

**On-Time Advisory Committee Comment List
Chignik Finfish
December 5–6, 2013**

Sand Point Fish and Game Advisory Committee	AC 01
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AGENDA

SAND POINT FISH & GAME ADVISORY

BOARD MEETING

Date: September 27 ,2013

Time: 6:00 pm

LOCATION: City Chambers

1. 2013 Board of Fish Proposals



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SIGN IN

- ① JOHN FOSTER
- ② William Duskkin Sr.
- ③ Paul Helweg
- ④ Charles Gundersen
- ⑤ ~~Byron~~
- ⑥ ~~John J. King~~
- ⑦ ~~John J. King~~
- ⑧ J. Fata Sr.
- ⑨ Jack Foster
- ⑩ Ben M. Reed Sr.
- ⑪ DWAIG A. FOSTER JR.
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SAND POINT FISH & GAME ADVISORY Board
MEETING MINUTES
SEPT. 27, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: JOHN FOSTER, CHARLES GUNDER
TAYLOR LUNDGREN, BRUCE FOSTER JR, KYLEY THOM

MEMBERS ABSENT - DAVID OSTERBACK, MELVIN LARSEN
ROBIN LARSEN, JIM SMITH, PATRICK BROWN.

BOARD OF FISH PROPOSALS:

#3: PROPOSAL FAILED VOTE: YES-0 NO-5

#4: PROPOSAL FAILED VOTE: YES-0 NO-5

#5: PROPOSAL FAILED VOTE: YES-0 NO-5

#8: PROPOSAL FAILED VOTE: YES-0 NO-5

COMMENTS: COULD BRING MORE EFFORT INTO THE
S. PENINSULA STATEWATER COD FISHERY.

#9: PROPOSAL FAILED VOTE: YES-0 NO-5

COMMENTS: UNINFORCEABLE. COULD ALSO MOVE MORE
EFFORT INTO S. PEN. STATEWATER COD FISHERY.

#10: PROPOSAL FAILED VOTE: YES-0 NO-5

COMMENTS: COULD IMPACT THE AREA M STATEWATER
COD FISHERY.

#11: PROPOSAL FAILED: VOTE: YES-0 NO-5



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#12: PROPOSAL FAILED: VOTE: YES-0 NO-5

#13: PROPOSAL PASSED: VOTE: YES-5 NO-0

#14: NO ACTION

#15: NO ACTION VOTE: YES-2 NO-2 1-ABST

#16: PROPOSAL FAILED: VOTE: YES-0 NO-5

COMMENTS: IF WE LOSE AREA, DO WE LOSE QUOTA
PEOPLE CONCERNED THAT IF WE LOSE AREA, WILL WE
ALSO LOSE QUOTA THAT GOES WITH THE LOST AREA.

#17: PROPOSAL FAILED: VOTE: YES-0 NO-5

COMMENTS: SAME AS #16

#18: PROPOSAL FAILED: VOTE: YES-0 NO-5

#19: PROPOSAL FAILED: VOTE: YES-0 NO-5

#20: PROPOSAL FAILED: VOTE: YES-0 NO-5

#21: PROPOSAL FAILED: VOTE: YES-0 NO-5

COMMENTS FOR #18-21:

#18: PROPOSAL FAILED: VOTE- YES-0 NO-4 1-ABST

#19: PROPOSAL FAILED: VOTE- YES-0 NO-4 1-ABS

#20: PROPOSAL FAILED: VOTE: YES-0 NO-4 1-ABT

#21: PROPOSAL FAILED: VOTE: YES-0 NO-4 1-AB

COMMENTS FOR #18-21:

① COMMENTS FOR: WILL HELP THE SMALL BOAT POT
FLEET + COMMUNITIES.

② COMMENTS AGAINST- PUTTING MORE QUOTA INTO
THE STATE WATER^{COB} FISHERY WILL NOT HELP THE
BOAT POT FISHERMEN WITHOUT HAVING SOME



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PUT IN PLACE TO STOP the INFUX OF NEW BOATS ATTRACTED BY the INCREASED QUOTA. There ARE ALREADY 6 to 8 Boats that haven't PARTICIPATED IN the STATE WATER COD FISHERY LATELY, that would HAVE TO IS ~~BE~~ MORE QUOTA IS TAKEN FROM the FEDERAL TRAWL & POT FISHERIES.

