proposals for the March 2008 Board of Fish meeting in Anchorage, AK

Regards

  
Frank Kelty, Chairman

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

6:00PM SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2007

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1. CALL TO ORDER-Chairman Frank Kelty, called the meeting to order at 6:01pm
2. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHED QUORUM-members present at roll call were: Don Graves, Sinclair Wilt, Rodger Roland, Alyssa McDonald, Pete Hendrickson, Frank Kelty, excused for travel was Zac Nehus. Quorum was established with 7 members present.
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA-Graves/McDonald second. Graves thanked McDonald and Forrest for doing the work of the minutes. No other discussion. Agenda approved 6/0. Don Goodfellow arrived at 6:05pm
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-Graves moved to approve minutes from April 14, 2007/Wilt second. Motion passed 6/0
5. ADF&G STAFF REPORT: Forrest Bowers was present for all of the meeting. Chairman Kelty asked Forrest to update the group on what is going on with OFL definition and changes or impacts to GHL's.
  - a. Forrest spoke about NPFMC is working on defining the OFL for crab. Plan team identified some problems with existing definitions. They have been working on them for 3 years. This is the last review, it is complicated issue. One alternative is Status Quo. Under new Magnusson Act, NMFS may be open to law suits because current definitions are not adequate. Other 2 alternatives have tier systems based on knowledge of stocks. It is based on how much is known and a set of complex population dynamics models. Within those alternatives are other problems, like when timing of OFL is declared and how public review of these would occur. Under the sub options it would remove 12 of the 22 stocks in the FMP. That would have a positive impact on the EA. This would not be under Federal Management. Guideline harvest levels may cause restraint on this OFL otherwise. Review the EA one more time and will go before council next month. We could be operating under this by next fall, maybe longer, depending on NOAA. In general, main difference between new OFL and old ones are that new ones would take into consideration all forms of mortality. Current fishing definitions do not consider that. Also, they vary on how they apply natural mortality vs. fishing mortality.

Frank: I have attended 3 of the last 5 meetings and they think that the harvest levels have been conservative.

Forrest: It is probably not appropriate for a Plan Team member to make a comment.

Frank: Are they still going to use one of the options where they use 50% as a mortality rate on Opilio?

Forrest: Frank is talking about the discard mortality rate, it is hard to estimate. Generally people estimate that it is between 0 and 100%. There are many studies and none of them are much good. The Plan team was asked to look at how sensitive, related to a new Snow Crab Estimate Model for the BS surveys, and it turns out that it doesn't matter if you use 25% or 50%.

Frank: Any questions on this part? None

Forrest: I will start with Pribilof Blue King Crab is still in an over fished level, survey showed the second lowest amount on record for female abundance in this fishery. Pribilof fishery will remain closed. Red King in Pribilof Islands was not considered overfished, but the survey showed abundance of legal males was one of the lowest on record. There is concern about bycatch of Blue King Crab in a Red King Crab fishery if opened in that area. St. Mathew Blue King Crab has improved and is still being rebuilding, and will remain closed.

Frank and Forrest discussed minimum TAC and rebuilding schedules. Bristol Bay TAC is probably up this year. BS Tanner is now rebuilt. There was discussion on how they figure rebuilt or in a state of rebuilding. Golden King Crab is open; the TAC is the same as last year. EA Tanner survey this summer, haven't started working on the analysis as of yet.

Frank asked if Bairdi Tanner crab is rebuilt, answer, it does meet the guidelines for being re-built. Frank thinks the TAC will be 60 million for snow crab and slightly higher on Red crab from last years amount. The Bairdi Tanner fishery TAC may also will be slightly higher than last year's amount.

6. ELECTIONS-Reid Brewer has expressed interest to serve Hendrickson moves/McDonald second. Nominations closed.

Reid Brewer: Masters from U of A Fairbanks 3 years ago. I have been working for Alaska Sea Grant ever since. I am a research marine biologists and a scuba instructor. I do quite a bit of work with marine invertebrates; I like sports fishing and want to get more involved in the fisheries dynamics. I am a biologist, and this is a bit of a new avenue for me.

