

On-Time Advisory Committee Comment List

Upper Cook Inlet Finfish

January 31– February 13, 2014

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**Middle Nenana River
Fish and Game
Advisory Committee**

**Interior Region
Fish and Game Advisory Committees**

Dec. 4, 2013

John Basile
Chairman
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Clear, AK 99704

Central	Middle Nenana River
Delta Junction	Middle Yukon River
Eagle	Minto-Nenana
Fairbanks	Ruby
GASH	Tanana-Rampart-Manley
Koyukuk River	Upper Tanana/Fortymile
McGrath	Yukon Flats

Alaska BOF,

In regards to the Kenai Sockeye Salmon Management Plan and BOF proposals 157-172 for Upper Cook Inlet Finfish, the Middle Nenana River AC provides the following request.

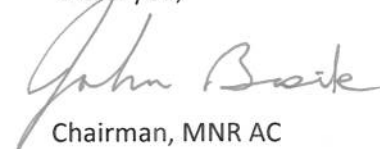
Knowing that the BOF has allocation authority over harvest of Kenai red salmon we request an increased harvest quantity for Alaska residents. This past summer Alaskans were unfairly deprived of their fair share of the Kenai River's Personal Use Sockeye Salmon resource.

The department issued numerous EO's this past July for the commercial fishery in Cook Inlet pertaining to the Kasilof and Kenai reds, most of which were additional openings to harvest more fish. There were many Alaskan residents from our local area who are users and OWNERS of the resource, fishing the Kenai this past July. The allocation needs to be fair and give me, and the rest of the Alaskan residents who wish to use this resource, a fair share by approving extensions of the personal use fishery, which allow us to put fish in the freezer. There should have been some commercial closures throughout the week of July 21st to allow fisherman in all sections of the river a chance at some fish.

We are not against commercial fishing by any means, but it is getting ridiculous how the resource is being unfairly allocated more and more to the commercial fisherman and less to the personal use and sport fishermen who are looking to put food on the table.

Also, the department was late increasing the limit to 6 fish per day (reds) on the Kenai River this year. At the same time the department continued to issue EO's to open more fishing for the commercial fishery. That is not right. The EO was issued to increase the limit on July 20th. According to department counts there were already basically 1 million fish (late run reds) in the river. That is 300,000 above the minimum escapement level. The EO for increasing the limit could have come at the very least 2 days earlier and probably sooner. If the department is going to give the commercial fishery the additional opportunity they need to be fair and give the personal use and sport fisheries the same additional opportunity.

Thank you,


Chairman, MNR AC



**Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee
December 14, 2013
Cooper Landing Community Club**

- I. Call to Order: 10:06 am by George Heim
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present:
George Heim, officer
Ed Holsten, officer
Robert Gibson, at large member
Alex Kime, at large member
William Shuster, at large member
John Pearson, officer
- Members Absent:
William Coulliette, at large member
Kyle Kolodziejski, at large member
Gerald Neis, at large member
- Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present: 1-10
- III. Approval of Agenda: yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From November 1, 2013
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: none
- VI. Guests Present: Eric Jeffords, Alaska State Troopers; Scott Sands, Alaska Wildlife Troopers
- VII. New Business:
- Robert Gibson: overview of subsistence caribou hunt, report on Cooper Lake Dam project
 - Prepare comments for UCI proposals for the January 31, 2014 BOF meeting
 - Proposals to consider:
 - Cook Inlet sport fishing-184, 185

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- King salmon sport fishing- 186-228
- Kenai River boundaries and habitat- 229-236
- Coho sport 248, 263-265, 319, 320

****See Attached for AC votes, comments, & discussion for proposals**

Meeting adjourned 1:00 pm, next meeting 12/28/13 10:00 am at Cooper Landing Community Club



**Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee
December 28, 2013
Cooper Landing Community Club**

- I. Call to Order: 10:20 am by George Heim
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present:
George Heim, officer
Ed Holsten, officer
Robert Gibson, at large member
Alex Kime, at large member
Kyle Kolodziejski, at large member
John Pearson, officer
- Members Absent:
William Coulliette, at large member
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Gerald Neis, at large member
- Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present: 1-10
- III. Approval of Agenda: yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: no minutes yet available for December 14, 2013 meeting
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: none
- VI. Guests Present: Dennis Randa
- VII. New Business:
- Prepare comments for UCI proposals for the January 31, 2014 BOF meeting
Proposals to consider:
- Kenai resident species – 252 – 258;
 - Kenai guides – 259 – 262, 266 – 268;
 - Coho sport – 263-265, 319, 320;

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- UCI commercial – 103 – 180

we won't look at them all but pick the ones you want to address; Others as added by committee members.

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Meeting adjourned 1:45 pm, no future meeting scheduled at this time



Cooper Landing AC Comments for the
Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting January 31 – February 13, 2014

