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# Chignik Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Monday, January 21, 2013 11:00 am

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Offices of Ivanof Bay Tribe

7926 Old Seward Highway, Suite B-5

Anchorage, Alaska 99518-3263

Teleconference meeting was brought to order at approximately 11AM by Susie Jenkins-Brito

**AC members present;**

Don Bumpus, Chignik Lagoon

Alvin Boskofski, Chignik Lake

Rodney Anderson, Chignik Lagoon

Stephen Shangin, Ivanof Bay

Jacob Shangin, Ivanof Bay

Noah Shangin, Ivanof Bay

**AC members attending via teleconference;**

Harry Kalmakoff, JR., Chignik Lake

Don Lind, Chignik Lake

**AC members absent;**

Gary Anderson, Chignik Lagoon

**With Board Support staff;**

Susie Jenkins-Brito, Boards support section, Southwest Regional Coordinator

Monica Wellard – Executive Director with ADF&G Boards Support



Frances Leach – ADF&G Boards Support Publications Specialist

**Guests;**

Chuck McCallum, L&P Borough Fishery advisor, Chignik Regional Aquaculture Association

Bruce Barratt, Chignik Regional Aquaculture Association staff

Timothy Murphy, Chignik Lagoon

George Anderson, Chignik Lagoon

Edgar Shangin, Ivanof Bay

A quorum was established with 8 AC members present, 1 absent

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Rodney moves for an open agenda, Stephen seconds

Motion passes 8-0

**2. Approval of Minutes**

No minutes available for approval

George Anderson asked to take notes and send to Susie for final draft.

**3. Introductions**

- Staff
- Guests

**4. Election of Officers**

Don nominates Jacob Shangin as Chair, Rodney seconds

Jacob accepts nomination

Rodney asks for unanimous consent

Motion passes 8-0

Jacob Shangin takes the Chair

Stephen nominates Harry Kalmakoff JR. as Vice Chair, Don seconds



Harry accepts nomination

Alvin moves to close nominations and call the question, Stephen seconds

Motion passes 8-0

Secretary – Position Vacant – Taking minutes

5. **Staff reports:** No staff available for reports

6. **New Business**

Salmon Proposals 173-196

**Proposal 173**

Rodney moves to adopt, Alvin Seconds

Discussion:

- The proposal would expand an interception fishery on sockeye stocks that are already fully utilized in terminal stock fisheries (Upper Cook Inlet/Kodiak/Chignik) and in the intercept fishery in Kodiak's Cape Igvak Section.
- An increase in the SEDM allocation would by default increase the harvest of Chignik bound sockeye salmon in the Cape Igvak fishery in as much as the 15% allocation to that fishery is calculated against the total combined Igvak, Chignik, and SEDM catch of assigned Chignik bound sockeye salmon, while the SEDM allocation is calculated solely on the Chignik harvest.
- The 300k harvest preference has historic standing as Chignik is exclusively managed as a terminal stock fishery unlike Kodiak and Area M. The 300k and 600k levels come into play only when Chignik sockeye runs are weak. Earlier Boards have held that these levels are justified to maintain the economic viability of the Chignik area which has no alternative economic resources other local fisheries stocks.
- Area M has no significant local stocks as evidenced in ADF&G's SP Management Plan. On the south side of Area M there is but one single stock that ADF&G manages being the Orzinski sockeye run with only a 15-20k escapement goal. Further ADF&G reports that the current SEDM plan has not caused any mismanagement or lost harvest opportunities on the Orzinski sockeye run.
- Chignik fishers through the Chignik Regional Aquaculture Association have contributed more than a million dollars over the last decade for management and conservation of the two Chignik lakes sockeye runs; it appears that Area M fishers are bent on capturing higher harvest levels on Chignik bound sockeye salmon at the cost of terminal stock and other fishers.

Rodney Calls question

**Motion Fails 0-8**



### **Proposal 174**

Don moves to adopt, Rodney seconds

Discussion:

- The proposal would expand an already existing interception fishery. The result would be an increased harvest of Chignik, Kodiak, and Upper Cook Inlet-bound sockeye salmon.
- The proposal is completely absent of any stock management and/or stock conservation responsibility.
- The proposal would likely over-exploit the only local Area M stock of management consequence in the SEDM-- that being the relatively small Orzinski Lake sockeye run having but a 15-20k escapement goal.
- The proposer of Proposal 174 says “no one would suffer.” The applicant likely holds to the premise that there must be unutilized sockeye stocks migrating through SEDM water which according to ADF&G is clearly a misnomer.

Also noted from the public that an increase number of gill net marked fish are present after dates in proposal.

And Allocation is a target, not a guarantee. Author cites strong return for Chignik in 2011, but neglects to identify that Area M also had robust harvests.

Rodney calls question

**Motion Fails 0-8**

### **Proposal 175**

Stephen moves to adopt, Don seconds

Discussion:

- All comments cited on Proposal 174 (above) apply here.
- SEDM fishers fell short of the allocation in 2011 as mentioned in the proposal. Not mentioned is that in 2010 they reached the 7.6% allocation, and in 2012 they achieved 7.7%. The existing 7.6% allocation is not a guarantee; it is a target and is based on a historic allocation and through its application ties the fishery to a stock-specific management responsibility.

Rodney calls question, Don seconds

**Motion fails 0-8**

### **Proposal 176**

Stephen moves to Adopt, Rodney seconds

Discussion:



- If approved, the proposal would expand the NWSS into a greater interception fishery than already exists.
- Earlier Boards recognized that the NWSS fishery harvested non-local stocks more so than the sockeye salmon destined to Orzinski. They also recognized the legitimate need to harvest Orzinski sockeye salmon in the terminal waters of Orzinski Bay, and therefore provided the current management option for F&G to provide unlimited fishing time within the bay whenever such might be warranted to ensure no lost harvest opportunity on the Orzinski run.
- Non-local stock harvest in the NWSS well exceeds that of SP local-stock contribution in every year, and those non-local sockeye stocks include Chignik and east of WASSIP (Kodiak and Upper Cook Inlet) sockeye salmon.
- Expanding the NWSS fishery outside of Orzinski Bay is not necessary for optimal management of the Orzinski sockeye run with a 15-20k escapement goal.
- The current NWSS management plan is not broke- so no need to try to “fix it.”

Rodney calls question

**Motion Fails 0-8**

### **Proposal 177**

Harry moves to adopt, Rodney seconds

Discussion:

- The proposed plan has no biological merit or conservation requirement or burden. The proposal parallels how most AK fisheries were managed by the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries prior to statehood which caused over-harvest and diminished salmon production state-wide.
- The proposal would be contrary to the Sustainable Fisheries Act given the absence of specific management guidelines or restrictions other than not being able to fish 2 days/week.
- There are no local sockeye stocks in SP waters post July that would justify such liberal fishing time.
- Most of the set-netters are fishing gear for traveling fish not local stocks. Therefore if the proposal were adopted, it would expand an already existing interception fishery.

Additional comments from public: Perryville and Ivanof Bay subsistence users will feel effects of this proposal if it passes. Proposal as written could have potential subsistence user impacts in the Western and Perryville Districts of the Chignik Management Area.



Stephen moves to adopt, Don seconds

**Motion fails 0-8**

**Proposal 178**

Rodney moves to adopt, Alvin seconds

Discussion:

- We are uncertain whether the proposal if adopted would have any management implications to Chignik, in particular to Perryville District Coho salmon stocks which have been problematic in some years in terms of meeting local village subsistence needs.
- We look for ADF&G to address the issue and whether the fishery might expand interception of non-local Coho and other salmon species.

Don calls for question

Chair does not hear question, discussion continues:

Additional comments: Subsistence users in Chignik Lake have noticed a decline in fish available for subsistence harvest in past 6-7 years.

Also, Departments seems to be well within range of escapement goals.

**Don moves to table the Proposal 178, Rod seconds**

**Motion to table passes 8-0**

**Proposal 179-183**

Don moves to consolidate 179,180,181,182 and 183 into a block, Noah seconds

Discussion:

Don moves for No comment, No Action on Block (179-183), Alvin seconds and calls the question

**Motion for No comment, No action passes 8-0**



### **Proposal 184**

Alvin moves to adopt, Don seconds

Discussion:

- An ADF&G housekeeping proposal. If approved would repeal conflicting elements in the post July 25<sup>th</sup> management plan for the NWSS and in the management plan for the Stepovak Flats Section covering the July 26-28 period.

Potential Comments:

- This is a Fish and Game housekeeping action and no position is taken

Alvin moves for No action and calls question

**Motion for No Action passes 8-0**

### **Proposal 185**

Stephen moves to adopt, Rodney seconds

Discussion:

- The current regulation is reasonably prudent in setting a threshold at 100 immatures per set.
- The proposal would make any closure or restriction of the harvest of immatures optional. ADF&G would have no clear direction on how to respond when a seine fishery or area is averaging 100 or more immatures per set.
- The proposal would be in variance with the Sustainable Fisheries Act as large scale wastage of rearing juvenile salmon would be likely.
- Liberalizing the current immature protection plan could deliver a “black eye” to the industry.

Rodney calls question

**Motion fails 0-8**

### **Proposal 186**

Alvin moves to adopt, Noah seconds

Discussion:

- This is a local-stock, terminal harvest strategy issue and has no bearing on Chignik. We defer to ADF&G.



Alvin moves for No action and calls the question

**Motion for No action passes 8-0**

**Proposal 187**

Alvin moves to adopt, Rodney seconds

Discussion:

- The current management plan permits 249 hrs of fishing time for the period of July 6-31. The proposal calls for the same total hours (249-h) but longer openings up to 36-h each.
- We understand that the intent is to save fuel and other costs by having longer but less frequent openings.
- The proposal does not seem unreasonable and is not expected to have any appreciable impact on migrant, non-local sockeye stocks including Chignik bound sockeye salmon.

Don moves to support 187, Alvin seconds

**Motion passes 8-0**

**Proposal 188**

Stephen moves to adopt, Rodney seconds

Discussion:

- Currently the South Unimak and Shumagin Is. fishery management plan permits 177 hrs fishing time in the July 6-24 period. The proposal calls for a 40% increase to a total of 249hrs in the July 6-24 period.
- The proposal, if adopted, would effectively increase the interception of non-local sockeye by 40%. Stocks impacted of non-local origin would be Chignik, Kodiak and upper Cook Inlet sockeye salmon.

Additional comments; Proposal asks for an increase in fishing time by 40% while Chignik Lake returns are present and targeted within Area M.

Noah calls question

**Motion Fails 0-8**

***Vice-Chair is excused approximately 2:50PM***



### **Proposal 189**

Noah moves to adopt, Rodney seconds

Discussion:

- The current management plan provides for 249 hrs. of fishing time in the July 6-31 period. The proposal calls for an additional 183 hrs. This would bring the total to 432 hrs. of fishing time in the July 6-31 period, a 73% increase.
- The proposal represents a blatant grab for an intercept fishery expansion.
- Stocks impacted, if the proposal were adopted, would include Chignik, Kodiak, and Upper Cook Inlet sockeye salmon. The impact to these stocks would expectedly be proportional to the increase in fishing time and therefore be in the range of 70+ percent.