#22: NO ACTION

COMMENTS: WORDING SOMEWHAT CONFUSING

#23: PROPOSAL FAILED

VOTE: YES-0 NO-5

COMMENTS: WORDING MAY BE WRONG IN this PROPOSAL SEASON WOULD NOT OPEN UNTIL AT LEAST MAR. 7 WITH this WORDING (WHICHEVER IS LATER)

#24: PROPOSAL PASSES

VOTE: YES-5 NO-0

COMMENTS: LATER OPENINGS IN MARCH ARE BETTER FOR the VOLUME OF CATCHES IN the STATE WATER COD FISHERY.

#25: NO ACTION

#26: PROPOSAL PASSES

VOTE- YES-5 NO-0

#27: PROPOSAL PASSES

VOTE- YES-5 NO-0

#28: PROPOSAL FAILS

VOTE- YES-0 NO-5

#34: PROPOSAL ~~PASSES~~ FAILS

VOTE- YES-0 NO-5

#35: PROPOSAL PASSES

VOTE- YES-5 NO-0

#36: PROPOSAL PASSES

VOTE- YES-5 NO-0

COMMENTS: MAY TAKE SOME PRESSURE OFF OTHER STATE WATER COD FISHERIES.



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#38: PROPOSAL FAILED NOTE: YES-0 NO-5

#39: PROPOSAL PASSED NOTE: YES-5 NO-0

COMMENTS: When the SEDM has pink salmon ESCAPEMENT PROBLEMS IN RECENT YEARS the SEDM h BEEN CLOSED UNTIL FULL ESCAPEMENT HAS BEEN REACH While the WESTERN DISTRICT OF CHIGNIK HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO STAY OPEN. With this management style of the ADFG, the SETNET FLEET HAS NOT BEEN ALLOW TO FISH IN AUGUST, EVEN THOUGH ESCAPEMENT ^{LEVELS} ARE GO BUT NOT COMPLETE UNTIL LATE AUGUST. The DEPART SAYS they CANNOT ~~BE~~ OPEN ANY AREA FOR ONE GEAR GROUP EVEN IF this GEAR GROUP DOESNOT OVERLI IMPACT ESCAPEMENT.

#40: NO ACTION

COMMENTS: CONFUSING. DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT this PROPOSAL ~~to~~ to know if it helps or NOT.

#41: PROPOSAL FAILS: NOTE: YES-0 NO-5

COMMENTS: IN ALL OTHER AREAS A PURSE SEINE IS CONSIDERED STOPPED FISHING WHEN THE RINGS ARE OUT OF THE WATER.

#42: PROPOSAL FAILS NOTE: YES-0 NO-5

#43: PROPOSAL FAILS NOTE: YES-0 NO-5

#44: PROPOSAL FAILS NOTE: YES-0 1



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#340: PROPOSAL PASSES

VOTE: YES-5 NO-0

#341: NO ACTION

#342: PROPOSAL FAILED

VOTE: YES-0 NO-5

COMMENTS: THIS PROPOSAL MAY BRING MORE BOATS INTO THE TANNER CRAB FISHERY. RIGHT NOW THIS IS A TWO WEEK STAND DOWN PERIOD ON USING POTS BECAUSE OF A TANNER OPENING. IF THE DATE IS CHANGED IT COULD BRING THE CDQ BOATS INTO THE TANNER FISHERY INSTEAD OF THE FED. POT FISHERY.

#343: NO ACTION

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:00 PM



Chignik Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes

Excerpt of Chignik Finfish Proposals Discussion

November 14, 2013

Location: Chignik Lagoon Subsistence Building

Minutes

I. Call to Order at 1:45 pm

II. Roll Call:

Committee Members Present

Don Bumpus, Chignik Lagoon, Vice Chair
Rodney Anderson, Chignik Lagoon, Alt.
Gary Anderson, Chignik Lagoon
Jacob Shangin, Ivanof Bay, Chair
Stephan Shangin, Ivanof Bay
Patrick Kosbruk, Perryville
Boris Kobruk Jr., Perryville

Absent

Noah Shanign, Ivanof Bay
Ben Allen, Chignik Bay
Don Lind, Chignik Lake
Harry Kalmakoff, Chignik Lake
Alvin Boskofsky, Chignik Lake
Marvin Yagie, Perryville
Alfredo Abeuid, Chignik Lagoon

Seven of thirteen members are present, quorum is established.