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	108		6	<p>5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons. Allow commercial salmon fishing in the Central District to remain open until closed by emergency order (EO).</p> <p><i>Members feel commercial doesn't need any more time</i></p>
	121		6	<p>5 AAC 21.320. Weekly fishing periods. Allow regularly-scheduled commercial fishing periods on Mondays and Thursdays, through July 18.</p> <p><i>We all should take the burden for management</i></p>
	125	1	1	<p>5 AAC 21.330. Gear. Allow selective harvest modules (SHM), under certain specifications and operations, to be used to commercially harvest salmon in the Upper Subdistrict of the Central District.</p> <p><i>Abstain, not enough technical data, good idea, a step in the right direction. We need a more (continued from 125) thought out plan on management and space</i></p>
	169	5		<p>5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Increase Kenai River sockeye salmon bag and possession limit to six fish when commercial fishing is opened by emergency order (EO) after July 1.</p> <p><i>Even distribution of the resource</i></p>
	172	6		<p>5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Close the Kenai River personal use fishery when it is announced the sockeye salmon optimal escapement goal (OEG) may not be met.</p> <p><i>Everyone needs to share the burden.</i></p>
<p>RECEIVED</p> <p>DEC 31 2013</p> <p>BOARDS</p> <p>ANCHORAGE</p>	184	5 *As Ame- nded	1	<p>5 AAC 01.530. Subsistence fishing permits; 5 AAC 56.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai Peninsula Area; 5 AAC 57.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 58.024. Harvest record required; annual limits; 5 AAC 59.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area; 5 AAC 60.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Knik Arm Drainages Area; 5 AAC 61.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Susitna River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 62.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the West Cook Inlet Area; and 5 AAC 77.525. Personal use salmon fishery. Require sport, personal use, and subsistence fishermen to record and report king salmon harvest information within a 24-hour period.</p> <p><i>Amend to say "36 hours", 24 hour time period as written is too short, burdensome</i></p>



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	185		6	<p>5 AAC 01.5XX. New Section; 5 AAC 21.3XX. New Section; 5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 58.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 77.5XX. New Section. Require daily reporting of all salmon harvested in Upper Cook Inlet salmon fisheries by all user groups.</p> <p><i>Too burdensome, biologists get enough information from sonar data</i></p>
	186	5		<p>5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King salmon Management Plan methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Add a reference to the existing optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Kenai River early-run king salmon and provide department additional management flexibility.</p> <p><i>Management needs flexibility</i></p>
	190	5	1	<p>5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Revise the management plan with measures that stabilize fisheries during low-run years, increase opportunities during large-run years, and eliminate the “slot limit” for king salmon.</p> <p><i>Not effective, it's a matter of catch and release</i></p>
	192			<p>5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Increase Kenai River early-run king salmon slot-limit size requirement.</p> <p><i>No action based on 190</i></p>
	193			<p>5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Increase the Kenai River early-run king salmon slot-limit size requirement and extend slot limit through July 31.</p> <p><i>No action based on 190</i></p>



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	194			<p>5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Prohibit retention of early-run and late-run Kenai River king salmon 42 inches or greater in length.</p> <p><i>No action based on 190</i></p>
	197	3	2	<p>5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan; 5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Modify the Kenai River early- and late-run king salmon sport fisheries to begin seasons without bait and catch-and-release only.</p> <p><i>Support- it gives more time for observation</i> <i>Oppose- department does a good job already</i></p>
	198			<p>5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan; 5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Begin early- and late-run king salmon seasons with catch-and-release only and then liberalize during the season.</p> <p><i>No action based on 197</i></p>
	199		6	<p>5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Allow catch-and-release fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River when runs are projected to be below the escapement goal.</p> <p><i>Mortality is too high on catch and release.</i> <i>Protection is number one priority.</i></p>



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	200		6	<p>5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River.</p> <p><i>Too hard to enforce angler discretion to be able to release.</i></p>
	201	6		<p>5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King salmon Management Plan. Establish the lower Slikok Creek king salmon sanctuary area as the lower boundary for restrictive actions in July to conserve early-run king salmon and prohibit bait for an additional two weeks in July in those waters.</p> <p><i>We need to do all we can to protect Kings.</i></p>
	202			<p>5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Increase Slikok Creek king salmon sanctuary area an additional 200 yards.</p> <p><i>No action based on 201.</i></p>
	203			<p>5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Increase Slikok Creek king salmon sanctuary area an additional 600 feet.</p> <p><i>No action based on 201.</i></p>
	204			<p>5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Increase Kiley River king salmon sanctuary area an additional 600 feet.</p> <p><i>No action based on 201.</i></p>



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	205		6	<p>5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Close Kenai River tributaries to all fishing July 1-August 30, and the Kenai River mainstem upstream of river mile 13 from July 10-September 20.</p> <p><i>Will concentrate user groups too much..</i></p>
	206		6	<p>5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Close the Kenai River upstream of the Soldotna Bridge to sport fishing for king salmon.</p> <p><i>Agree it is a good idea, but this method will concentrate anglers as well.</i></p>
	207	4		<p>5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) of 20,000-40,000 Kenai River late-run king salmon.</p> <p><i>The more Kings the better.</i></p>
	208			<p>5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Establish a biological escapement goal (BEG) of 17,800-35,700 Kenai River late-run king salmon.</p> <p><i>No action based on 207</i></p>
	209	5		<p>5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Establish paired restrictions in sport, personal use, and commercial fisheries to meet sustainable escapement goal (SEG) and modify sport fishing liberalizations when goal is projected to be exceeded.</p> <p><i>We need all the tools to preserve Kings, everyone needs to give a little to get good runs back.</i></p>



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	210		6	<p>5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Modify <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> to remove preamble language, establish a biological escapement goal (BEG) of 12,000-28,000 king salmon, increase emergency order (EO) hours for commercial fishing, and delete habitat and EO provisions.</p> <p><i>Conservation concerns; not a good idea to lower BEG</i></p>
	211			<p>5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Establish certain set gillnet gear restrictions implemented by department to meet escapement goal.</p> <p><i>No action.</i></p>
	212			<p>5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan to allow restrictions to set gillnetters in the Upper Subdistrict when the late-run Kenai River king salmon sport fishery has gone to catch and release, including limiting how many nets a permit holder can fish; closing fishing within one-half mile offshore; and nonretention or sale of king salmon.</p> <p><i>No action based on 209.</i></p>
	213			<p>5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Close set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict, if the late-run Kenai River king salmon sport fishery is restricted to catch and release.</p> <p><i>No action based on 209.</i></p>
	214	6		<p>5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Amend the management plan to clarify provisions within the <i>Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan</i> exempt under this plan.</p> <p><i>(continued from 214) It is a good tool for Fish & Game</i></p>