Alvin calls the question

**Motion Fails 0-7**

### **Proposal 190**

Alvin move to adopt, Rodney seconds

Discussion:

- The proposal calls for a major expansion of July fishing time in the SP. Presently the area is open for 177 hrs. in the July 6-24 period. The proposal asks for total of 252 hrs. or a 42% increase.
- Stocks impacted, if the proposal were adopted, would include Chignik, Kodiak, and Upper Cook Inlet sockeye salmon. The impact to these stocks would expectedly be proportional to the increase in fishing time and therefore be in the range of 40+ percent.
- If adopted the proposal would be an injustice to terminal stock fisheries.
- There is no local stock justification for an increase in July fishing time within the non-terminal waters of the South Alaska Peninsula.

Noah calls question

**Motion Fails 0-7**

***Don Lind excused approximately 3:00 PM***



### **Proposal 191**

Alvin moves to consolidate Proposals 191, 192, 193, and 194 as a block (191-194), Noah seconds

Alvin asks for No comments and No action, calls question

**Motion for No comments and No action Passes 6-0**

### **Proposal 195**

Don moves to adopt, Alvin seconds

Discussion:

- The proposal, if adopted, would expand an existing interception fishery on stocks destined for Chignik, Kodiak, and Upper Cook Inlet.
- There is no historic basis for the proposed gear expansion into the SW District.
- Chignik sockeye are a dominate stock in the Southwestern District in July per the WASSIP study findings, and local sockeye production is limited to a single managed stock being the Orzinski run with a 15-20k escapement goal.

Don calls question

**Motion fails 0-6**

### **Proposal 196**

Alvin moves to adopt, Rodney seconds

Discussion:

- Algae causes gear issues throughout the Westward Region including Kodiak and Chignik.
- The proposal would increase gillnet efficiency well beyond the current level.
- More interception would occur on stocks destine for Chignik, Kodiak, and Upper Cook Inlet.

Additional comments: not legal anywhere else in the state.

Alvin calls question

**Motion fails 0-6**



Alvin makes motion to take no action on rest of proposals, Don seconds

Motion for No Action on remaining proposals Passed 6-0.

\*\*\*\*Concludes Fin Fish portion of AC meeting

## **Game Portion**

*King Salmon Area – Units 9 and 10*

**PROPOSAL NO. 52**  
Don B.

**ACTION: Move to Adopt, Alvin. Second**

**Motion to adopt 6-0**

**DESCRIPTION:** Restrict nonresident hunting opportunity in Unit 9.

**AMENDMENTS:**

**DISCUSSION:**

**PROPOSAL NO. 53**  
Alvin/M, Steve/S

**ACTION: No Action, unanimous consent**

**Motion passed to take no action 6-0**

**DESCRIPTION:** Establish caribou hunting seasons and bag limits for the Southern Alaska Peninsula Herd in Unit 9D

**AMENDMENTS:**

**DISCUSSION:**

**PROPOSAL NO. 54**

**ACTION: Alvin/M, Don B/S adopt**

**Move to amend change dates to reflect changing SEPT to Oct**

**Question:**  
5 yea, 1 nea

**Motion carries**

**DESCRIPTION:** Modify the brown bear hunting regulations for Unit 9.

**AMENDMENTS: Allow after Sept 21 after State moose season.**



**DISCUSSION:** Would align with Fed regulations for bear. Predator control issue. Having department staff absent does not help issue. Lack of information.

**With amendment 5-1, passed**

**PROPOSAL NO. 55**

**ACTION:**

**DESCRIPTION:** Eliminate the village registration permit hunts in Unit 9, allow the taking of nuisance bears, and/or open bear season.

**AMENDMENTS:**

**DISCUSSION:.**

**PROPOSAL NO. 56**

**ACTION:** Noah/M, Don/S adopt

**Don question**

**6-0 passed**

**DESCRIPTION:** Increase the brown bear bag limit in Units 9 and 10 for the RB525 hunt.

**AMENDMENTS:**

**DISCUSSION:.**

**PROPOSAL NO. 57**

**ACTION:** Motion Alvin. Don/S

**Passed unanimously NO ACTION**

**DESCRIPTION:** Modify the brown bear hunt area for the village registration permits (RB525) in Units 9 and 10.

**AMENDMENTS:**

**DISCUSSION:.**

**PROPOSAL NO. 58**

**ACTION:** Alvin /m, Rod/s

**No Action 6-0**

**DESCRIPTION:** Establish a Katmai Preserve, specific registration hunt for brown bear in Unit 9.

**AMENDMENTS:**

**DISCUSSION:.**



**PROPOSAL NO. 59**

**ACTION: Alvin/m, Steve /s**

**No action 6-0**

**DESCRIPTION:** Allocate brown bear permits in Unit 10 and establish limits for number of applications allowed per guide.

**AMENDMENTS:**

**DISCUSSION:.**

**PROPOSAL NO. 60**

**ACTION: Noah/M, Rod/S**

**Motion failed 0-6**

**DESCRIPTION:** Exclude National Park Service lands from certain wolf hunting and trapping regulations.

**AMENDMENTS:**

**DISCUSSION:.**

**PROPOSAL NO. 61**

**ACTION: Alvin/M, Don/S**

**Motion carried 6-0**

**DESCRIPTION:** Modify the intensive management plan for the North Alaska Peninsula Caribou herd.

**AMENDMENTS:**

**DISCUSSION:.**

**Next Meeting scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in Chignik Lagoon, Alaska.**

**Meeting adjourned approximately 4:45PM**



**NAKNEK/KVICHAK AC MINUTES  
JANUARY 22, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by William (Sonny) Regan at 7:05 PM.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ken Pulice and seconded by Richard Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2012 was made by Everett Thompson and seconded by Brian Cato. Motion passed unanimously.

Scott Quist, ADPS was in the audience, by teleconference we had Lem Butler ADFG, game biologist, Chris Peterson, ADFG, game biologist, and Susie Jenkins-Brito, ADFG board support southwest regional coordinator.

Richard Wilson expressed his appreciation for the efforts that Susie has gone through in providing the necessary materials for our meetings. We all agreed that it is much improved from the recent past.

**Elections-** Seats up for election were Sonny Regan, Everett Thompson, Marc Watson, and Fred Pike. All four members ran for election unopposed and a motion was made by Dan O'Hara to elect said members by unanimous consent and seconded by Richard Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

Marc Watson made a motion to maintain status quo with the co-chairman of Sonny Regan and Everett Thompson, seconded by Ken Pulice. Motion passed unanimously. Richard Wilson made a motion to retain Fred Pike as the secretary, seconded by Everett Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

**Game Report-** Lem Butler

The **brown bear** harvest has remained about the same even with the new RB525 registration hunt. Bear numbers remain at approximately 8000 bears in Unit 9.

**Mulchatna Caribou Herd** has not had a good aerial count since 2008 when 30,000 animals were approximated. Recently various problems have enabled a similar "belly-mounted camera aerial count but through other means the department has estimated the number to still be around 30,000. Bull to cow ratio has improved, mostly in the western region; thought to be do to the intensive management efforts on the wolves. The eastern region is not doing as well. Cows continue to lose calves primarily due to predation of brown bears and some black bears and wolves.

**Northern Peninsula Caribou Herd** is still struggling and remains somewhere in the 2500-3000 animal range. Some improvement is being seen with 22 pregnant cows/ 100 cows ratio is reported.

**Moose-** There has not been a population count for the last few years but it is felt that the numbers remain relatively stable. Permit reporting indicates hunter success is declining from 31% in the 2000's to 27% most recently. The number of hunters in Unit 9 is also



decreasing, most dramatically in 9-E where there were 244 hunters in 2000 and only 140 in 2012.

Lem ended his report by letting the AC know that Dave Crowley has been hired to be a new area game biologist for King Salmon.

Richard Wilson spoke of his concern for the lack of recent and accurate moose count for Unit 9. He feels there are far fewer animals than ADFG is willing to admit. Dan O'Hara asked about the possibility of contracting out the survey flying to private entities?

Several members spoke to the use of local pilots trained in survey techniques that would be available more easily and on shorter notice. Scott Quist stated that they are willing to help out when possible but the DPS plane is not always available for surveys.

**Department of Public Safety (DPS)**- Scott Quist reported that there has been a drop in non-resident hunters in both Units 9 & 17. Four troopers have logged 700 hrs. of flying, made 594 hunter contacts and have written 30 citations which dealt mostly with not validating harvest tickets and failure to harvest all meat. There was not a bear season this fall so that may have some bearing on the reduction in hunter effort.

Everett Thompson had a concern that some area hunters felt the DPS has been over zealous in their enforcement efforts recently. He asked how it was determined that DPS would stop and check individuals? Scott stated that it was not always easy to see what was going on or the identity of individuals from the air as they patrol and that sometimes-different personnel may check the same individual unintentionally.

#### **Board of Game Proposals-**

**45:** Motion to approve Fred Pike, 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Wilson; Ken Pulice questions the necessity of the registration hunt, stating that the law-abiding hunters will be forced into this and poachers will continue as is. Richard Wilson was concerned with the requirements and availability of forms in villages. He went on to state that he knew of individuals that lost their privilege to hunt for failure to turn in reports. **Passed 6-2** minority opinion was that it was unnecessary paperwork.

**46:** Motion to approve Richard Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marc Watson; Scott Quist would rather see October remain open as it may cause more problems for DPS with uninformed hunters. Brian Cato was concerned about the undue stress on pregnant cows during the extended period. **Passed 5-3** minority opinion was the makers of the proposal voted their own proposal down.

**52:** Motion to approve Marc Watson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Wilson; Joe Klutsch stated that this proposal was about allocation and not science. **Failed 0-8**

**54:** Motion to approve by Fred Pike, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marc Watson; Fred Pike stated that he put this in due to frustration with the amount of bears in unit 9. Lem Butler felt that this would increase pressure on the moose when non-residents bear hunt they would also put in for a moose hunt, as this would overlap the moose season. Brian Cato thought that this was too broad. **Passed 5-3 minority** opinion too broad and seasons' overlap.

**55:** Motion to approve by Marc Watson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Pulice; We were opposed to this proposal as we felt that RB525 was necessary to eliminate problem bears. **Failed 0-8**



**56:** Motion to approve by Marc Watson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Cato; There was support for this as sometimes it is necessary to eliminate more than one problem bear. **Passed 7-1** minority opinion was that it was more a people problem than bear problem.

**57: NO ACTION**

**58:** Motion to approve by Fred Pike, 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Wilson; Harvest numbers are reportedly decreasing, bear numbers remain stable- no reason to support. **Failed 0-8**

**59: NO ACTION**

**60:** Motion to approve by Brian Cato, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marc Watson; no numbers to justify this. **Failed 0-8**

**61:** Motion to approve by Marc Watson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Wilson; We have been working toward this for years! **Passed 8-0**

**114:** Motion to approve by Richard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marc Watson; considered to be too broad. **Failed 0-8**

**119:** Motion to approve by Joe Klutsch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marc Watson; There is no biological concern for coyotes. The proposer is concerned with lambs. **Failed 3-5**

**120:** Motion to approve by Everett Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Cato; We attended a NPS meeting and are opposed to this. **Failed 0-8**

**121:** Motion to approve by Richard Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marc Watson; oppose for the same reasons as 120. **Failed 0-8**

**122:** Motion to approve by Richard Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marc Watson; This is housekeeping. **Passed 8-0**

**126: NO ACTION**

### **Board of Fish Area M Proposals**

**179-181: NO ACTION -Enforcement problems and wasted fish (chum chucking)**

**182:** Motion to approve by Richard Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marc Watson; We support some sort of limit in light of the WASSIP report. **Passed 7-1** minority opinion is that they felt it should be less than 8.3%.