Others in Attendance:

Susie Jenkins- Brito, ADFG
Charlie Russell, ADF&G
Mark Stichert, ADF&G
James Jackson, ADF&G
Gayla Woods, BBNA
Frank Woods, BBNA
Courtney Gomez, BBNA
Chuck McCallum, Lake and Pen. Borough
George Anderson, Chignik Lagoon
Aaron Anderson, Chignik Lagoon
Alvin Pedersen, Chignik Lagoon
Ernie Carlson

III. Approve Agenda: Patrick Kosbruk moves for Approval of the Agenda, Gary 2^{nds}
Agenda Approved by unanimous consent

IV. Approval of Minutes: Patrick Kosbruk moves to approve the September 10 and October 3 minutes. Minutes approved by unanimous consent.

V. Introductions: All present briefly introduced themselves.

VI. Advisory Committee Actions on Chignik Finfish Proposed Regulatory Changes - Meeting Date: December 4-5, 2013



PROPOSAL 38 -

Action Taken: Support 7-0

DESCRIPTION: Open commercial fishing in June in the Western District, excluding the Inner Castle Cape Subsection, concurrently with commercial fishing openings in Chignik Bay, Central, and Eastern districts.

Motion to adopt: Patrick Kosbruk; **Second:** Gary Anderson

DISCUSSION:

- The Chignik Advisory Committee submitted this proposal
- The eastern boundary of the Western District is only 13 miles from Chignik Lagoon. There is no biological justification for limiting fishing time in this district when a surplus of early run sockeye salmon are destined to the Chignik system.
- WASSIP findings show that this is a terminal stock harvest area with minimal presence of any other than Chignik-bound sockeye salmon in June.
- The Eastern District is about twice as far from Chignik Lagoon as the Western District; anytime the Eastern District is open, terminal stock fishing should be permitted in the Western District.
- The Perryville District, which borders the Western District on its east side, serves as more than enough of a buffer area in June for any non-Chignik-bound sockeye salmon traveling west toward Area M and beyond.
- This would reduce fleet crowding in Chignik's Central District and provide alternative areas to fish during bad weather conditions.
- As long as the Western District is managed exclusively on Chignik-bound sockeye salmon there cannot be a reason for not allowing fishing in this district when other outside areas in the Chignik area are open.
- This would benefit local fishermen including those from the Village of Perryville by reducing travel time and other factors.
- Gary expressed concerns about the pink and chum escapement, Department staff indicated pink and chum would still be managed based on escapement.

QUESTION CALLED: Rodney Anderson

ACTION: Support 7-0

PROPOSAL 39 -

Action Taken: Opposed 0-7

DESCRIPTION: Change management plan to direct department to manage Perryville and Western districts based on abundance of pink, chum, and coho salmon in Stepovak and Shumagin Islands sections of Southeastern District, including closures in July through August.

Motion to adopt: Stephen Shangin; **Second:** Rodney Anderson

DISCUSSION:

- The proposal does not acknowledge that the Western and Perryville districts support numerous local pink, chum, and Coho runs and are managed for Chignik-bound sockeye salmon as well. There are 22 known salmon streams in the Western District and 24 in the Perryville District for a total of 46 salmon streams in both districts combined.
- There is no evidence of any notable South Peninsula pink, chum and/or Coho salmon contribution in the Westward or Perryville Districts.
- The WASSIP study showed that South Peninsula Area chum salmon contributed an average of 6.6% of the catch for the three years 2006-08 and that Chignik sockeye salmon dominated the sockeye catch from the two districts in the same period.



- The WASSIP study indicated that the Southeastern District Mainland fishery intercepts non-local chum salmon with the Chignik/Kodiak stock aggregate dominating the catch for the two years evaluated (2008-09).
- Many of the salmon streams near Perryville and Ivanof Bay are of distinct cultural and economic importance. To suggest that local resources in these districts should be restricted based on non-local stocks is ridiculous.
- The proposal would impede local (Chignik) stock management in the Western and Perryville Districts, resulting in lost harvest opportunity on our local stocks and biological mismanagement to the detriment of all subsistence and commercial fishermen of the Chignik area, and the people of the State of Alaska.
- Don asked if the Department had conservation concerns in these districts, Charlie Russell indicates current escapement in the Western Districts and Perryville is adequate.

QUESTION CALLED: Rodney Anderson

ACTION: Motion Failed 0 - 7

PROPOSAL 40 -

Action Taken: Support 7-0

DESCRIPTION: Change "shall" to "may" relative to use of emergency orders (EOs).

Motion to adopt: Don Bumpus; **Second:** Gary Anderson

DISCUSSION:

- The proposal word change in the Chignik Management Salmon Plan from “shall” to “may” makes sense and is in everyone’s interest, including the resource.
- It was also noted that the 20,000 number might need to come up some to give better subsistence opportunity and we might want to look for a change in that number at the Board meeting.
- Several members voiced concerns about adequate subsistence needs not being met.