Frank: Thank you for the offer to serve. The vote was 7/0 passed to appoint Mr. Brewer. You will be serving on a one year seat. The term ends on 12/31/07. Thank you for contributing and we look forward to your input on this committee.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### a. REVIEW AND COMMENT ON WORK SESSION AND PROPOSALS FOR OCTOBER BOARD OF FISH MEETINGS

Frank: Any comments on these issues? None discussed

UNALASKA/DUTCH HARBOR FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

BOARDS OF FISH CRAB PROPOSALS MARCH 2008 MEETING IN ANCHORAGE, AK

Frank: Bering Sea Areas begin on page 309 with proposal #368

PROPOSALS

#368-Pete Hendrickson motion /Don Graves second – Housekeeping issue. Forrest Bowers of ADFG explained that this proposal will allow CDQ groups to do post-harvest transfers legally. State and Fed regulations do not agree at present moment. Passed 8/0

#369- Shellfish Onboard Observer Program, Don Graves motion, second Alyssa MacDonald - Forrest Bowers explained that this is housekeeping, passed 8/0 in support.

#370- Areas Q, O, and J registration areas. Motion Peter Hendrickson, second Don Graves – Forrest Bowers, explained that this is preseason registration issue. Snow crab has been a problem for fishers who needed to buy permit in 07 and then again in 08. Passed to support 8/0

#371- Fishing season registration for area J. Roger Rowland motion Don Graves second, No comment and no vote.

#372- BSAI IFQ fisheries management plan, Sinclair Wilt motion Don Graves second passed 8/0 Adds two crab fisheries in other areas west of 166 degrees, the Bering Sea Tanner Crab west of 166 degrees and the western golden King Crab fishery west of 174 degrees, to the crab FMP.

#373- Area J registration and lawful gear for area J, Sinclair Wilt motion /Don Graves second- Area J separates the Tanner Crab fisheries east and west of 166 degrees, changes the procedures for registering of the Snow crab and Bairdi tanner crab fishing seasons concurrently. If you are fishing for a specific species the States want you to be registered for the target species. There were questions about trawlers selling the bycatch of crab that isn't done. The amount of the target species should be greater than 51%, motion passed 8/0

#374- BSAI IFQ Crab Fisheries Management Plan, allowing another vessel to utilize fishing each others crab gear if they are in a crab coop. Sinclair Wilt motion, Don Graves second this proposal would allow another vessels to utilize another vessels crab gear for longer than 14 days. It is related to #375. This was tabled and then continued after we discussed #375. There was much discussion about who would ultimately be responsible for gear, if it became lost, and getting it out of the water in timely fashion. There was discussion about how to transfer the pots to someone else and they would become responsible. What does ADFG think of this proposal? Forrest Bowers said that in the next proposal the State is proposing 14 days. Don Graves question, does this mean the doors are open and done fishing? Forrest Bowers, No, this means that they can continue fishing another's gear, up to 14 days in the State proposal. The proposal by the ACC would allow unlimited use of the gear. Alyssa asks fishers could then have two sets of gear or more. Can the gear be fished, then change tags and then fish again? Forrest Bowers stated that the Troopers would have to be asked about that. Frank Kelty stated supports this proposal. A motion to table by Alyssa MacDonald second by Don Graves passed 7-1

#375- BSAI IFQ, CDQ, and Adak Community, Crab Fisheries Management Plan, this proposal seeks to clarify the gear storage regulations for the rationalized crab fisheries. Motion by Roger Rowland, second by Don Graves, this proposal would allow only 14 days for the gear to left on the grounds after fishing operations have stopped. Kelty stated that the gear is actively being fished than why move it. Off the grounds you would remove the gear when the vessel IFQ is harvested. This penalizes them, when the original intent was to be more streamlined and lower the amount gear in the water. Dead loss is that and issue? Don Graves said we should look at proposing a happy medium? We can't we should just make a recommendation. Kelty states he doesn't have a problem with 30 days. We should also consider the size of the quotas. Typically Board of Fisheries will group together like proposals and deal with them. Things move quickly with this body. Reid Brewer stated that, if we support 30 days, will they push for 45 days? What are the disadvantages of unlimited? Forrest Bowers stated that numerous vessels with lots of gear, you will have lost gear, who is responsible for the gear? What about adding your own tag to the other vessels gear you are using. Don Graves asked what about dead loss issue for the shoreside processors? Amendment was made by Alyssa MacDonald; she proposed that we change the proposal to thirty days for gear removal after fishing operations have ceased. Second by Don Graves, Motion fails. Do we then support it as written? Forrest Bowers stated that if the gear is unattended, and the vessels are done fishing, he can leave the gear unattended for 14 days. This proposal was too contentious for the committee; they decided not comment on it.