**196:** Motion to approve by Brian Cato, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Pulice; This would exasperate the present interception problem of Bristol Bay salmon. This gear is presently illegal for salmon in Alaska. **Failed 0-7**

**201-202:** Motion to approve by Richard Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marc Watson; We have heard of subsistence problems for villagers in that area and the WASSIP report identifies interception problems on the north peninsula. **Passed 7-0**

**203: NO ACTION-** Not enough information.

**205:** Motion to approve by Fred Pike, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marc Watson; We support all reductions to present fishing regulations in Area M due to the results of the WASSIP report.

**Passed 7-0**

**208-210: NO ACTION –See 211**

**211:** Motion to approve by Richard Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Pulice; Based on the results of the WASSIP report we ask the BOF to take appropriate action to limit the interception of Bristol Bay bound salmon through all means available to them. **Furthermore we ask the Commissioner of Fish and Game to direct both Area M and Bristol Bay ADFG**



**staff, to work together and develop a plan that is a workable compromise to achieve this goal; keeping in mind that salmon is a state resource which they are in trusted to manage for the benefit of all state residents. Passed 7-0**

We will try and have an AC member at both the BOG and BOF Area M meetings who will be determined after everyone's schedule is figured out.

**No Old Business**

Our next meeting will tentatively be scheduled for October 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34PM by general consensus.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Fred Pike, Nak/Kvi AC Secretary

**AC Members:**Co-chairs Sonny Regan (2015), Everett Thompson (2015), Secretary Fred Pike (2015), Marc Watson (2015), Joe Klutsch (2013), Joey Klutsch (2013), Richard Wilson (2013), Ryan Willson (2014), Ralph Zimin (2014), Howard Nelson (Level Rep),  
**Alternates:** Ken Pulice (2013), Brian Cato (2014).

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UNALASKA/DUTCH HARBOR FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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February 1, 2013

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Alaska Board of Fisheries  
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**Subject:** Comments from the Unalaska/Dutch Harbor AC meeting held on January 24, 2013 in Unalaska, AK for Proposals included in the Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island Finfish meeting February 26-March 4, 2013 in Anchorage AK.

**Proposal 162 -5 AAC28.650. Closed waters in Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Area.** Close all waters of Unalaska Bay to groundfish fishing with pelagic trawl gear, Motion to support #162, by Rowland, second by Goodfellow.

Discussion: ADFG staff stated their draft comments took no position on proposal #162. Public testimony began with Vince Tutiakoff, President of the Unalaska Native Fisherman's Association, providing information on why UNFA submitted proposal #162. He along with many members of public stated their continued concern about the decline of fishery resources in Unalaska Bay area. Many of the attending members of the public indicated they believe the Pollock trawlers which are fishing in the bay may be a contributing factor in the decline of the fishery resources in Unalaska Bay. It was also pointed out by many local residents that safety is becoming a major concern as they have to travel increasingly further distances out into the Bering Sea in small vessels to meet their sport, personal use and subsistence needs.

ADFG provided a handout that showed Pollock catch and bycatch amounts of the various species. It was pointed out that the amount of Pollock being taken out of Unalaska Bay has been about 3.5 to 4.0 million pounds the past few years and only 3-10 vessels actively fish in the bay. The total catcher vessel fleet is over 70 vessels. This is really an insignificant amount of Pollock to the catcher vessel sector, the Pollock B season catcher vessel allocation for the 2013 Pollock B season stands at 830 million pounds that puts the percentage of the Unalaska Bay catch at approximately 0.004% of the total harvest. Where is the

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dependence that makes Unalaska Bay so important to the trawler vessels when it is such a small amount of the total B season catcher vessel harvest? It was pointed out many times in public testimony that Unalaska Bay is a very small area and the fishery resources in the bay are critical to the local residents of the community. It was noted that the fleet of large trawlers haven't had a problem catching hundreds of million pounds in the Bering Sea during the Pollock B season, and there was no explanation provided about the need for the trawler vessels to fish Unalaska Bay. It was discussed that since the partial closure of Unalaska Bay from June 10<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup> went into effect in 2010 that the bycatch of various species have reportedly declined. The United Catcher Boat Executive Director Mr. Brent Payne testified in support of the existing agreement, as did Capt. Martin of the FV Commodore (a vessel that fishes Pollock for Icicle Seafood's). Martin pointed out the low bycatch numbers on salmon and Halibut and stated that he believes that "the trawlers fishing in the bay are doing no harm". Payne further discussed the various salmon bycatch reduction programs implemented by the vessels, and the voluntary area closures that they voluntarily put in place if bycatch increases in an area. These precautions require that the vessels leave an area or face monetary penalties, and so far their program has been effective and working very well for their sector.

Capt. Martin and Mr. Payne further explained the importance of fish caught in Unalaska Bay to one company in particular that is not located in the City of Unalaska. The importance of the fish caught within the bay is because the Pollock are very large and very fresh since the harvest area is hour from the Icicle Seafood's plant in Beaver Inlet; making an excellent fillet production. It was also noted during committee discussion that about 95% of the catcher vessels that deliver Pollock to the shoreplant operations in the City of Unalaska do not trawl in Unalaska Bay knowing the sensitivity of the issue to the local residents.

Two AC members supported the current measures and indicated they felt it was a good compromise position, and that they could live with it. The other 5 AC members were in support of #162 as proposed by the Unalaska Native Fisherman's Association, stating they didn't see the trawl fleet's need or dependence on this very small area and the small amount of tonnage harvested in the bay seemed relatively insignificant. The 5 AC members believed that Unalaska Bay is far more important for the local residents use in sport, subsistence and personal use, than to the 3-10 Pollock trawlers that fish in the bay. The motion to support #162 passed 5-2.

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**Proposal 163- 5AAC 28.640. Aleutian Islands District and Western District of the South Alaska Peninsula Area, Sablefish Management Plan.** Modify state-waters sablefish season to coincide with federal sablefish season as follows. Black cod season in State waters will begin and end on the same date as the federal season unless the quota gets caught. The motion to support, proposal #163 was made by Rowland the second by Goodfellow.

Discussion: The testimony that was given was all in support of the proposal 163 committee members also were in support they thought that making the federal and state water sablefish openings and closing dates the same made good sense. ADFG groundfish staff stated that draft comments from the department were in support of proposal #163. The motion to support #163 passed 7-0.

**Proposal 164- 5ACC28.560. Fishing Seasons for the South Peninsula Area; and 5-AAC28.610- Fishing seasons for Bering Sea –Aleutian Islands Area.** Specify regulatory fishing season for black rockfish as follows in the eastern, western and Aleutian Island Bering Sea districts, January 1 through December 31, unless closed by emergency order. Motion to support made by Rowland second made by Shockley.

Discussion: this proposal was submitted by ADFG, their groundfish staff from the Unalaska ADFG office stated that the draft department comments were in support of this proposal. The committee felt this was a non-controversial proposal, basically a housekeeping issue; the proposal #164 was supported by the committee 7-0.

**Proposal 214-5ACC 01.425. Waters closed to subsistence fishing; 5ACC65.051 (4). Waters closed to sport fishing in the Alaska Peninsula and Alaska Islands Area; 5 ACC77.3XX. Waters closed to personal use fishing in the Alaska Peninsula Area.** Close the Iliuliuk River upstream of the Church Hole to subsistence, sport and personal use fishing for Coho salmon as follows: The entire Iliuliuk River upstream of the Church Hole to subsistence, sport and personal use fishing for Coho salmon fishing all year. A motion to support proposal #214, made by Rowland, the second was made by Gregory.

Discussion: The proposer of #214 Steven Gregory addressed his proposal and why it was submitted, public comment and committee comments was supportive of the motion. Committee members noted the continued poor returns of salmon to this system and the lack of information on the river system. ADFG Sport Fish

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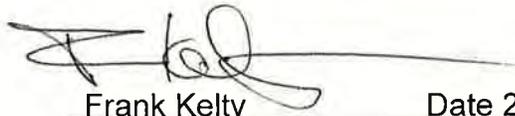


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staff from Kodiak that had teleconferenced in to the meeting, suggested that the department would be inclined to support this proposal if it was made stronger by an amendment that asked for a total closure of sport fishing for all species of salmon, and included the entire Unalaska Lake drainage area, upstream of the Church Hole on the Iliuliuk River. It should be noted that ADFG Sport Fish personal stated, that there are closures already in place for personal use and subsistence fishing in for Iliuliuk River and the Unalaska Lake drainage. A total sport fish closure was discussed by the committee, and most committee members felt that with the poor state of returns of all salmon species and the lack of information on the number of salmon returning to this this river system that a total closure of sport fishing for all species was warranted. A motion to amend proposal #214 for a total closure of sport fishing for all species of salmon and include the entire Unalaska Lake drainage area upstream of the Church Hole on the Iliuliuk River; was made by Shockley, the second was made by Kochuten. The amendment passed 7-0. The main motion, as amended, was passed 7-0.

This concludes the Unalaska AC's comments on the proposals to be addressed at the Board of Fisheries during the Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island Finfish meeting scheduled February 26-March 4, 2013 in Anchorage AK.



Frank Kelty

Date 2-1-13

Unalaska / Dutch Harbor AC Chairman



Alaska Department of Fish and Game Northern Norton Sound Advisory  
Committee Meeting Minutes

10/30/2012

Start time: 9:05 pm

Attendance: 26 people

Advertised: Nome Announce, Nome Nugget, KNOM, KICY, flyers posted in the post office, Sitsnasuak, emailed Ads to all of the AC members

**A quorum was present of AC Members, which had 11 of 15 members present:** Vernon Rock, Stanley Tocktoo, Clifford Seetook, Tom Gray, Paul Kosto, Jack Fagerstrom, Daniel Stang, Nate Perkins, Adem Boeckman, Charlie Lean, and Roy Ashenfelter

**Members not present:** Chuck Okbaok, Sheldon Nagaruk, Charlie Saccheus

**Fish and Game Staff:** Subsistence-Nicole Braem, Assistant Wildlife Biologist: Letty Hughes, Area Biologist Wildlife: Tony Gorn, Area Game Manager: Peter Bente, Sport Fish: Brenden Scanlon, Commercial Fish: Jim Menard, Commercial Fish: Scott Kent, Commercial Fish: Justin Leon, Biometrics: Dan Reed

**National Park Service;** Ken Adkisson & Jeanette Pomrenke      **KNOM** Margaret Demaiorbus

**General Public;** Kenny Hughes, Kevin Knowlton, Howard Farley-Commercial Fisherman, Michael Sloan-Nome Eskimo Community Biologist and Tom Sparks

**NSEDC:** Fisheries Biologist: Kevin Keith and Tiffaney Martinson

**Alaska State Troopers:** Jay Sears

**Motion for approval of the agenda:**

**Additions to Agenda**

Charlie: Stuff in the news about Bob Bell getting off the hook for not destroying his antlers of musk ox

Stanley Tocktoo: Musk Ox 22E discussion

**Discussion for Elections,** 3 AC seats are open they are; Mike Quinn, Bob Madden, Jr., & Dan Stang

**Motion to Approve the Agenda: All in favor, No opposition, Motion carries Agenda Approved**

**Elections:** Conducted by: Roy Ashenfelter, Identifies the parties that are running

**Electorates:** Dan Stang, Tom Gray, Kevin Knowlton, Kenny Hughes, Robert Madden Jr.

**Elected Individuals:** Kevin Knowlton, Tom Gray, Dan Stang,



## **Motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 12 and 13, 2011**

**All support, None opposed, Minutes Approved**

## **Motion to consider Game Proposals**

**Proposal # 41&42 Antlerless Moose Reauthorization, motion to support, Unit 22(C) is the only unit with a cow hunt**

**Comments:** The ADF&G gave an update on the moose population goals in Unit 22(C) which included bull to cow ration, recruitment of calves. There was a brief history about a moose biologist that reported on the amount of winter grazing area in Unit 22(C) would could sustain a limited moose population. A high moose population will eat more than is possible to re-grow during the summer season which could result in moose starvation. His report requested that the AC support an antlerless moose hunt which would be applied to Unit 22(C).

