

BETHEL FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME

ADFG OFFICE, Bethel, Alaska

Monday, March 10th, 2014, 6:00PM

Teleconference number: (1-800-504-8071) Access number: (5432709#)

TENTATIVE AGENDA

I. **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMING:** Glen Watson

II. **MOMENT OF SILENCE/ INVOCATION:**

III. **Establish Quorum ___YES___ (8/11 members present):**

AC MEMBERS: User Group: Term: Contact Info:

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| Henry Hunter | Chairman | (Absent) | 543-7963 |
| Robert Lekander | Undesignated | (Absent) | 543-1285 |
| Thad Tikiun | Undesignated | 3 yr 2/27/2017 | 543-3530 |
| Glen Watson | Vice Chairman | 3yr 2/27/2017 | 545-4805 |
| Greg Roczicka | Subsistence | 1yr 2/27/2015 | 543-0521 |
| Allen Joseph | Subsistence | 1 yr. alter. | 543-3336 |
| Jon LaValle | Trapping | 2 yr 2/27/2016 | 545-3553 |
| Henry Kohl | Watchable Wildlife | 1yr 2/27/2015 | 545-3768 |
| Ross Boring | Hunters Education | 3 yr 2/27/2017 | 543-4865 |
| Rafe Johnson | Guiding | 2yr 2/27/2016 | 545-2763 |
| Louie Andrew | Commercial | (Absent) | 545-5280 |

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion to support- Henry Kohl 2nd- Thad Tikiun

V. **INTRODUCTIONS:**

VI. **PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: OPEN FOR ALL PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

VII. **BETHEL F&G AC BOARDS SUPPORT AC BUSINESS:**

Elections for Representative at BOG: _____ Glen Watson, Vice Chairman _____

VIII. **RESOURCES REPORTS:**

I. **State Of Alaska Department Of Fish &Game (543-2433)**

a) Commercial Fisheries Division: Travis Ellison

i. Kuskokwim River Salmon Management WG Emergency Petition

Travis Ellison, ADFG Area Biologist

- No fishing with over a 4" mesh.
- Schedule for subsistence harvest of King Salmon
- Closes June 1 opens around June 20 for maybe 8 hours
- Closed until 1st of July opening around July 4th for open 24/7 subsistence fishing for chum and reds.
- Subsistence user want a known schedule of fishing
- Commercial fishing around mid July.
- All fishing will be closed for Chum and Red's that run with the Chinook. ADFG doesn't want people fishing on top of a peak run with the current outlook. We are planning on shortening nets to 25 fathoms from 50 fathoms which will allow us to open up the fishery for longer periods.

| Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form | | | |
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| All motions must be made in the affirmative. | | | |
| BOG or BOF | Prop # | Proposal Description | |
| Supports or Opposes? | S | O | Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal |
| BOF | EP | Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group Emergency Petition Dipnetting | |
| Support | All | | <p>Motion to Support- Jon LaValle 2nd- Henry Kohl Discussion: Henry Kohl-Puts in a suggestion to use dipnets to allow the use of dipnets on the Kuskokwim only. Under this type of fishing that all king salmon will have to be released alive, opposed to gill nets. We can provide more opportunity for chum and reds.</p> <p>Greg Roczicka- Entertains the suggestion of purse seines. Is that allowed during closures for Chinook?</p> <p>Travis Ellison, ADFG- Emergency proposal to allow dip netting. There isn't much of a test for purse seines as dipnets. They are more expensive gear and I don't know how many people will be getting that gear? They are allowed under the state regulations for beach seines and we are going to specify the gear during Chinook conservation.</p> <p>Allen Joseph- Letting know that villages may look at illegal protest fishing, would like to see a couple open subsistence periods open in</p> |

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| | | | <p>early June 1st to June 20.</p> <p>Travis Elison, ADFG-Looking at subsistence runs at 70,000 total fish with only a 5,000 fish surplus. Closure to July 15 if early Chinook fishing is allowed to get total Escapement met for Chinook salmon.</p> <p>Ross Boring- What education activities are you engaged in at this time.</p> <p>Greg Roczicka- Request from village for 804 reviews which would only allow with a tier 2 federal fishery, looking at Tier 1 for active fish camps around 500 fish camps. If state department allows the Federal system to look at this proposal.</p> <p>Question has been called.</p> <p>Motion to Support- <u>Unanimous Consent</u> (Support Dipnet Emer. Petition)</p> |
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Adjournment 9:20PM Motion- Henry Kohl, 2nd- Rafe Johnson

Minutes Recorded By:

Secretary Ross Boring

Reformatted by Alissa Nadine Joseph, Western Regional Coordinator

Minutes Approved By: Glen Watson (Draft Minutes)

Date: 10 MARCH 2014