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	215			5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Allow set gillnet fishing to occur in East Forelands Section of the Upper District if projected inriver return is less than 40,000 king salmon, projected escapement is less than 15,000 king salmon, and inriver sport fishery is closed <i>No action.</i>
	216			5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to change effective dates of provisions in the plan; delegate authority to the commissioner to manage restrictions by time, area, methods, and means during times of low king salmon abundance; and delete a provision in the plan. <i>No action.</i>
	217		5	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Delete language in Cook Inlet management plans that restricts department's flexibility to manage salmon fisheries based on inseason abundance and add language that states the department shall manage common property fisheries for a reasonable opportunity to harvest salmon resources. <i>We need to do all we can to get more Kings in the river. This won't help.</i>
	218			5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Use the southern Anchor River marker instead of the Bluff Point marker when restricting the marine king salmon fishery to protect Kenai River king salmon. <i>No action.</i>
	219			5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Close sections of the Kenai River to sport fishing for king salmon during July. <i>No action based on 206.</i>



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	221		6	<p>5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. In times of low escapement of Kenai River king salmon, close or create conservation zones where king salmon spawn.</p> <p><i>Not specific enough, but a good concept.</i> <i>Conservation zones need to be established. Do not support fishing spawning beds.</i></p>
	222		6	<p>5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Prohibit use of eggs for bait in the Kenai River king salmon sport fishery.</p> <p><i>Need it for years of good runs.</i></p>
	223			<p>5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Prohibit use of bait in the Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries.</p> <p><i>No action based on 222</i></p>
	224			<p>5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Require barbless hooks when use of bait is prohibited on the Kenai River.</p> <p><i>No action.</i></p>



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	225			<p>5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Modify Kenai River king salmon annual limit to two fish, of which only one may be greater than 28 inches in length.</p> <p><i>No action based on slot limit</i></p>
	226		6	<p>5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 75.011. Sport fishing by proxy. Prohibit proxy fishing for king salmon in the Kenai River.</p> <p><i>Too hard to enforce</i></p>
	227		5	<p>5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Require department to demonstrate a significant savings of fish when restricting Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries.</p> <p><i>Taking away important tool to Fish and Game</i></p>
	228		6	<p>5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section. Stock the Kenai River with 50,000 king salmon smolt.</p> <p><i>Too risky; high threat of hatchery stock (continued from 228) outcompeting wild salmon</i></p>
	229	6		<p>5 AAC 57.106. Description of Kenai River Drainage Area Sections. Modify description of the Lower Section of the Kenai River to denote the mouth of the Kenai River.</p> <p><i>Department needs it for regulation.</i></p>
	230	6	1	<p>5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Add a reference to an ADF&G regulatory marker at the outlet of Skilak Lake.</p> <p><i>Department housekeeping</i></p>



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	232	6		<p>5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Modify the boundary for prohibiting sport fishing from a boat around the Moose River.</p> <p><i>Make it easy for ADF&G</i></p>
	233	1	1	<p>5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing within the Soldotna Centennial Campground boat launch lagoon.</p> <p><i>Support: would speed up launching and takeouts</i> <i>Opposed: fine the way it is</i></p>
	234	6		<p>5 AAC 57.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Establish a new Kenai River riparian habitat area closed to fishing July 1–August 15.</p> <p><i>Habitat is important</i></p>
	235			<p>5 AAC 56.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Kenai Peninsula Area; 5 AAC 57.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 59.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area; 5 AAC 60.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Knik Arm Drainages Area; 5 AAC 61.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Susitna River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 62.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the West Cook Inlet Area; and 5 AAC 77.5XX. New Section. Require the department to conduct habitat assessments on Upper Cook Inlet rivers related to sport and personal use fisheries.</p> <p><i>No action</i></p>



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	236			<p>5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Require submission of findings and proposals if the Kenai River riparian habitat assessment demonstrates a loss of riparian habitat.</p> <p><i>No action based on 235</i></p>
	237	6		<p>5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Add an additional drift boat-only day (Thursdays) on the Kenai River.</p> <p><i>The more drift only days the better.</i></p>
	238			<p>5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Add an additional drift boat-only day (Thursdays) on the Kenai River.</p> <p><i>No action based on 237</i></p>
	239			<p>5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Add an additional drift boat-only day on the Kenai River.</p> <p><i>No action based on 237</i></p>
	240		6	<p>5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing from a vessel on Mondays in the Kenai River downstream of Skilak Lake during May, June, and July.</p> <p><i>Locals love Mondays. This will force people to the bank, destroying riparian habitat.</i></p>
	241			<p>5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit fishing from a vessel on the Kenai River from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. during May, June, and July.</p> <p><i>No action</i></p>



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	242		6	<p>5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Restrict outboard motor use on the Kenai River to 10 horsepower or less.</p> <p><i>Too big of a change, low availability of outboards that comply. Just make Kenai River Drift Only.</i></p>
	243		6	<p>5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Beginning in 2015, prohibit outboard motor exhaust from being discharged into the waters of the Kenai River.</p> <p><i>Based on 242, Too big of a change, low availability of outboards that comply.</i></p>
	244	6		<p>5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Close Hidden Lake Creek and Jean Lake Creek to salmon fishing.</p> <p><i>Housekeeping, it should be in all regs.</i></p>
	245		6	<p>5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing for salmon in Russian River upstream of the power line.</p> <p><i>May concentrate too many anglers.</i></p>
	246	5		<p>5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit barbed hooks when sport fishing in the Middle Section of the Kenai River drainage, including Russian River.</p> <p><i>Amend to say "Barbless for Trout and Dollys"</i></p>
	247	1	5	<p>5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow snagging of sockeye salmon in the Kenai River.</p> <p><i>Support- move people through Opposed- too many people in the fishery</i></p>