Tom Gray: Antlerless moose hunt I have voted against for years, I feel that the moose came from Fairbanks, Yukon River, the moose will move around they are not going to die in this area from over grazing. Fish and Game put out a paper that said you kill one cow moose you kill 200 moose throughout its life time. We have moose population problems in other Game Units here in Seward Peninsula and therefore will not support the antlerless moose hunt.

Majority of the AC members support antlerless moose hunt where needed to prevent over grazing winter habitat by moose. **Action on antlerless moose hunt reauthorization, 10 support, 2 opposed, Motion carries**

**Brown Bear Tagging Fee Exemption:** motion to support, ADF&G Game Biologist Tony Gorn: explains reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemption. We have reporting through the sealing of the fur, most people comply with the regulation.

Comments on Bear Tagging Fee: A AC member wanted to have a brown ear tag fee because it provides a report who is out hunting, plus the number of bears taken and the fee is nothing for people here. Kenny Hughes: License registration fee clarification, there are too many brown bears we need to have as many bears taken as possible so I support the brown bear tag fee exemption.

Tom Gray's point, there should be a brown bear tag fee so that the public understand who is hunting bears not requiring a brown bear tag fee omits this important information.

Stanley Tocktoo: Explains the bear issues. Explains brown bear attacks in Shishmaref, which had two brothers' get mauled. People are getting attacked when they are out or fishing hunting and he supports the brown bear tag exemption to make it easier for taking of brown bears.

Kevin Knowlton: explains having people to purchase a tag, buying a tag that everyone will buy a tag and the numbers will be skewed. It won't give a good indication of who is actually hunting because everyone is going to have one.



Tom Gray: a registration hunt, gives who are the cliental that are hunting the bears. In the long run this information is going to be needed. Ignoring it will not be a good thing.

Kenny Hughes: What affect will this having on the population? Do we want to reduce some effort or increase it? I have been interested in bears for a long time. We need to restrict bear hunting a little bit? Why does it make sense? The biggest predator of the bear population is male bears, but we are taking all of the bears out all of the bear and sows been destroyed. By reducing the amount of male bears, we reduce the predation on baby bears leading to an increase in male bears. I say allow the fee

Charlie Lean: I think we should waive the fee for brown bear. We are seeing a gradual increase over eight years. We are harvesting less than the population can stand.

**Motion on Brown Bear tag fee exemption Proposal;** 10 support, 2 do not support, Motion Carries

Tony Gorn: Gives Game Presentation

Caribou Report: 10-20,000 caribou currently the Death Valley area and around Granite Mountain

Musk Ox: Last year refers to the graphs in 2012, we did a range wide survey 13% annual decline between 2010 and 2012. We followed up by range wide composition surveys. Declining bull cow ratios, expanding range to the east. Far as musk ox are concerned they pretty disappointing. In 22A where there is no hunting, that is where the composition is the best. The Western Seward Peninsula ratio was what it reminded me of in 22A, good bull cow ratios. A product of the declining the musk ox population putting us back into tier II. We are trying to build bull cow ratios. Not that many musk oxen to harvest these days in comparison to five years ago. Hunting seasons open August 1<sup>st</sup> now that know we are going to be hunting tier II. Application period opens November 1<sup>st</sup>-December 17<sup>th</sup>, will go to villages to fill out applications for the tier II hunt. In 22E has its own unique ANS.

Letty Hughes: Explains application process.

Tony Gorn: there is a statewide application period. We are back into tier II we have to be available 29 animals available. A hundred musk ox were harvested last year. Two other things are, we got rid of helicopters it is easier on the animals and easier on staff; there are very high mortality rates for cows greater than three years of age. The last thing we need to get you guys to do. We are still basing the information on the musk ox management plan from 1998. The first draft we want available to the public. Before we can bring it to the public we need to get the agency on the same page. We spend an unbelievable amount of time on musk ox. We need a population objective for 22C. It is going to be a tough question to answer and you guys can help guide us through that. You guys we are asking you for how many musk ox you need.

Tony Gorn: explains selection of mature cows, darting a musk ox from a helicopter is an aerial rodeo. That is one of the nice things by looking at them from the ground; you can look at the horn bases better. I wondered when we were selecting the oldest cows to be selected for three year old cows. What is killing them it seems like a variety of things. Brown bears seem to be predated them. We need to find some balance between killing them all and sustaining them. Living with wildlife, if you live in Nome you



should not be surprised to see musk ox. We are in musk ox habitat. I am more concerned about airports with musk ox particularly in the morning and the evening. Animals hanging around city field and around the airport are more what I am concerned about where the chance for human casualty is possible. 29 animals available for harvest rate for musk ox 2% harvest rate. We cannot have a musk ox free zone around Nome.

Stanley Tocktoo: 22E there is a large increase in musk ox along the coastline and Serpentine, I take my family berry picking. I can't even get to the bathroom, it dangerous to see your family getting attacked by musk ox and brown bear. They are eating sour dock, black berries, some of our subsistence food. They are dangerous, I try to shoot above them and it just makes them madder. It is dangerous for subsistence hunting and berry picking. We see lots of antlerless cows. We hardly see any bulls they are up towards the hot springs.

Tony Gorn: We are collaring the caribou herd, we are in a transitional time and Peter Bente is going to talk about the Western Arctic caribou herd. Kenny Hughes: Explains that Nome is dealing things that the villages have been dealing with for a long time. Villagers are ok with musk ox herd declining. Villagers want to see the big black lawn mower decline in 22D Southwest.

Stanley Tocktoo: A few years back there was a study in a couple of regions Kotzebue area and Northern Seward Peninsula. Inquires about differences in tooth decay.

Peter Bente: on BOG proposal deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you want to act on the proposals. The books won't be consolidated until about July 1st.

Roy Ashenfelter: inquires about musk ox report.

Tony Gorn: We are not going to have that management plan available by May.

Tony Gorn: I will work with you guys as closely as you want to develop the proposals. I think it is most valuable when the department works with the ACs to submit proposals for comment. It is helpful to have a meeting date after the proposals have been submitted.

Charlie Lean: I am on the other side of the fence, I understand the conflicts. My wife picks Quivit it is better than gold mining. I am frustrated with the thumbing their nose at the information. I am frustrated with Bob Bell thumbing his nose at regulations at sitting member of the Board of Game. I thought we had a scientifically sound conclusion about the musk ox. What is happening at Bethel, there are many guys that are going to get cited and fined for not following regulations? There are many of us that are disappointed about how our testimonies are received by Fish and Game. We are here for window dressing for Fish and Game. I think local staff passed on the right information, a sitting member of the board of Game went out and shot a mature bull and went out and shot a trophy. All of my friends respect the regulation. It looks like an abuse of power to me. I hope you take this message to the superiors.



Jay Sears: I can't talk about the case, but there are serious loop holes in the trophy destruction. I would encourage you to file a complaint. There are always people that work loop holes. Do we want a trophy or not. We can do our investigation, but we need to have the eye cuts.

Nate Perkins: When we have a meeting and consider the proposals and then men Charlie Bell, what good a supposed support body. Have no regard, will the board of game going to do anything with it?

April meeting to discuss BOG proposals.

Roy Ashenfelter: A letter will be put together by Charlie Lean and Paul Kosto. There will be a letter sent around the AC for review and comment deadline will be set. Maybe we should also go to our legislators. (Discussion about where the letters should go).

Short Break from 10:30 am

Resume meeting 10:45 am

Peter Bente: Explains Western Arctic Caribou Herd report, explains jaw examination. 490,000 reduced 350,000 bull cow ratios have declined; the herd is in a steady decline. There are 15,000 animals taken for subsistence and 1000 animals from people coming into hunt. Herd is clean not as many diseases. We are just aware of population are in a steady decline. There is a good portion of the herd is further North. Herd migrating later in the fall. The caribou herd working group is taking place at the beginning of December 4,5,6<sup>th</sup>.

Adem Boeckman: Is it a healthy decline?

Peter Bente: Healthy in the sense of there isn't a major contributor, no outlier. Rain on snow problem for caribou for an order of a few hundred of the animals not the whole herd. We know that caribou population cycle; it gives a chance of the range to re grow. A steady slow decline is better and easier to respond to.

Adem Boeckman: Inquires about healthy cycle

Stanley Tocktoo: There are lots of white things in the meat; inquires about cysts in caribou. The cysts are inside the whole meat, the whole carcass.

Peter Bente: explains how the tapeworm parasite effects the animal and it won't make humans sick. The pellets will be in the meat or the whole carcass. The parasite does not affect humans.

Peter Bente: explains about range health. There is a standing crop of lichen, though it is in decline which could affect herd survival in the winter. Fire through the lichen takes 50 years to grow and cause herd problems.

Roy Ashenfelter: Fishery Reports

**Action on Proposal #115** Norton Sound-Port of Clarence Customary Trade, Motion to support,



Public comments: Nicole Braem: Subsistence division supports this proposal. It is not like there has been a spike in customary trade. Increasing to \$500 versus \$200.00 does not seem like an unreasonable increase since inflation and other cost have increased considerably since 2007. The division of subsistence and commercial fish don't feel this is an unreasonable amount. This proposal is about raising the limit on the cash sales, the people who want to do it have to get a permit from Jim Menard and to report what they sold to Jim Menard and you need a permit.

The proposal would add or increase opportunity to catch pink or chum when there is increased number of either pink or chum during that season. ADF&G Fish Biologist, Jim Menard: Explains customary trade permit for selling dry fish. There has been little participation in it. The people who advertise things like dried fish are contacted to remind them they need a permit. There has been little participation reported. I don't know how much is going on under the table. There were several citations issued by the troopers during salmon season for selling subsistence caught salmon without a permit.

**Action on Proposal #115**, All in favor, motion carries

**Proposal #116** Create a new commercial fishery for pink or chum salmon to be opened by emergency order (EO) in Subdistrict 1 of Norton Sound. Move to support

Comments: The intent is to allow for commercial fishing of chum or pink when there is a known significant number of either salmon present in subdistrict 1. A review of even year escapement of pink salmon in Norton Sound which includes subdistrict 1 shows a potential for a limited commercial fishery for pinks.

**Action on Proposal #116**. All in favor, Motion Carries

**Proposals #92** Allow large hooks for fish other than salmon, Move to support

**Comments:** Charlie Lean: People who oppose this are going to be worried about snagging. It has to do with overlap of seasons so if you are out there with a monster hook; people can claim they are fishing for whitefish.