QUESTION CALLED: Don Bumpus

ACTION: Motion passes 7-0

PROPOSAL 41 -

Action Taken: Support 7-0

DESCRIPTION: Change seine specification for when seine has stopped fishing.

Motion to adopt: Rodney Anderson; **Second:** Stephen Shangin

DISCUSSION:

- Every haul is different; sometimes you get fouled up; you are more likely to lose fish than gain after the ends are together.
- The proposal is well justified by bringing Chignik in-line with the standard applied to the Kodiak seine fleet and making law-enforcement easier.
- Expectedly, the change may improve safety as once a seine is closed with both ends on deck, crew members would have more time to stack the seine and deal with the catch, and the later would tend to benefit fish quality too.

QUESTION CALLED: Gary Anderson

ACTION: Motion Passed 7 – 0

**PROPOSAL 42 -
(1abstain)**

Action Taken: Oppose 0-6



DESCRIPTION: Increase purse and hand purse seine, and seine lead lengths allowed in Eastern, Central, Western, and Perryville districts.

Motion to adopt: Don Bumpus; **Second:** Rodney Anderson

DISCUSSION:

It is noted that in Kodiak the leads have 7 inch mesh.

In opposition to the proposal it was noted that the proposal has allocative implications. The smaller boats were built for the lagoon fishery and now the fishery outside is growing and this proposal would hurt Lagoon fishermen.

In support of the proposal it was noted that longer seines would be more efficient; that Kodiak has been fishing longer nets with smaller boats; and, this proposal would align us with those boats in other areas that are intercepting us. We should have the same size seines as neighboring areas so maybe we should ask everyone else to shorten their nets.

QUESTION CALLED: Stephen Shangin

ACTION: Motion Failed 0-6 (1 abstention)

PROPOSAL 43 -

Action Taken: Oppose 0-7

DESCRIPTION: Create state-waters groundfish management plans for trawl vessels less than 58 feet in the Cook Inlet, Kodiak and Chignik management areas. (This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)

Motion to adopt: Rodney Anderson; **Second:** Don Bumpus

DISCUSSION:

Several members expressed concern against any kind of drag fishery citing how fragile our Tanner crab are and are completely opposed to dragging inside three miles.

A major problem with the idea of having 100% observers is that the State doesn't have an observer program and it would be a major hurdle to implement one.

QUESTION CALLED: Patrick Kosbruk

ACTION: Motion Failed 0 - 7

PROPOSAL 44 -

Action Taken: Oppose 0-7

DESCRIPTION: Create state-waters walleye pollock management plans for Cook Inlet, Kodiak and Chignik management areas. (This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)

Motion to adopt: Don Bumpus; **Second:** Rodney Anderson

DISCUSSION:

QUESTION CALLED: Gary Anderson

ACTION: Motion Failed 0 – 7

PROPOSAL 45 -

Action Taken: Support with Amendment 7-0

DESCRIPTION: Require 100 percent observer coverage on groundfish trawl vessels in state waters of the Cook Inlet, Kodiak and Chignik management areas. (This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)

Motion to adopt: Don; **Second:** Gary

AMENDMENT: Close all Chignik Area State-waters (within 3 miles) to all pelagic and non-pelagic trawl.

DISCUSSION:

It's not clear who would be responsible for observers, the State or the Feds.



Can the State tell feds to have 100% observer coverage inside 3 miles?
If the Feds say no then the State needs to develop its own program and that would be difficult.
The State can keep boats from fishing inside three if they don't have 100% observers.
If they were fishing mid-water then fine but we don't know they are and we don't know the impact on kings and the hitting bottom.
Cod are mid-water also and flatfish can be mid water sometimes and we just don't know the impact.
The eastern District is very shallow inside 3 and your net is going to hit bottom.
Pelagic trawl is dragging hard on bottom; we hear them talking about repairing their nets and being hard on the mud bottom so they don't tear up so bad.
Crab move tremendous distances, why aren't the crab coming back the way they should? And what is happening to our halibut fishery?
AMENDMENT: Motion: Rodney Anderson; Second: Don Bumpus
Amendment made to close all Chignik Area State waters (within 3 miles) to all pelagic trawl.
QUESTION CALLED: Gary
ACTION: Motion Passes as Amended 7 – 0

****Meeting continued with Discussion of Kodiak Finfish Proposals and Statewide King and Tanner Crab, full meeting minutes available upon request.

*Meeting Minutes formatted by
Susie Jenkins- Brito, ADF&G Boards Support
At the Request of the Advisory Committee*