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	248	3	1	<p>5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.170. Kenai River Coho Salmon Management Plan. Start the three coho salmon bag limit on the Kenai River two weeks earlier on August 15.</p> <p><i>Support- plenty of silvers</i> <i>Opposed- too early to tell if there are enough silvers</i></p>
	249		5	<p>5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Prohibit use of eggs for bait in the Kasilof River king salmon sport fishery.</p> <p><i>You may not be using actual eggs, but with using egg oil and scents it may be hard to enforce</i></p>
	250		5	<p>5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Prohibit retention of female king salmon greater than 33 inches in length in the Kasilof River sport fishery.</p> <p><i>Catch and release is too detrimental and hard to be 100% sure of the sex of fish before you cut them open</i></p>
	251	3		<p>5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Reduce king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish on the Kasilof River.</p>



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	252	3	2	<p>5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Open rainbow trout fishing year-round in the Kenai River downstream of an ADF&G marker located upstream of the Lower Killey River, and increase rainbow trout spawning closure area below the Upper Killey River by approximately three-quarters of a river mile.</p> <p><i>Support-like the opportunity of a year-round fishery</i></p> <p><i>Opposed- Better to err on more conservative side; one year of data is not enough</i></p>
	253			<p>5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Open rainbow trout fishing year-round in the Kenai River downstream of an ADF&G marker, designating the upper end of the Killey River king salmon sanctuary, and increase the rainbow trout spawning closure area located above the Upper Killey River.</p> <p><i>No action based on 252</i></p>
	254		6	<p>5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow fishing for trout on the Kenai River below Moose River using bait beginning June 1 and restrict gear.</p> <p><i>Too many restrictions, bait not needed</i></p>
	256	6		<p>5 AAC 57.123. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Upper Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Reduce spawning closure period on Crescent Lake/Crescent Creek.</p> <p><i>Make it consistent with Upper Kenai regs</i></p>



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	257	6		<p>5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Create a spawning closure period on Bench Lake and Bench Creek for Arctic grayling.</p> <p><i>Anything to keep the regs the same</i></p>
	258	6		<p>5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Remove liberal gear limits of five lines allowed while fishing through ice on Stormy Lake for northern pike.</p> <p><i>It will help the resident fish.</i></p>
	259		6	<p>5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. From May 1 to July 31, limit hours allowed for boat anglers; limit guides to 10 starts per week; and clarify department emergency order (EO) authority.</p> <p><i>It will open the door to more guide resentment. Joe fisherman still has opportunity to fish after work.</i></p>
	260		5	<p>5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow guided fishing on the Kenai River seven days per week, but guides can only operate during five days of their choosing.</p> <p><i>Too hard to enforce.</i></p>
	261		6	<p>5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow five anglers to fish from a registered guide vessel on the Kenai River during the month on July.</p> <p><i>Where do you draw the line?</i></p>
	262		6	<p>5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing from a registered guide vessel downstream from the outlet of Kenai Lake on Sundays and Mondays.</p> <p><i>The Upper Kenai river is crowded at times but it's not because of guides since we are so few and</i></p>



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				<i>already under so many limitations.</i>
	264	6		<p>5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow anglers on the Kenai River to fish for coho salmon from a registered guide vessel on Mondays beginning September 1.</p> <p><i>Pressure has gone down by September 1st.</i></p>
	265	6		<p>5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow Kenai River anglers upstream of the inlet of Skilak Lake inlet to fish for coho salmon from a registered guide vessel on Mondays beginning August 1.</p>
	266		6	<p>5 AAC 56.140. Kasilof River guiding and guided fishing requirements and 5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit a registered guide who guides on the Kenai River from guiding on the Kasilof River when the Kenai River is closed to guided fishing on Sundays and Mondays.</p> <p><i>Almost discriminatory.</i></p>
	267		6	<p>5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Limit the number of guides on the Kenai River to 200.</p> <p><i>Unconstitutional.</i></p>



Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory

12/16/2013 Draft Minutes

Time: 6:30PM

Roll Call: Chair Crawford, Brandt, Carmichael, Corr, Hamrick, Shadura II, Van Devere.

Guests: F&G – Begich, McKinley & Pawluck; F&W – Tillman & Stang

Crawford and Shadura II gave an update on Lower Cook Inlet BOF Finfish Meeting.

Proposals: 229 – 247

See attached.

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Adjournment: 10:10PM

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Proposal #	Description	AC Vote For – Against – Abstain Amendment Committee Discussion
229 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 57.106. Description of Kenai River Drainage Area Sections. Modify description of the Lower Section of the Kenai River to denote the mouth of the Kenai River.	6/0/0 unanimous support Clarification of regulation - Boundaries
230 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Add a reference to an ADF&G regulatory marker at the outlet of Skilak Lake.	6/0/0 unanimous support Shadura II amendment, 2 nd by Vandevere, to include GPS coordinates in addition to markers. Main Motion with amendment 6/0/0 unanimous support Housekeeping, clarification of boundaries.
231 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King salmon Management Plan methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Remove a small section of water in the Moose River open to king salmon fishing.	6/0/0 unanimous support Simplifies regulation
232 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Modify the boundary for prohibiting sport fishing from a boat around the Moose River.	6/0/0 unanimous support Clarification of boundaries goes hand in hand with 231.
233 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing within the Soldotna Centennial Campground boat launch lagoon.	6/0/0 unanimous support Provides for a orderly fishery.
234 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 57.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Establish a new Kenai River riparian habitat area closed to fishing July 1–August 15.	6/0/0 unanimous support This area was closed by the owner of the property previously.