Stanley Tocktoo: explains the use of large hooks in Shismaref a lot people are fishing for grayling after freeze up. We use large single hooks and a lot of fish are caught for fish to be eaten with seal oil. Does this include ling cod hook? They are single bone hook. Our ancestors did this for hundreds of years.

**Action on proposal #92** All in favor, motion carries

**Proposal #95** Prohibit putting fish parts in the water, motion to support

Comments: This proposal was originally thought to be Statewide, upon further review it specific to Kusko and Goodnews area. The AC decided to act on it after a brief discussion.

**Action on Proposal #95** All in favor, Motion Carries



**Proposal #102** allow for subsistence take of grayling in the Nome River by use of jigging with hook-and-line gear thru the ice. Move to support

ADF&G staff comments were that there is limited amount of large grayling even with current regulation to release all grayling caught. Therefore the department is not in support of this proposal.

Charlie Lean: I think the reason the grayling disappeared on the Nome River is because chum and pink fry eat a lot of grayling even if they are the same size as the salmon. I am going to oppose this proposal

**Action on Proposal #102** All opposed, Motion Fails

**Proposal #103** Place holder for possible regulatory changes based on results from Western Alaska Salmon Stock Identification Project (WASSIP) Motion to support

**Comments:** Salmon Stock Identification Project

Charlie Lean: WASSIP due to come out later so we are not able to comment on proposal 103

**Action on Proposal 103,** motion to table, all supported the motion

**Proposal #117** Allow commercial fishing in Subdistrict 1-West of longitude of Cape Nome for all species of salmon. Motion to support

Comments: ADF&G Jim Menard: There is a on a stock of concern for chum in Nome subdistrict. West of Cape Nome is closed by regulation for all salmon. The proposal was written to create a commercial fishery for salmon west of Cape Nome. Pink salmon fish is not closed. We can fish pinks and silvers east of Cape Nome. The commercial chum salmon fishery, however, is closed by regulation throughout the Nome Subdistrict.

Howard: Over the years that Nome has not had a commercial fishery for salmon. The salmon are coming back; just letting them go up the river and die it doesn't make sense. There could be a pink fishery. There are not many people out netting.

Charlie Lean: I think I am opposed to this; it is not that I don't like Howard. Explains differences between East of Cape Nome versus West of it by differences in Escapement goals. There is also a tagging study that has occurred. There is a big mixing zone a Cape Nome. Those that go east of Cape Nome go east those that go west end up in Western Streams. I think that sub district should be divided into two management zones and the west of management zone should be closed.

ADF&G Fish Biologist Jim Menard: Explains where the chum and pink salmon power is in the sub district. Over the past twenty years, we have an estimate 70% of the chum salmon production is east of Cape Nome. In contrast, 80% of the pink salmon production west of Cape Nome. If the western half of the subdistrict is open, we can designate specific areas within the subdistrict where commercial fishing can occur based on existing regulations. Right now west of Cape Nome is closed by regulation so we could not open commercial fishing. Menard explains possibilities of using areas within existing regulations to manage the fishery. Commercial Fisheries division is going to support this proposal.



Adem makes an amendment to add beach seining in Subdistrict 1 under 5 AAC 04.330

All in favor of amendment , None Opposed , amendment passes

**Action on Proposal #117 as amended**, 10 support, 1 oppose, motion passes

**Proposal #118:** Allow a commercial set net gillnet fishery in Golovin Bay once 4,800 Coho salmon have escaped into Niukluk river. Motion to support

Comments: Jack Fagerstrom: what is the current escapement level for Coho's?

ADF&G staff Scott: 2400-7200 escapement goals has been made consecutively since it was established. We got knocked out this year early because of high water but were projecting to easily reach the goal as of August 16. Refers to the escapement goals. There were a record runs in 2008 and 2010. We counted 2,408 last year; we barely made it last year.

Jack Fagerstrom: I walked around Golovin and the consensus was that at that level of escapement goal there isn't going to be a commercial fishery in Golovin. We have limited jobs and limited fishing opportunity, I am against this proposal

Tom Gray: This proposal it came from our cooperation. If you look at the fish runs in the Niukluk, it should be written slightly differently. Commercial fishing should be opened once you hit the middle of the escapement goal. We don't believe that the fish are actually meeting the escapement goal. If you pay attention for the escapement goals they are being lowered continually. These stocks need a break. We need to do something different. Fish and Game need 2400 fish and got 2405 fish. There is no reason to managing the fishery so closely. Our intention is not to punish the commercial fisherman we are trying to manage the stocks so everyone can have fish. Again our intent is we want to help that resource and put some safeguards

Tom Gray: would like to make a amendment to have 4,800 as a projected number.

Tthe amendment was made and seconded, that we hit a projected number 4800 for commercial fishing for Coho ; vote on the amendment; \_Support: 7, Opposed: 2

**Action Proposal #118 as amended**, Support 3, 8 opposed, motion fails

**PROPOSAL #119:** Allow for a commercial Coho fishery when there would be no impact to the chum salmon escapement goals in subdistricts 2 & 3, motion to support

Comments: The AC members recognize the intent of this proposal which to allow commercial fishing for Coho in Subdistricts 2 & 3, while avoiding subdistrict 1, which is the area that has stocks of concern for chum.

Department of Fish and Game supports this proposal

**Action on Proposal #119**, all in Support, motion passed



**Proposal #122** Allows subsistence fishing in Norton Sound subdistrict 1 unless restricted by EO

ADF&G Comments: Jim Menard: Proposal 122 Requests subsistence gill net fishing 7 days a week in subdistrict 1. Explains harvests in Subdistrict 1 in tables 1 and 2 (see attached documents). Comm Fish, would support up to 5 days a week in marine waters during chum season. Also during a Tier II season reduce to 3 days a week in the marine waters for both chum and silver salmon season. In freshwaters the weekly schedule is 2 fishing periods at 48 hours each. Proposer is asking for 7 days a week for all salmon. Comm. fish feels more comfortable going up incrementally. Comm. Fish prefers the 2-48s in the river, and a doesn't have a problem going up to 5 days a week for chum season in marine waters. Based on table 122 (3), we didn't think that the net use would be too excessive so going up a couple of days is ok but not to 7 days a week.

Adem Boeckman: I would like to make an amendment to 122 to mirror the silver opener to be 1 pm-6pm.

No second on the amendment, amendment fails.

Jim Menard: In the even numbered years the majority of salmon caught are pink salmon and those are being taken by hook and line in Subdistrict 1. Seining is not allowed in the Nome River

Subsistence fishing should be open when there are quality days to subsistence fish. The days that are best to hang fish are warm sunny days which generally happen in early July. Subsistence fishing methods and practices should be accommodated when creating opportunity to seine in the Nome River. The 2 days-48 hrs is currently used by ADF&G staff to manage fresh water fishing.

**Action on Proposal 122**, All in support, Motion Carries

**Proposal 123**: Allow subsistence fishing with beach seine nets in Subdistrict one. Move to support

Comments: ADF&G Jim Menard: In 2010 and 2011 We would support on the front end during chum season but have concerns during the silver salmon run. Commercial Fish is ok until coho salmon season starts until July 26th being a problem. Give it a shot in chum and pink season. Commercial Fish can give it shot if the weather cooperates. Explains graphs with the number of permits that beach seine, rod and reel harvests, pink salmon, broke it down by location of fishing by subsistence users, chum net caught fish were dominantly in the marine waters.

Charlie Lean: Seining is used in mass production or to specialize the catch. There is a very short portion of the Sinuk River that is open for subsistence. Seining has an advantage over gill nets. You have a better chance of release fish alive. I think seining gear has a place.

**Action on Proposal #123** All Support, Motion Carries

**Proposal 124**: Change boundaries for subsistence fishing on the Sinuk River for retention of sockeye by beach seine in the Sinuk River up to Boulder Creek. Motion to support



**Comments:** Generally the preferred fish to catch at Sinuk River is sockeye or silvers depending on what time season you are fishing. The current open area just above the mouth of Sinuk River is discouraging because a lot of other salmon are caught when just trying to catch either sockeye or silvers.

ADF&G Jim Menard: Comm fish supports the proposal 124, explains graphs and maps with the black flag marking with the proposed boundary and the present and lower river boundary.

Proposal 124 moves the boundary marker further up river where there is a better separation of salmon species. The additional distance up the river will have fishers catching the salmon they prefer at the same time prevent handling of other salmon.

**Action on Proposal #124, All Support, Motion Carries**

**PROPOSAL #125** Proposal by Dan Reed The proposal is to allow a dip net for fishing for salmon NOT chum salmon in the Pilgrim River. It may be an effective economic way to catch salmon or be good for targeting a specific salmon. Motion to support

Comments: Jim Menard: gives department comments and data on the Pilgrim River. Department supports this proposal.

Charlie Lean: the King salmon are really going down on the Pilgrim. Makes suggestion for having Kings put back.

Dan Reed: I talked with people around town about dip netting and people were wondering why I didn't put cast nets on there too? People have expressed interest in using cast nets too. Said that he could not change the proposal but the AC can.

Amend to add cast nets to the proposal, All in favor of the amendment, none opposed

**Action on Proposal #125 as amended, all support, Motion Carries**

**Proposal 126:** Allow for extension to the commercial fishery for Coho salmon in the Norton Sound Subdistricts by EO, the intent is for a season with a high number of Coho's which have met escapement in Subdistricts 2-6

Comments: ADF&G Scott Kent: Wes Jones submitted this proposal to extend the salmon season by emergency order. The Department supports this proposal, it would not affect the management of the late fall season. The Department has extended the season by emergency order in 2006, 2008, 2009, and for one period in 2012. No harm in allowing increase in period of time when bulk of run is in river or there is late season surge in abundance of Coho salmon.

We believe that it technically requires a commissioner's order to extend the season. The proposal if approved would add flexibility to local fish managers to make in season changes when warranted.

**Action on Proposal #126, All in support, Motion carries**



**Proposal #127** Gill net specifications and operations, allow for an increase in amount of commercial gillnet gear in the Norton Sound pink salmon fishery by EO, pink salmon mesh size would stay the same this proposal is to extend the net by 150 to 200 fathoms. Motion to support

Comments: ADF&G Scott Kent: department supports the proposal. Market interest in pink salmon has increased.

Charlie Lean (NSEDC employee): We tried to buy pink salmon commercially this year however there would have been a boom in market if people could have caught more. This is a cleaner easier way to increase the value of commercial fishery. This is a more workable solution.

Scott Kent: It would help increase pink salmon harvests during the non-peak fishing times and help mitigate losses from forgone harvest opportunities (i.e., weather, chum salmon conservation concerns).

**Action on Proposal #127**, All in support, Motion carries

**Proposal 128** Use of pink salmon for bait in the Norton Sound Port Clarence Area

Comments: ADF&G Scott Kent: Allows pink fish commercial fish for personal use as bait and gives department comments and data. Permit holders would require permission from the department to exceed the 2 ton salmon amount.

Department opposes this proposal as written because this fishery should be opened by emergency order rather than at any time. Department may authorize other uses of salmon.