#376- Lawful gear for Registration Area J tanner crab pot marking requirements this proposal will repeal tanner crab and snow crab pot limits and buoy tags. Roger Rowland motion /Don Graves second, Sinclair Wilt, how many pots can effectively be handled by a vessel? Forrest Bowers, pots are losing tags and harvest want to do away with the program they feel the program isn't needed ant longer de to rationalization of the crab fisheries. Untagged gear would signify that they were fishing more pots than they were allowed. FB the way the regulations are written, the collective amount of gear used must be below the pot limit for the fishery which is 450 pots. Since rationalization not many vessels use up to 450 pots only 1 or 2 boats at most. Motion to adopt failed 0/8 Motion

#377- Lawful gear for Registration Area T King Crab pot marking requirements this proposal will repeal King Crab pot limits and buoy tags same proposal as #376 except for King Crab, motion to adopt failed 0/8

#378, #379 Lawful Gear for Registration Area T allows 20 pots for configured for groundfish to capture cod bait in the Bristol Bay red king crab fishery. -motion Roger Rowland /Don Graves second, discussion was given to the loss of the income for small boat fishers who try and sell bait o the crab fleet at the start of the season. It was also mention that crabbers want to store bait fish with the shore side processors for free after the season is over. This provision is allowed in the Tanner crab fisheries in the Bering Sea already. Pete Hendrickson does not support the motion, motion to adopted passes 5-3

#380- Fishing Seasons for Registration Area Q Develop Pribilof red king crab management plan, Pete Hendrickson motion, Roger Rowland second, lengthy discussion no action taken y the committee.

#381- Saint Matthew Island Section, blue king crab harvest strategy, reduces or repeals minimum total allowable catch for the fishery to open. Pete Hendrickson motion, Roger Rowland second, proposal if approved would take effect on 10-15-08 Sinclair Wilt moved to amend #381 by reducing the minimum TAC from 2.5 to 2 million amendment passes 7-1 main motion as amended passes 8/0

#382- Escape mechanism for shellfish and bottom fish pots. Decrease biodegradable cotton tread size for the golden king crab fishery as follows; change the twine from 30 thread to 120 thread. Pete Hendrickson motion Roger Rowland second, some vessels are fishing 2000 pots and they cover a very large area. It takes a while for vessels to get through the all of that gear. At what point does this thickness create mortality? Amendment made by Alyssa MacDonald for thread size reduction from 30 to 60 thread amendment passes, 5-3 main motion passes 8-0

#383- 5 ACC 34 new sections, increases GHL in the golden king crab fishery. Don Graves motion, Alyssa MacDonald second. The proposal states that golden king crab CPUE has increased and ADFG has not changed or increased the TAC for this fishery. Forrest Bowers stated we do a tagging survey every 3 years. It does not show abundance, but we have some information on migratory patterns. Not much support on doing this based only on observer data. Motion to adopt failed 6-2.

#384-ACC39.675 Crab Pot storage for the BSAI, IFQ, CDQ, and Adak community allocation crab fisheries, this would allow for unattended crab gear storage in the Aleutian Brown King Crab Eastern and Western districts for up to 45 days. Alyssa MacDonald moved to amend the proposal to 30 days from 45 days seconded by Reid Brewer, passed 5-3 Main motion as amended back on the floor motion to adopt, failed 5-2

#385- #386 5 ACC35 add a new section to develop Eastern Aleutian District Tanner Crab harvest strategy. Proposal #386 which adds a description, of the Eastern Aleutian registration area, Don Graves motion, Reid Brewer second. Forrest Bowers stated that ADFG has been working off Kodiak Island harvesting strategy for the Eastern Aleutians. This proposal will get the Aleutians are own harvest strategy plan which should be a better tool for us locally. Don Graves's proposed and amendment to harvest allow around the clock fishing in the Eastern Aleutians Tanner Crab fishery that motion failed 2/6. The main motion to adopt proposals #385/#386 passed 8/0