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235 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 56.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Kenai Peninsula Area; 5 AAC 57.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 59.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area; 5 AAC 60.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Knik Arm Drainages Area; 5 AAC 61.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Susitna River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 62.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the West Cook Inlet Area; and 5 AAC 77.5XX. New Section. Require the department to conduct habitat assessments on Upper Cook Inlet rivers related to sport and personal use fisheries.	Shadura II moved to take no action. 2/4/0 motion failed. 2/3/1 failed Support – Triennial review of habitat, 56.180, keep an eye on habitat. Oppose – too vague. Abstain – already in regulation, but agree that it needs to be done.
236 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Require submission of findings and proposals if the Kenai River riparian habitat assessment demonstrates a loss of riparian habitat.	6/0/0 unanimous support No action
237 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Add an additional drift boat-only day (Thursdays) on the Kenai River.	3/3/0 failed Support – Step down plan for King Salmon, less harassment to spawning fish. Oppose – No biological support, additional cost to users that want to use the river, limited bathroom facilities.
238 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Add an additional drift boat-only day (Thursdays) on the Kenai River.	3/3/0 failed See 237 comments
239 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Add an additional drift boat-only day on the Kenai River.	3/3/0 failed See 237 comment
240 12/16/13 8:15PM 7	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing from a vessel on Mondays in the Kenai River downstream of Skilak Lake during May, June, and July.	0/7/0 failed Department already has EO authority to restrict fishing days.



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241 12/16/13 7	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit fishing from a vessel on the Kenai River from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. during May, June, and July.	0/7/0 failed No biological reason to restrict access to the river. Restricts the local community to access.
242 12/16/13 7	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Restrict outboard motor use on the Kenai River to 10 horsepower or less.	4/3/0 support Support – Need to start protecting the spawning beds. Oppose – Regulations already in place, no biological reason. No bathroom facilities.
243 12/16/13 7	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Beginning in 2015, prohibit outboard motor exhaust from being discharged into the waters of the Kenai River.	0/5/2 failed Opposed – Technology is not readily available. Abstain – Brings up a good point regarding noise pollution within the river. Don't agree that exhaust is the only problem.
244 12/16/13 7	5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Close Hidden Lake Creek and Jean Lake Creek to salmon fishing.	7/0/0 unanimous support Housekeeping proposal.
245 12/16/13 7	5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing for salmon in Russian River upstream of the power line.	0/7/0 failed No biological reason, increases crowding in open area, restricted fishery.
246 12/16/13 7	5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit barbed hooks when sport fishing in the Middle Section of the Kenai River drainage, including Russian River.	1/3/3 failed Support – doesn't injure the fish as bad. Oppose – No biological reason. Abstain – Not enough information.
247 12/16/13 7	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow snagging of sockeye salmon in the Kenai River.	0/6/1 failed Oppose – Potential for abuse. Abstain – Conflict of interest.



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Members Present: Jehnifer Ehmann (Chair), Steve Bartelli (Acting Secretary), Eric Beckman, Mike Buirge, Gerrit Dykstra, Bill Folsom, Israel Payton, David Young.

Members Absent or Excused: Dan Montgomery (Absent), Mel Grove (Absent), Andy Couch (Excused), Stephen Darilek (Excused), Tony Jones (Excused), Max Sager (Absent), Jeff Tuttle (Excused), Keith Westfall (Resigned 12/4/13), Dane Crowley (Absent).

Call to Order: 7:10pm

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

Guest and Department Staff Present: Pat O'Conner, Terry Nininger, Neil DeWitt, Peter Zazilenski, Rod Arno, Tim Peltier ADF&G

Persons to be heard: Pat O'Conner: Stated there needs to be proposal for antler-less moose hunt that separates out season from antlered season. Problem: Hunters kill cows - bears come to kill calves and there is no enforcement. AC asked Pat to write up a proposal for consideration.

Terry Nininger: Gave handout from Mat Valley Frontiersman Newspaper titled "UCIDA launches attack on personal use and sport fishing".

Rod Arno: Proposal 6 Arctic/Western authored by the Department on Nelson Island Musk Ox. Above Quota increase hunt opportunity in village registration. Proposal 30-37 Would allocate 90% to residents - Asking for AC comments.

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting: 11/20/13 meeting minutes approved unanimously.

Motion to accept agenda: Agenda approved unanimously.

AC had discussion of Arctic/Western Board of Game Proposal #6 (submitted to BOG)

AC Letter - Israel Payton:

AC reviewed letter regarding AC process. Letter makes suggestions as to how AC process could be improved. Such as AC member training, AC rep attendance of legislative session in Juneau. Jehn recommends supporting the letter itself but not including a budget as line items and budget would need to be verified. AC members support this letter and contents. Israel will craft final draft of letter for AC to review.

(Meeting Break - Called back to order 8:25-8:38)

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Proposal 79 passed 8-0-0.

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Closed waters- AC believes that adoption of a 1 mile closed waters from low tide from the terminus of these rivers would add consistence to current regulations in Cook Inlet and also help pass more salmon to aide in achieving escapement goals and to retain future salmon runs.

Proposal 103 passed 8-0-0.

AC believes that managing to achieve the lower end of escapement goals on all rivers should take priority and not worry so much about over escapement on one river. Currently if the Kenai river gets a large run of sockeye salmon the managers worry about over escapement so they use the drift fleet to try and reduce the number of sockeye entering the Kenai River. This is detrimental to other UCI escapement goals since some of those bound sockeye are intercepted by the drift fleet.