The department opposes the proposal as written because there may not be surplus available for this fishery in years of low pink salmon abundance. In years of low abundance, all surpluses will be needed to provide for subsistence uses. Additionally we are not comfortable with allowing this fishery to occur at any time, irrespective of abundance. This fishery should be opened by E.O. Supportive of the idea of utilizing pink salmon surpluses for bait in years of high abundance.

Paul Kosto: Requests an amendment to reflect the change in the proposal keep the proposal the same but include a clause about by Emergency Order Only.

Amendment seconded, All support the amend, amendment passes

**Action on proposal # 128 as amended**, all in support, motion carries

**Proposal #129**: re-open a sport fishery for chum in the Nome subdistrict with a bag limit of three chums, motion to support

**Comments:** this proposal aligns with hook and line as legal subsistence gear. Adoption of this proposal would allow people to fish outside the subsistence zone using rod and reel. Refers to figure (see attached). The Department is neutral on the allocation effects, but would be in support if given an EO for the Nome sub district. The sport harvest would go into effect when escapement of chum can be met.



Charlie Lean: West of Cape Nome is in different shape *than East of Cape Nome*. *I could probably support the E.O. to do that. If commercial is closed and so should sport fishing be closed. Subsistence should take first priority. The Nome and Snake River chum salmon still have concerns with meeting escapement.*

Charlie Lean: wants to make an amendment, I don't like the idea of a blanket opener. It should be open the sport fishery when adequate subsistence harvest is allowed. That would include meeting the escapement goals. My concern if the El Dorado fishing is good, but it is not true for the Snake and Nome that the E.O should account for that. Amendment seconded

Action on the amendment, All support the amendment, amendment passes

**Action on proposal #129 as amended**, all in support, motion carries.

Roy Ashenfelter: should act on 179, 180, 181, maybe 216.

Roy Ashenfelter: These proposals have been submitted to allow some measure of control in the June fishery at Area M fishery to reduce the by catch of chum either through time tables or through an actual cap.

What the BOF has supported in the past was the chum cap, there was one year that there was a window of fishing in the area M fishery. It is necessary to have some direction on the fishery other than the fisherman themselves. It is important to comment on these to have an AC direction, so that when I go before the BOF I can comment on what the AC would like to support.

All of the proposals are a variation are the same idea. In 1978 Area M fisherman really developed the fishery from a sleepy little fishery to one of the most lucrative fisheries in the state. They will catch a portion of fish bound to western Alaska each week with no question of whether the chum run is strong or weak. The chum cap when it was in place was from 350,000 to 700,000 on chum, it depended on the attitude of the board and it used to change a lot. If we support proposal #179, it aligns us with Bristol Bay who has a similar issue with red salmon. The June fishery needs to be regulated based on salmon abundance and not just how many days there are in the month.

I would to offer to the AC we just deal with 179 and forgo 180 and 181.

Proposal 179 has a 400,000 chum cap and 8.3% for sockeye allocation to be applied to the area M fishery.

**Action on Proposal 179;** All in Support, Motion carries

**Proposal #180 and 181 defer to 179,** All in support of motion, motion carries to defer to proposal #179

**Proposal #216** Require statewide adherence to salmon fishery management plans as follows: motion to support

Comments: Roy Ashenfelter: inquires about his proposal being statewide.



Jim Menard: It seemed like to set some escapement goals outside the management plan, and it was made by Kenai sportsman fishing and they grabbed a bunch of different areas.

**Action on Proposal#126;** All opposed to proposal 216, Motion Fails

**Proposal 218:** Establish a sustained escapement threshold (SET) for stocks listed as yield or management concern as follows: motion to support

Charlie Lean: there should be a bottom line for escapement; it would include some streams in Norton Sound. This should occur, the downside to this it could be used as an endangered species act thing. The Nome River failed to meet the SET river threshold, it might close fishing for everything in the Nome sub district. It is something that the Bering Sea fisherman's association wanted me to bring to the AC. It is a double edged sword. This will tie Jim's hands, it would completely closed everything down. If were that low it would be below the escapement goal.

Jim Menard: Sub district 1 was listed as stock of management concern and Golovin and Elim were listed as stocks of yield concerns. We have never been that low again in sub district 1 as when the management concern was declared by the board in 2000. We did not establish an SET. We are (Nome) still a yield concern in sub districts 1, 2. and 3.

**Action on Proposal 218,** None Support, Motion fails

Motion Ajourned: 3:14 pm.

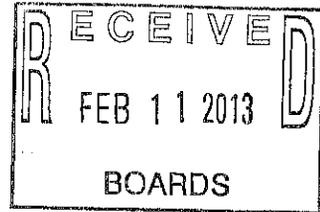


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LAKE ILIAMNA F&G Advisory Committee

January 18, 2013

BOF comments for Feb 26, 2013 meeting  
Comments by RANDY ALVAREZ - Chairman



Board generated proposal for setnet  
permit stacking in BRISTOL BAY  
Committee vote 0-5, we are opposed  
Reason: It violates the original intent of permits

Proposal # 179

Vote 5-0 we support

Reason: Chums returning to S.W AND western  
ALASKA have been in decline, we also  
support the 8.3% sockeye cap

Proposal # 181

Vote 5-0 we support

Reason: There needs to be a chum number

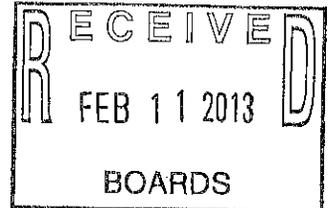


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Proposal # 182

vote 5-0 we support

Reason: Bristol Bay is under allocation AND Fish in terminal areas. The North Peninsula district should be the same.



Proposal # 183

vote 5-0 we support

Reason: IF 8.3% or 400,000 caps are not instituted we would like to see this timeline.

Proposal # 185

vote 0-5 we oppose

Reason: We oppose additional fishing time  
we support up to 8.3 allocation

Proposal # 187

vote 0-5 we oppose

Reason: Lengthening openings would tend to overly impact a specific stock moving thru

Proposal # 188, 189, 190

vote 0-5 we oppose

Reason: Lengthening opening would tend to overly impact a specific stock moving thru



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Proposal # 195

Vote 0-5 we oppose

Reason: We do not support adding more time & area

Proposal # 196

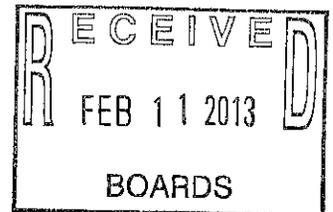
Vote 0-5 we oppose

Reason: Monofilament gillnet would greatly increase harvestability as fish could not see the nets.

Proposal # 199

Vote 5-0 we support

Reason: We support terminal fisheries



Proposal # 200

Vote 0-5 we oppose

Reason: We oppose adding new area or fisheries

Proposal # 201

Vote 5-0 we support

Reason: According to WASSIP information about 75% of fish harvested are bound for rivers farther up

Proposal # 202

Vote 5-0 we support

Reason: We feel the WASSIP data should be used for all fisheries



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Proposal # 203

vote 5-0 we support

REASON: The Port Heiden section should be a terminal fishery

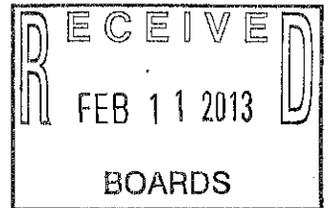
Proposal # 205

vote 5-0 we support

REASON: BRISTOL BAY IS A terminal fishery. These areas should be the same

Proposal # 206, 207

NO ACTION because of 205



Proposal # 208

vote 5-0 we support

REASON: Terminal fisheries AND WASSIP DATA

Proposal # 209

vote 5-0 we support

REASON: We support using the WASSIP DATA to manage all the Fisheries in BRISTOL BAY AND the North + South Peninsula Fisheries OF AREA M.



# Lower Bristol Bay Fish and Game A.C.

## Meeting Minutes

Pilot Point AK.

Teleconference, face to face

January 24, 2013

11:15 am.

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Local user reps. for fish and game issues from the areas of Egegik, Pilot Point, Ugashik and Port Heiden

Roll call. Members present

Eddie Clark, Roland Briggs, Myra Olsen, Mark Kosbruk, Emil Christensen, Tim Enright, Mitch Seybert, Tracy Vrem, John Bragg, Kim Rice, Gerta Kosbruk

Quorum established

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 11:15 am

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Motion made and second



Motion passed, all support

## INTRODUCTION STAFF AND GUESTS

Susie Jenkins-Brito ; Fish and Game Boards Support

Chuck McCallum; Lake and peninsula Boroughs Fishery Advisor

Scott Quist; Fish and Wildlife Trooper

Frank Woods; Bristol Bay Native Association

Victoria Briggs; Ugashik resident

Chris Peterson Wildlife conservation manager Fish and Game

Lem Butler Wildlife conservation manager Fish and Game

## **BOARD OF FISH PROPOSALS; AREA M**

### **PROPOSAL 179 SOUTH UNIMAK AND SHUMAGIN ISLANDS JUNE SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN. MOTION MADE, SECOND**

Discussion. The original GLH management plan of up to 8.3 percent of Bristol Bay sockeye stocks in the June fishery was developed by the board of fish based on historic catches in 1975. The plan had allocation GLH Time frames for different percentages of the catch thru the month of June.

This was the fairest and the best management plan for the health of the migrating sockeye stocks traveling thru the fishery. The past board actions made changes to this management plan to address different



issues that don't matter now (chum cap) and the strongest migrating sockeye management plan was negatively affected. Past board actions that try to limit chum harvest and that tried to allow sockeye harvest in the June fishery has allowed large harvests on late migrating June stocks which are proven to be smaller Bristol Bay and Northern Area M's stocks.

Run timings for different Bristol Bay stocks traveling thru the June fishery have been known since the 70 and are better known now with present and past studies done over the years.

Coupled with wassip studies for the north peninsula which shows high percentages of Egegik and Ugashik stocks in their catch, management in the June fishery could best be performed with our proposal or the old plan. This would insure sockeye windows that protect Egegik , Ugashik, week runs and smaller systems fish stocks so they are not targeted to heavily away from their home rivers..

Motion was made to remove any reference to chum (1a. and /or400,000 total chums) and seconded.

We believe the chum issue that doesn't appear to be such a big issue anyway, has negatively affected the best migrating sockeye management plan in the June fishery.

**All in favor**

**Motion made to support the amended proposal and seconded**

**All in favor 12 -0**



**PROPOSAL 181-south Unimak and shumagan Inland June.**

Motion made and seconded, Discussion we support these proposals for the same reasons we have in proposal 179 and that it addresses stocks of concerns. The proposal asks for depth reductions on gear and we support this because migrating king salmon travel at deeper depths.

**MOTION MADE TO AMEND TO REMOVE REFERANCE TO CHUMS AND SECONDED**

**All in favor**

**MOTION MADE TO SUPORT THE AMENDED PROPOSAL AND SECONDED**

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**PROPOSAL 182 SOUTH UNIMAK AND SHUMAGANS JUNE FISHERY**

**MOTION TO ADOPT AND SECONDED**

This proposal brings a lot of issues to the table for one proposal. The board could address a lot of different ideas with this proposal and understand why Egegik and Ugashik fishers would support this theoretically.