NEXT MEETING- We will need to meet before the end of the year to reelect our new members. The next meeting will be schedule during the second week of January, that will be soon enough and we can get our elections taken care of at that meeting. then.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:46PM

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# Kodiak Fish & Game Advisory Committee **RECEIVED**

February 12, 2008

Oliver Holm Chairman

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Attn: Shannon Shellfish mtg  
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(Minutes represent a paraphrased summary of the KAC, department staff and public comments and are not a verbatim transcript of the meeting. Tapes of the meeting are available for review)

### KAC elections and selection of committee officers

#### Discussion and action on shellfish proposals and supplemental issues

#### Selection of Chairman Holm to represent the KAC at the March BOF meeting

#### Discussion of Proposal #58 and decision to send the BOF a letter stating the committees objections to their recent adoption of the proposal at the December 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 2008 BOF meeting in Kodiak

**Call to order:** 7:10pm at KNWR Visitors Center

**Roll call:** A quorum was achieved with 8 members present. After elections and late arrivals 12 members were present for discussion and action on proposals. The following members were present: Chairman Oliver Holm(Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon Seiner), Vice-chair Paul Chervenak(Big Game Guide/Outfitter), Secretary Don Fox(Salmon Gillnet Westside), Julie Kavanaugh(Interested Citizen), Mike Clark for Ron Kavanaugh(small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon Seiner), Rolan Ruoss(Commercial Transporter/Sportfish Charter), Kip Thomet(Alternate), Alexis Kwachka(Alternate), Chris Berns for Al Cratty(Old Harbor/Ahkiok Subsistence), Peter Hannah(Salmon Gillnet Southend), Lou Dochtermann(Large Boat Crab) and Tuck Bonney(Processor-Alaska Pacific Seafoods).

**ADF&G Staff:** Wayne Donaldson and Lynn Mattes.

**Department of Public Safety:** No one since the secretary forgot to notify them of the meeting.

**Members of the public:** 6.

**Agenda:** Motion to adopt agenda passes unanimously.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Motion to the minutes of our meeting of December 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2008 adopted unanimously.

**Chair announcements:** None.

**Correspondence:** Chairman Holm left at home.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

- 1) **Election of committee members:** Nominations were opened and taken from the floor. None offered. There were four persons seeking the two Alternate Seats who had notified the secretary of their interest prior to the meeting all were present. Nominations were closed by unanimous vote. After elections Kip Thomet(Alternate) and Alexis Kwachka(Alternate) were seated. Tuck Bonney(Processor), Oliver Holm(Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon Seiner), Lou Dochtermann(Large Boat Crab) and Kurt Waters(Trawl Seat) being unopposed were seated by unanimous consent.
- 2) **Election of committee officers:** Mr. Holm, Mr. Chervenak and Mr. Fox were all re-elected by unanimous vote.
- 3) **Shellfish proposals and supplemental issues:**

# Kodiak Fish & Game Advisory Committee

## February 12, 2008

### PROPOSAL ##366

5AAC AREA J REGISTRATION. Repeal super-exclusive registration as follows:

Kodiak tanner crab is a limited entry fishery – not super-exclusive.

**Staff comments:** Neutral proposal is allocative in nature. Limited entry caps participants.

**MOTION:** Moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to adopt proposal #366.

**Committee Comments:** Currently Homer, Kodiak and the Chignik Area are all super-exclusive. There are currently 187 limited entry permits for the Kodiak Area fishery 142 were small vessels and 45 large vessel(can be up to 120 feet). Due to the low quota and depressed stocks a 20 pot limit was in effect and only 33 or 34 vessels participated in the just concluded tanner crab fishery. Committee members felt that the Kodiak community benefits more economically by keeping the status quo. KAC members agreed with Mr. Berns who represents the village of Old Harbor that the Kodiak fishery is basically a small boat fishery that there are too many permits available for use for the small quotas currently available and getting rid of super-exclusive registration would allow more larger vessels to enter the fishery. This is possible and highly probable since prior to rationalization Kodiak and the Bering Sea had concurrent openings(January 15<sup>th</sup>). Before rationalization you had to choose between Kodiak and the lucrative Bering sea fishery. Now, if exclusive registration were repealed, a Bering Sea vessel could swing into Kodiak skim the cream of the fishery and then head north to participate in that crab fishery.