Proposal 104 failed 0-8-0.

This proposal calls for the repeal of the UCI management plan. AC believes there should always be a management plan that the ADFG should follow.

Proposal 105 Take No Action.

Proposal 106 failed 0-8-0.

Repeal the UCI management plan.- See comments 104

Proposal 131 passed 8-0-0.

Would close commercial fishing within one stature mile of the Little Susitna River mouth. Little Susitna River provides one of the most important sport fisheries in the entire Northern Management area. There are several sport fishing regulations on this river that are more stringent than on other Northern Management area streams. Northern Coho salmon by management plan are to be managed primarily for sport and guides sport fisheries, in fairness, commercial fishing near the mouth of this stream should be managed at least as conservatively than all similar salmon producing systems. Because of a chronic inability to meet escapement goal for coho salmon the board may also want to consider Little Susitna River coho salmon for a stock of concern designation. This is our Advisory Committee Proposal and we continue to support it.

Proposal 132 passed 8-0-0.

Would do the same action as 131, but provides additional narrative on the same issue as 131.

Proposal 138 passed 8-0-0

Would restrict drift gill netting to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof Sections from June 19 - August 10. The Kenai and Kasilof Rivers have the primary escapement goals that the Department manages for on an inseason basis. Current regulations in the Drift Fishery Management plan provide inadequate protection for Northern stocks to achieve escapement goals or provide reasonable harvest opportunity for other user groups. When managing primarily to harvest abundant Kenai River and Kasilof River sockeye salmon it should be done in an area that lessens the impact on Northern Management Area salmon stocks.

Proposal 139 passed 8-0-0

Would tighten the Central District Drift Fishery Management plan to focus harvest based on large returns of sockeye salmon closer to the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers where impacts would

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lessen on Northern Bound salmon stocks. IF Kenai River stocks are abundant then they should be harvested in an area that lessens the chronic escapement failures that are currently caused by the present plan. Proposal 139 is particularly good in consideration of runs larger than 4.6 million sockeye salmon returning to the Kenai River. This proposed change in regulation would more accurately follow the intent stated at the start of the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan.

Proposal 140 Take No Action

Would tighten fishing by the Central District Drift gillnet fishery at run strengths less than 4.6 million sockeye salmon to the Kenai River. However this proposal provides inadequate protection to Northern District salmon stocks at run strengths greater than 4.6 million sockeye salmon to the Kenai River therefore we more strongly support Proposal 139 and taken no action on proposal 140.

Proposal 141 opposed 0-8-0

We do not advocate providing more opportunity for Northern District commercial fisheries to harvest salmon before escapement needs and reasonable opportunities to noncommercial users are met.

Proposal 142 passed 8-0-0

Mirrors our Advisory Committee proposal 138 to limit drift gillnetting in Upper Cook Inlet to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections of the Upper Subdistrict from July 19 - August 10. In addition this proposal requests adding providing reasonable opportunity Northern subsistence users and personal use dipnetters to the management plan. See Comments from proposal 138 as well.

Proposal 143 passed 8-0-0

While not our preferred option, we believe this would provide another option to manage the Drift gillnet fishery in a way that will provide adequate spawning escapements of Northern and other salmon stocks, while also providing for reasonable harvest opportunity for other user groups in addition to drift permit holders. This motion would allow drift fishers an opportunity to choose between different harvest opportunities.

Proposal 144 passed 8-0-0

Provides amended coho salmon language to the Drift Fishery Management Plan and also adds more reasonable salmon harvest opportunity to all other user groups other than the drift fishery permit holders. Ties extra fishing time in the middle of Upper Cook Inlet to salmon escapement projection for Northern Salmon stocks.

Proposal 147 passed 8-0-0

Looks to amend the Drift Fishery Management Plan to provide sharing of the burden of conservation during times of low coho salmon abundance. The amended language would also provide primary management clarity to all coho salmon for sport and guide sport rather than just Northern District and Kenai River coho.

Proposal 158 opposed 0-8-0



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As evidenced by the abundance of proposals in the book seeking to tighten regulations in the Drift Fishery Management Plan, and as evidenced by the chronic Northern salmon stock escapement failures we believe the plan needs more drift fishery restriction rather than liberalization.

Proposal 168 passed 8-0-0

Would raise the Kenai River sport sockeye salmon limit when the run size is forecasted to exceed 2.3 million fish. Expanded the opportunity to fish for a higher limit earlier in the season provides for greater opportunity on years when salmon are abundant.

Proposal 170 passed 8-0-0

Sockeye possession limits should increase so that fish kept in a cooler overnight by out of town fisherman without access to freezers have the ability to possess two angling days bag limit.

Proposal 174 passed 8-0-0

Adopting a plan to harvest earlier arriving Northern bound pink salmon would result in harvesting Northern bound sockeye and coho which run at the similar times. Northern bound sockeye and coho runs cannot support increased incidental harvest pressure. There are currently no pink salmon goals in UCI so there would be no way to prevent against over-harvest.

Proposal 181 passed 7-0-1

The AC is opposed to this because the proposal is vague in how the proposed method of gill netting would be regulated.

Proposal 183 opposed 0-8-0

Season dates currently address this concern and close when spawning is occurring. Areas where spawning take place are already protected. The AC opposed this proposal.

Proposal 184 opposed 0-8-0

AC members do not think this proposal is practical because cell reception and/or electronic means, any many scenarios, is not available to fisherman within a 24 hour period after harvesting a king salmon.

Proposal 376 passed 8-0-0

AC members support this youth coho fishing opportunity.