**All in favor**

**PROPOSAL 185 POST JUNE SALMON MANAGEMENT FOR SOUTH PEN**

**MOTION TO ADOPT AND SECONDED**



DISCUSSION, past management practices in this area restricted the fleet to terminal areas to rebuild local pink and chum salmon stocks and to try to minimize interception and the harvest of Juvenal salmon. Once the local stocks rebounded the board liberalized area and gear to address quality and removed the Coho cap. Migrating Coho and Juvenal sockeye chinooks are not marketable and don't follow the maximum sustain yield practice and would probably be chuck overboard. In the Port Heiden ,Egegik and Ugashik areas Coho and Chinook are stocks that weak. To liberalize fishing in anyway in this fishery with area and gear would be a hypocritical management plan that will continue to harm juveniles and stocks of concern traveling thru this fishery.

**Motion failed all opposed**

**PROPOSAL 186 187 188 189 190 JUNE AND POST JUNE SOUTH PEN.**

**MOTION TO ADOPT IN AS BLOCK AND SECOND**

In the June fisheries of these proposals we do not support liberalizing fishing time without reinstating the 8.3 allocation. Our comment in proposal 179 addresses our concerns for the June proposals in this block.

Our concerns for the post June proposals are addressed in proposal 185. We support terminalizing post June till Coho concerns are not a concern and till immature salmon have passed thru the district. These proposals address the cost of fishing in these areas and ways to make it economical for the area m fleet without regards to conservation of Juvenal and migrating stocks of concerns or maximum sustain yield. If incidental targeted salmon are allowed to migrate thru the district,



they will be caught in their home streams, for less cost and more benefits to the local economies of Port Heiden, Pilot Point, Ugashik ,Egegik and nelson lagoon and will allow rebuilding of Coho and king salmon runs in our areas.

**Motion failed all opposed**

### **PROPOSAL 195 GEAR SOUTH WESTERN DIST AREA M**

This proposal would allow a harvest of more weak stocks. (Coho and King salmon) the drift fleet has harmed their runs on the north peninsula and are looking for different option. If allowed, the use of small gill net mesh size would catch more Juvenal stocks and the use of larger mesh size would allow a larger harvest of migrating Coho stocks.

**Motion failed all opposed.**

### **PROPOSAL 196 GILLNETS SPECT AND OPERATIONS.**

#### **MOTION TO ADOPT AND SECOND**

DISCUSSION. Without GHF OF 8.3 For the June fishery, we do not support this and in the post June fishery, it will allow more harvest of immature stocks and stocks of concern .it will reallocates salmon between gear groups in this area and increases the efficiency of the setnet fishers.

**Motion failed no support.**



## **PROPOSAL 197 GILLNETT SPECS.AND OPERATIONS**

### **MOTION TO ADOPT AND SECONDED**

DISCUSSION, This proposal if adopted by the board would also help Port Heiden and Cinder Rivers King salmon and Coho stocks and Bristol Bay migrating stocks.

In late June and early July Port Heiden and Cinder Rivers Chinook salmon stocks are at their peak run timings. The waters in all northern sec. areas are very shallow. 30 feet deep is pretty much the deepest it gets in the inner and outside districts of this fishery. 75 mesh nets go all the way to the bottom in this whole fishery. Migrating Chinook usually travel deep and a reduction of depth would allow more Chinook to get thru. Coho travel to Port Heiden and all northern sections in the last week of July until the middle of September. And our support for a depth reduction applies here for the same reasons. When the board adopted this proposal to allow 75 mesh deep nets in the early 90's and allowed area m fleet to move north is when the Coho and Chinook salmon issues for Port Heiden and Cinder River began. Local fishers from Port Heiden, Pilot Point, Ugashik, Eggeik and Nelson Lagoon had a sustainable Chinook and Coho fishery and no sockeye issues. The past Boards actions severely affected conservation and the historic harvest of these fish buy local residents, and allowed the benefits of this resource to mostly non Alaska resident fishers, mostly targeting non local stocks.

**All in favor unanimously**

## **PROPOSAL 198 FISHING SEASONS.**

### **MOTION TO ADOPT AND SECOND**



DISCUSSION. We supports this proposal for the same reasons as our comment in proposal 197.

**Motion carried all in favor**

**PROPOSAL 199 NORTHERN DIST.SALMON FISHERIES MANAGEMENT**

**MOTION TO ADOPT AND SECOND**

**DISCUSSION.**

**NO ACTION.**

**PROPOSAL 200 FISHING SEASON, PERIODS, GEAR, REGISTRATION,  
CINDER RIVER**

**MOTION TO ADOPT AND SECOND**

DISCUSSION, Historically the majority of any fishing in Cinder River was done by local area T Pilot Point and Ugashik residents. Fishing for Chinook from June 10 thru the end of June on a small weekly fishing schedule. Coho harvest times fished majoritly by local residents were august 10 to sept 10 with the same small weekly fishing schedule. Except for a couple years for Coho, 100 percent of fishing was performed on the inner section of Cinder River. This proposal if approved would restrict historic fishing time for local resident in June and if allowed on the outside section would have a very low harvest, if any of cinder river stocks and possibly a harvest of 100 percent Bristol Bay stocks.

This proposal if adopted by the Board would reallocate historically locally caught fish to non-local and mostly non Alaska residents. It could



also possible harm Chinook and Coho stocks in the area that local resident fishers depend on.

**Motion fails, all oppose.**

## **PROPOSAL 201 FISHING SEASONS**

### **MOTION TO ADOPT AND SECOND**

Motion was made to amend proposal to (outside port heiden closed jan.1 to Dec 31) and second

DISCUSSION, WASSIP data indicates that sockeye run timing for illnick drops off to nothing by June 26 and for port heiden sockeye stocks around the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. Very low harvest number of these targeted stocks are harvested in these times to justify an outside section fishery. High run percentages of Port Heiden Chinook salmon stocks are present in these time frames which are depressed. And high numbers of Bristol Bay stocks are harvested in this time.

After July 5<sup>th</sup> Bear River and Bristol Bay stocks are pretty much the only components of the catch in this sec. The past boards were told by the Dept. that low interception was occurring and that all fish from area m and Bristol bay go north, way off shore and then come back thru the fishery traveling south to their home rivers, The dept. (because the lack of data) stated low numbers were beeing intercepted and justified it with very high return per spawner rates to justify why area m's catch was very high.

Any fishing after the 25 of July in any outer section north of the Three Hills section would impact the Coho stock of Port Heiden and Cinder



River, which are week. Any fishing allowed north of the Three Hills section after the 26 of June would harvest weak stocks and unnecessarily allow a high interception percentages of Egegik and Ugashik stocks to continue. Since the early nineties the northern sections of Ilnik and Port Heiden have been an expanding mixed stock fishery (proven by wassip) that has reallocate catch away from historic local fishers to non-local and to mostly non Alaska resident fishers.

**All in favor of amended proposal**

**PROPOSAL 202 fishing season**

**Motion to adopt and second**

**No action because support for 201**

**Our comments would be the same for this proposal**

**PROPOSAL 203 NORTHERN DISTRICT SALMON FISHERIES  
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**NO ACTION BECAUSE SUPPORT FOR 204 WHICH IS SIMILAR**

**PROPOSAL 204 NORTHERN DIST.SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**MOTION MADE AND SECOND**

DISCUSSION, because of wassip study an Amendment is needed to support.



Motion made to exclude all wording in sec. 1 and 2 except, this section will be open to both area T and area M permit holders from January 1 to December 31 use the existing inner Port Heiden section as the fisheries boundaries . And second

DISCUSSION, the inside section of Port Heiden has mostly been fished by local Port Heiden resident T permit holders, except in July. Area M's drift and set net fishers never utilize the inner section even if it's open and the outside section is closed in any month of the year. The inside section of Port Heiden has been fished commercially by local Port Heiden , Pilot Point and Ugashik fishers from the 1960 to 2002. Most boats navigated with only a compass and fathometer. The inner Port Heiden section is as large as the Egegik section and with global positioning the area M fleet could fish on the inside sec. with no problems.

However they will not fish on the inside, so we support this proposal to utilize this sustainable resource, we believe 6 or 7 local residents with area T setnet permits will be able to control escapement.

**All in favor as amended**

## **PROPOSAL205 FISHING DIST.AND SEC. NORTH AREA M**

### **MOTION TO ADOPT AND SECOND**

DISCUSSION, with the data from the wassip studies, we only support this proposal in concept as an avenue for the board .We support



enforceable terminal districts with G.P.S. lines.to stop interception of migrating stocks

**MOTION PASS ALL SUPPORT**

**PROPOSAL 207 NORTHERN DISTRICTSALMON FISHER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**MOTION TO ADOPED AND SECOND**

DISSCUSSION, we support this proposal because of our concerns for Coho in the Port Heiden, Cinder River, smaller stream, and for the proposer concerns. Bear River late sockeye stocks would better be harvested in a reduced Bear River terminal district out of concerns for migrating stocks.

**All in favor**

**PROPOSAL 208/209 FISHING DISTRICT AND SECTIONS. AS BLOCK**

**MOTION TO ADOPT AND SECOND**

DISSCUSSION, with the wassip studies data, we strongly support these proposals. It proves that much of area ms areas are expanded mixed stock fisheries since the early 90's. And disputes any reason presented to the board in the past to allow it to continue. It has reallocated fish away from local fisher that historically have harvested these stocks.

Bristol Bay managers stated from year to year escapement numbers are shuffled to get escapement from different parts of the run. He



stated that fishing time and prefers escapement times can be effected in Eggeik and in Ugashik if area m fleet is fishing in the northern illnick sections

In past years continues fishing has harmed smaller streams in the Port Heiden area that subsistence users count on.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**PROPOSAL 213 BAG LIMITS POSESSION limits**

**Motion to adopt**

**Discussion we support this with our discussion on this proposal summited at the Bristol Bay board meeting**

**All IN FAVOR**

**PROPOSAL250 SET NET PERMIT STACKING EGEGIK AND UGASHIK**

**DISCUSION, OUR COMENT APPLY FROM THE BRISTOL BAY MEETING**

**MOTION PASSED 6 SUPPPORT, 4 OPPOSE, 6 ABSENT**

**NO ACTION ON PROPOSALS 203/206/210/211/212/214**

**BOG PROPOSAL**

**MOTION MADE TO AJORN AND SECOND AT 5.45 PM**



**ALL IN FAVOR**





False Pass Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
February 7, 2013

Attendance in False Pass  
Ken Parker, Monty Chitty, Tom Hoblet and Shane Hoblet

Fish and game Kodiak  
Mark, Wayne Donaldson  
Fish and game Palmer  
Lem Butler  
Pauloff Harbor  
Billy Dushkin, Arlene Gunderson, George Gunderson and Ben Mobeck  
Also Ken Smith  
Call meeting to order at 2:12 pm  
Minutes of last meeting deferred until next regular meeting  
Ken S. moves Ken P 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ask Mark S about P.cod repeal 5AAC 28.577 Mark says need to draft some language to help proposal.  
Billy D says the sector split is not working. With the price of fuel and having to store 60 pots, that are worth \$1000 a pot, gear tends to go missing. Tom we need to strike language and provide substitute for paragraph 8 management plan.