**ACTION:** MOTION FAILS UNANIMOUSLY, 0-12.

### PROPOSAL #367

5 AAC 35.525-LAWFUL GEAR FOR REGISTRATION AREA J. Implement differential pot limits for big and small vessels:

Less than 2 million pound quota: <60-foot 20 pots >60-foot 24 pots

2-4 million quota: -----<60-foot 30 pots >60-foot 36 pots

4-5 million pound quota-----<60-foot 40 pots >60-foot 48 pots

5 million & greater pound quota---<60-foot 50 pots >60-foot 60 pots

**Staff comments:** None proposal is allocative.

**MOTION:** Moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to adopt proposal #367.

**Committee comments:** Would reference previous comments on proposal 366. KAC members agreed with Chairman Holm and Mr. Berns that adoption of this proposal would be a reallocation of the resource to larger boats. The tanner fleet is currently 75% small boats this proposal would advantage the larger boats at the expense of the small boat fleet. Prior to the current pot limitations all vessels irregardless of size fished 75 pots. The smaller vessels more often than not fish stacking gear and smaller pots while the larger vessels often fish larger pots which are more efficient and have greater crab catching ability. Part of Mr. Middleworth,s proposal would give the small boat fleet 10 pots less than they now are allowed when the quota is greater than 5 million pounds(60-50 pots). Committee members felt that with the (proposal 367-continued)--current depressed crab stocks that there isn't enough crab to support boats with more gear and that the current management plan is working good and that the BOF should keep the status quo.

**ACTION:** MOTION FAILS UNANIMOUSLY, 0-12.

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## February 12, 2008

### PROPOSAL #402

**Staff comments:** This is a agenda change request submitted in the fall. The scallop fishery is currently under a limited entry program that ties the permit to vessels not persons and is currently approaching its sunset date at the end of 2008. There are 9 vessels under the Federal LLP program and 8 vessels that participate in the state limited entry program. There is a bill currently in the legislature that would reauthorize the program. Representative Paul Seaton asked the ADF&G to develop a state waters management plan in case(which is probable) that the legislature fails to approve legislation reauthorizing the plan. If the legislature doesn't reauthorize we would have an open access system in the state waters portion of the scallop fishery.

**Draft plan:** If the scallop fishery reverts back to an open access fishery(in state waters)the department would require pre-registration by April 1<sup>st</sup> to assess effort and set GHL. There would be a 12 hour wait to change from the federal to the state fishery. Mandatory daily reporting and VMS requirement to determine if vessels are remaining in state waters.

**MOTION: Moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to adopt proposal #402.**

**Committee comments:** KAC members agreed that a management plan needed to be in the wings in case the legislature failed to act. They didn't feel that there would be a rush of new participants if the fishery reverted back to a open entry fishery.

**ACTION: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY, 12-0.**

### PROPOSAL #405

**Staff comments:** This proposal would bring the state into compliance and mirror the recently revised federal regulations for seabird avoidance.

**MOTION: Moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to adopt proposal #405.**

**Committee Comments:** KAC members agreed with committee member and long liner Mr. Kwachka that the system works and is effective. Chairman Holm maintained that as long liner who uses snap on gear which sinks quicker that the measures aren't needed but he supports them anyway.

**ACTION: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY, 12-0.**

3) Chairman Holm was selected to represent the advisory committee at the BOF meeting in Anchorage and Mr. Fox was to be the alternate.

#### 4) Discussion of proposal #58:

The KAC discussed at great length the BOF adoption of proposal #58 at the December 18-19<sup>th</sup> 2008 meeting in Kodiak. Committee members expressed their concerns that despite overwhelming advisory committee, community and BOF committee opposition to this proposal that our concerns were not taken in account or even listened to and were dismissed before the meeting started. We felt as a committee that the BOF action warranted a letter from the Kodiak Fish & Game Advisory Committee expressing our concerns. Motion to send a letter adopted unanimously by a vote of 12-0.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.**

**Don Fox, Secretary**