Community Subsistence Hunt - Dec 2nd Meeting Results

Dan represented AC but was not present at meeting. Bill Folsom

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes recorded by: Steve Bartelli



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Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

Members Present: Jehnifer Ehmann (Chair), Dan Montgomery (arrived 9:15), Mel Grove (arrived 7:15), Andy Couch (arrived 8:30), Steve Bartelli, Eric Beckman, Mike Buirge, Stephen Darilek, Gerrit Dykstra, Tony Jones, Israel Payton, Max Sager, David Young.

Members Absent or Excused: Bill Folsom (Excused), Jeff Tuttle (Excused), Keith Westfall (Excused), Dane Crowley (Absent).

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest and Department Staff Present: Captain Burke Waldron, AST; Terry Nininger; Neil DeWitt; Rick Merizon, ADFG; Todd Rinaldi, ADFG; Sam Ivey, ADFG.

Persons to be heard: None

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting:
10/30/13 meeting minutes approved unanimously.

Motion to accept agenda: Agenda approved unanimously.

Discussion of Targeted Moose Hunt AM415:
Captain Waldron discussed Trespass Regulations. Todd Rinaldi discussed targeted moose hunt specifics.

Discussion of Upland Bird Youth Hunting Opportunities:
Rick Merizon from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game provided AC with overview of an idea for youth upland bird hunting opportunities in the Matsu. Rick would like to work with AC to develop proposal for next BOG meeting. AC unanimously agreed to add topic to future agenda and discuss the opportunity for a proposal.

(Meeting Break - Called back to order 8:37 Andy Couch began taking minutes for remainder of meeting)

Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries Proposal Comments

Proposal 309 --- asks for development and adoption of an optimal escapement goal for Big River and Kustatan River coho salmon. One person expressed concern over what the cost of managing for a goal would be. A different position is that these are important sport fisheries that should be actively managed. Sam Ivey with ADF&G mentioned that the fisheries have grown, but there is concern as to are the runs strong enough to sustain current exploitation levels. Sam mentioned that Kustatan seems to be more stable, but that Big River Lakes not so much. Department does not currently do any monitoring in the area. Sam mentioned a first priority for him would be establishing some type of monitoring on Big River Lakes. Eric asked how much impact the commercial fishery has on these coho salmon. Sam's answer for ADF&G was that he did not know how much these fish were being harvested commercially, and that to his knowledge ADF&G had never done any work in that particular area as to what the



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commercial exploitation might be. Since commercial effort goes up and down with sockeye abundances in July, harvest of coho likes goes up and down with the commercial effort. According to Sam Ivey on years with very large coho harvests or very low harvests throughout Upper Cook Inlet may be a better indicator than Little Susitna River coho numbers. Without numbers how do we know if we are either under exploiting or over exploiting? According to ADF&G either one could be happening -- but regulations have been set at what was thought to be a conservative level covering a broad area the last time they were adjusted.

Motion passed 9-0-3.

Proposal 310 Would eliminate 4 days per week of sport salmon fishing on Little Susitna River. Little Susitna River provides the only 7 day per week king salmon sport fishery for wild king salmon in Knik Arm and has also supported one of the largest sport fisheries for silver salmon in the state. Motion opposed 0-12-0.

Motion to take no action on **Proposals 311 and 312** -- which call for salmon stocking in the Little Susitna River, but both do not propose any change in regulation(s).
Motion to take no action passed 12-0-0.

Proposal 313 -- This is the Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee's own proposal requesting establishment of a sockeye salmon escapement goal for the Little Susitna River. Without a goal the Little Susitna River sockeye salmon run has decreased from thousands of fish per year to annual escapements measured in the low hundreds. ADF&G now has a weir in place on the lower river that counts all species of salmon inseason which could be used to manage Little Susitna River sockeye salmon on an annual basis. passed 12-0-0.

Proposal 314 would only allow sport sockeye salmon harvest after ADF&G could project an escapement of 2500 sockeye salmon past ADF&G's Little Susinta River weir.
Steve Bartelli amended the proposal to: Little Susitna River sockeye salmon harvest be reduced by all user groups in proportion to their harvest to allow for an escapement of 2500 sockeye salmon per year. Amendment passed 12-0-0. Amended motion passed 12-0-0.

Proposal 315 is another of Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee's own proposals that requests establishment of a Little Susitna River chum salmon goal. The Little Susitna River chum salmon run is of significant size and important to both commercial and sport fisheries, ADF&G has several complete years of chum salmon counts through Little Susinta River weir, and additional years of partial counts upon which a chum salmon goal could be based. There are several chum salmon goals in lower Cook Inlet, but only one chum goal in Upper Cook Inlet, and there are currently no chum salmon goals located in the Northern District where most Upper Cook Inlet chum salmon spawn. ADF&G already operates a weir on the loer Littler Susitna River that could be used to manage this important Northern District chum salmon stock. passed 12-0-0.

Proposal 316 would require use of 4-stroke motors on Little Susinta River and limit the number of outboards per day. Members were concerned with the cost of switching over to 4-stroke motors, and also with the provision that would limit the number of outboard motors on the river

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per day. Powerboats operating on the lower Little Susitna River have been gradually switching over to 4-stroke or new cleaner burning two stroke technology for years. Motion opposed 0-12-0.

Proposal 317 would greatly reduce the amount of time anglers could fish from a boat or a power boat each week on the Little Susitna River. One part of the proposal requests no fishing from a powerboat on every weekend for a total of 62 hours straight. Another suggestion in the proposal would close fishing from a motorized boat every other day with Sundays always being closed. People would suffer as a large portion of people fishing Little Susitna River do so from powerboats, and access is difficult to reach many miles of river open to salmon fishing without use of a boat Motion opposed 0-12-0.