Mark signed off  
2. Board of game

Proposal #52 no comment, #54 no comment, #56 how does the board stand? Board has not weighed in yet

Public safety, Monty says availability of a hunter to shoot a problem bear if other hunters are not in town

We support this unanimously. #57 expand from 2.5 unanimous support. Board- do not adopt. #59 max permits allowed 16. As residents we would like to see more bear taken off island. We can issue more permits than that or maybe remove cap. Strongest argument for more bear to be taken is a caribou issue with predation by bears. Question was asked how often do bears swim across the Pass. Was a few comments made as to who seen bears swimming. Where was there bear control before that helped the caribou population? They said in McGrath they successfully moved bears just before calving season. Ken P says need to take sows and cubs. They say hunters don't like to take them. Billy D mentioned he saw 28 bears on one tide, the bear population is out of control. Billy also mentioned about bears in town when the ferry is in



town. Tom asked do we need to put in a number or just say increase? There should also be room to put in for residents to hunt bear also. Lem says we shouldn't have to put in a number. Comments were made for 50/50 for local residents. Lem says unfortunately we cannot discriminate between local resident and state resident. Monty says maybe 30 tags, it would be one tenth the population. Bears are so over populated that they even swim to Popof Island. Tom and Ken P says 50/50. Lem says its usually 60 residents/ 40 non-residents. Lem mentioned of new hire Dave Crowley to take over in King Salmon in March sometime. Are you taking this to the board? Yes Proposal #119 No coyotes here. Proposal # 121 0 support , 4 oppose proposal #122 4 support 0 oppose Lem signs off. Need it on record for proposal to be sent out, to open state p-cod season 7 days after federal season Ken S. moves ken P 2nds, all in favor. Proposal #160 no comment Proposal #161 4 support 0 oppose Proposal #162 4 support 0 oppose Proposal #163 no comment Proposal #164 neutral Proposal #165 no action Proposal #166 no action Proposal # 167 no action Proposal # 168 4 support 0 oppose comments on this was 50% of federal tac was taken by pot sector and 50% of that was taken in state waters. Percent taken by state pot sector for following years 2003 was 68%, 2004 was 70%, 2005 was 65%, 2006 was 43%, 2007 was 39%, 2008 was 42%, 2009 was 42%, 2010 was 56%. Never has the trawl sector taken more than the pot sector. But when the trawl did increase the pot decreases. What causes this? Some fishermen have both pot and trawl permits. Seems that alone would be a reason to increase pot. Federal season percents 2007 was 21% trawl, 23% pot, 2008 was 22% trawl, 31% pot, 2009 was 11% trawl, 36% pot, 2010 was 9% trawl, 50 % pot 2011 was 10% trawl 56% pot. Is this



enough support to take to board? Proposal #169 4support 0oppose Proposal # 1704 support 0 oppose  
Proposal # 171 and #172 need to amend before we can support no action Proposal #'s 173 174 175 176 177  
178 no action Proposal #'s 179 180 and 181 0 support 4 oppose because the wassip study says 1% of fish,  
they don't know where they are going. Proposal #182 0 support 4 oppose Would like to see #'s , what was  
caught and what was predicted. Don't need that in place, would not get anything back. Proposal #183 0  
support 4 oppose same reason as before wassip study Proposal #184 no action Proposal # 185 no action  
Proposal #186 4support 0 oppose creates more fishing area Proposal #'s 187 and 188 4 support 0 oppose  
fishing in daylight hours Support in concept but may need more time. Proposal #189 4 support 0 0oppose  
need more time for sure, never seems to be enough time. Proposal # 190 no action but support in concept.  
Proposal #191 4 support 0 oppose To much area open and took all the fish, there was none for the fall  
season. Managed poorly. Proposal #192 0support 4oppose need more information of past history on this  
fishery-taking opportunity away from fishers. Proposal #193 4 support 0 oppose just clarify where line is  
Proposal #194 no action Proposal #195 0 support 4 oppose this much open area may deplete stocks.  
Proposals #'s 196,197,198,199,200, 201,202, 203, 204,205 no action discussion on wassip study as being  
interesting reports in there. Proposal # 206 and #207 if study shows there are Uria bay fish then we will  
support. Proposal #'s 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214 all no action. Was discussion on who would be  
able to to meeting in anchorage from February 25<sup>th</sup> to march 3<sup>rd</sup>. Was decided Ken Parker would go if his  
boss says he can. Next meeting set for mid April attentively. Adjourned 5:05 p.m.



## King Cove Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Sunday, December 30 2012 at 10:00 AM  
King Cove Harbor House

### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Grant Newton called meeting to order at 10:00 AM

### 2. Roll Call

Members Present: Grant Newton  
Kenneth Mack  
Edwin Bendixen  
Bill Sager  
Corey Wilson  
Gary Mack  
Warren Wilson

Members absent: Alvin Newman  
Joe Hogan

Harbor Master and other interested members of the community were present.

### 3. New Business

A. Election-Floor was opened for nominations to fill 3 expired seats and one seat because of Joe Hogan resignation on the committee. Nominations were Kenneth Mack, Edwin Bendixen, Bill Sager, and Herman Samuelson. All nominations were unanimously confirmed.

B. Review of proposals before the Board of Fish at the Aleutian Peninsula (Area M) salmon meeting on February 26, 2013.

1. Proposals 173-179 all deal with the Southeastern District Salmon Management in Area M. None of the committee members were familiar enough with the area to take any action on those proposals. A unanimous vote of no action.

2. Proposals 180-183 all seek to restrict the June fishery. The June fishery has a long history of harvesting mixed stocks of salmon migrating to all parts of the world. The local communities and fishermen have long counted on June's economic part for their survival. All of the past tagging and genetic studies and most recently the WASSIP study have shown once again a large percent of highly mixed migrating stocks. It has also shown a harvest rate of individual migrating stocks to not be high enough to be measured as a



conservation or management concern to those terminal stocks. In the past the board has used different restrictions in the June Fishery, and of those the later opening, shallow nets, and windows still remain. The fishermen have also recognized the chum concern and self regulated with chum pools and seiner stand downs. The lack of proposals from the Area M users to make changes in the June fishery is an indication that regulations since 2004 are working for us. We feel that any further restrictions in the June fishery would be allocative and that the restriction would hurt the June fishery far more than other fisheries would benefit.

### 3. Post-June Salmon Management proposals

184-support-Dept wishes to clarify regulation language-house keeping

185-support-management flexibility on immature salmon in Shumagins

186-no action-pink fishery in Stepovak Flats

187,188,189,190-amending fishing periods during July-Support fishing periods that start at 6:00 AM, most day light as possible, longer openings, fewer runs back and forth to port, designated periods all of July.

191-support-limit fishing periods in Bechevin Bay-Lack of escapement is possible with present plan.

192-oppose-ADFG change definition of closed waters of Christianson Lagoon-Concerned that the fishery will always be restricted to the outside beach, even if the exit channel is not diverted. ADFG is presently handling it with emergency order.

193-oppose-closed waters of Grub Gulch

194-No Action-distance between setnets in SEDM

195-support-allow drift gillnets in outer SW district July and August-This area is open in June. It is closer to King Cove and Sand Point which would save run time for short openings in July. It would allow more protection on some weather days.

196-oppose-allow monofilament gillnets-A can of worms.



#### 4. Northern District Salmon Management proposals

197-oppose-change gear depth to 45 mesh-This would drastically reduce catch. It might cause over escapement in the Ilnik and Meshik Rivers. It would cost thousands of dollars to reduce the gear depth. Harvest rate data shows minimal impact on Nelson Lagoon stocks. The further away the north beach fishery is from the lagoon the less impact it would have.

198-oppose-no fishing north of Cape Seniavin after Aug 15-The coho catches north of Cape Seniavin are not of the magnitude to deplete the Nelson Lagoon run. The harvest of coho going to rivers north of Seniavin would be lost with no confirmed gain to the lagoon.

199-oppose-close north of Cape Seniavin before July 15-The harvest of Meshik and Ilnik runs would be forgone. The management would be difficult with pulse harvest. The further away the north beach fishery is from the lagoon the less impact it would have. Harvest rate data north of Seniavin shows minimal impact.

200-support-allow fishing in Cinder River section June 20-Cinder River sockeye escapement has been above the goal 10 of the last 11 years.

201,202-oppose-close Outer Port Heiden section-The Meshik River has been getting it's escapement which would indicate there are fish moving through the Inner Port Heiden section for the seven day a week subsistence fishery. Outer Port Heiden is open only 2 days a week and closed August 1 before the coho run peaks.

203-oppose-Changing boundaries and allow only Area T permits in new area of inner Port Heiden-The board should not create an Area T fishery in Area M. The Ugashik and Kvichak escapements have been healthy. There are management tools for addressing any escapement problems in the Ugashik. WASSIP does not show a harvest rate for any of the Bristol Bay rivers that could cause concern.

204-oppose-Allow Area T to fish Outer Port Heiden and super exclusive-The board should not create an area T fishery in Area M. Port Heiden has not had a commercial king or red fishery in many years. Area T can still fish Inner Port Heiden. There is no fishing allowed in Outer Port Heiden during



the coho run. The reason we fish Outer Port Heiden is to harvest the over escapement in the Meshik River.

205-oppose-create terminal areas around major rivers-The runs of the North Peninsula are small and dispersed over 100 miles of beach. The management has been successful since before statehood at allowing a slow and steady harvest and escapement of all the stocks in the area. This has been accomplished by spreading the fleet out and creating buffer zone around the rivers so the escapement can be more consistent and not pulse and run the chance of over escapement due to weather or a tide.

206, 207-oppose-mandated closures and area boundaries to conserve Nelson Lagoon sockeye and coho. There are already regulation closures in Outer Port Heiden. The Ilnik section is managed with the escapement in the Ilnik. Three Hills is managed by Bear River escapement. WASSIP shows no significant harvest rates of Nelson River sockeye in these areas. There is no fishing allowed in Outer Port Heiden for coho and the other two areas are managed by escapements for their respective rivers.

208,209-oppose-create terminal areas and reduce boundaries-The north peninsula has a long and successful history of being managed to protect the stocks throughout the area. The north peninsula's proximity to Bristol Bay has always included a degree of intercept. WASSIP showed small harvest rates of all Bristol Bay rivers. Kvichak sockeye are not a stock of concern.

## 5. Misc proposals

210,211-oppose-place holder for changes in June fishery/WASSIP-The WASSIP study indicates there are highly mixed migrating stocks in the June fishery. The harvest rates of individual stocks is minimal and not a conservation or management concern for those stocks. The mixture of stocks in June shows a lack of veins or pulses of a particular stock that could be over harvested. The June fishery has operated successfully under its present management plan within the parameters of past boards criteria. The present plan is working for all those involved in the fishery and accomplishing the goals of the plan.

212-oppose-restrict Sapsuk River king salmon fishery-The department has emergency order power to stop retention of kings as they did in 2012.This



proposal does not allow for a healthy king return and the possibility of conservative limits.

213,214-no action

**C. Limited Entry consideration for state tanner crab and p-cod**

Ken Mack felt that it was important for the communities of Area M to petition the CFEC for limited entry in the tanner and p-cod state fisheries. It was pointed out that the salmon fishery would be in a highly exploited state without limited entry. In today's fisheries the small quotas and ever increasing transient boats makes it tough to survive. Federal regulation in the p-cod fishery has hurt the majority of the small coastal community boats. The location of Area M is ideal for healthy stocks and competitive markets, but also located so as to be easily accessible for vessels fishing in the large Bering Sea fisheries. Ken made a motion to contact the CFEC and find out the necessary procedure to request limited entry for state tanner crab and p-cod. Motion passed

**4. Adjournment-11:30 AM**