Proposal 318 would open the Fish Creek personal use fishery starting July 10, unless the escapement is projected to be less than 50,000 fish. Fish Creek was a stocked fishery and is no longer a stocked fishery. The Fish Creek sockeye salmon goal was not attained in either 2012 or 2013, but no conservative actions based on low Fish Creek escapements were made in the commercial fisheries while the personal use fishery was never opened. The question was asked if stocking might be started again. ADF&G answer was that Cook Inlet Aquaculture was not getting a good return from their stocking program on this system, so that is why the stocking program went away ---- it is hard to say if anything will come back either from the state or some other entity. Based on the fact that both the state and Cook Inlet Aquaculture quit sockeye salmon stocking programs in this system it does not seem likely some other entity will resume stocking anytime soon. Motion failed 2-6-4.

Proposal 319 Would reduce hours in the Jim Creek sport fishery, along with reduction in area where fishing would be allowed. Use would be closed both in the early morning and late evening times where most people with jobs are working during the week. Committee would like to see some sharing of the Conservation burden amongst users --- it is disappointing that ADF&G only made a proposal to restrict one user group -- which is a very allocative approach to addressing the issue. Jim Creek sport fishery has grown to be a larger fishery than even the Little Susitna River coho fishery since 2006 (with down turns in the Little Susitna River), but commercial coho harvests have also been liberalized through regulation changes starting in 2002. Andy Couch amended the motion to keep the sport fishery open from 6 am to 10 p.m. with corresponding percentage restriction to the commercial drift and set net coho harvests as well.

If needed an additional sport fishery step down could be taken in the future by starting the hours restriction a week or two earlier in the season than suggested in this proposal. Mel Groves mentioned that the sport harvest has doubled over time -- but that the Board should set an allocation amongst users considering what is necessary for escapement and sustained yield. The McRoberts Creek / Jim Creek coho salmon spawning escapement was not attained in 2010, 2011, and 2012. Part of the reason for rising effort on Jim Creek is the current restrictions on many other sport fisheries in the Mat-Su Valley. Multiple people on the Advisory Committee mentioned that if the hours were restricted as much as proposed it would greatly reduce their own and other people's fishing opportunity. Amendment passed 10-3-0. Amended Proposal passed 10-3-0. Members of the committee voting opposed felt strongly opposed to reducing Mat-Su Valley sport fisheries when silver salmon sport fisheries have already been

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reduced to not much open (especially in the Knik Arm unit) --- and ADF&G does not even address the commercial side with a reduction proposal.

Proposal 320 --- Motion to take no action -- based on Committee preference for amended proposal 319. This proposal lists the same hour restrictions as previous proposal, but without the spawning area restriction. No action passed 13-0-0.

Proposal 321 is another Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee proposal calling for a king salmon escapement goal for Moose Creek. ADF&G has a record of doing post season king salmon escapement counts on Moose Creek for over 30 years. The Chickaloon Tribe has been attempting to rebuild the king salmon run on Moose Creek through both habitat enhancement and moist air incubation of king salmon eggs replanted back into suitable habitat on Moose Creek. The public and Department and board need a benchmark on how to judge the health of Moose Creek king salmon. Passed 13 -0-0.

Proposal 322 is a housekeeping proposals that would open an area on Eklutna Tailrace where sport anglers could fish for hatchery produced king and silver salmon. ADF&G has been opening this area by emergency order -- but it would be more clear to the public and require less work by ADF&G if the area was simply listed as open to fishing in regulation. Passed 13-0-0.

Proposal 323 Would create a one-day, youth only, king salmon fishery on a portion of the Eklutna Tailrace. As identified in the proposal we hope this should provide a more positive opportunity to introduce young sport anglers to fishing, while still providing area for all anglers to fish on the Eklutna Tailrace at the same time. Motion passed unanimously 13-0-0.

Proposal 376 --- to be considered at next Mat - Valley Advisory Committee meeting.

December 4th --- ADF&G will be providing an end of the season Mat-Su Valley fishery summer at the public safety building in Wasilla.

Dan Montgomery has been appointed by Jehnifier to represent the AC at the Board of Game meeting considering community harvest hunt changes.

Lower Cook Inlet --- Israel Payton, Mel Grove, and Steve Bartelli were appointed to represent the AC at this meeting.

Hearing about brown bear at US Fish and Wildlife Service in Anchorage tomorrow night at 6 - 9 p.m. Dan Montgomery requested that someone from the AC attend, but no members seem to be able to schedule time to attend.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes recorded by: Steve Bartelli (through 8:30 p.m.) and Andy Couch (8:37 until adjournment).

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"If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles." -Me & Doug Larson



Seldovia AC Comments for the
Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting January 31 – February 13, 2014

Meeting called to order 6:30 PM MPR on November 12, 2013

In attendance: Dave Chartier, Walt Sonen, Alvin Swick, Keith Swick, Jordan Cameron, Buck Brown, Keith Gain & Robert Purpura

Excused absence: Allison Miller, Bryan Chartier, Michael Opheim & Kelly Brennan

Unexcused absence: Mary Klinger

Keith Gain acting chair
Robert Purpura acting secretary

Proposal 79 Closed Waters

We were against this and addressed it at our LCI meeting but because it is being taken up at this meeting also we are again addressing it.

0 – 7 – 1 Opposed

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105	5 AAC 21.363. Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to establish a harvest allocation between commercial set and drift gillnet fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet.	<p>7 – 1 – 0 Support</p> <p>We view this as an allocation issue and would support it if it was to be amended that any adjustment doesn't result in a closure of the regular schedule drift fleet opener.</p> <p>We are in agreement that expansion of set net time is desirable and historical harvest levels should be met but by closing the drift fleet only leads to over escapement. One solution is to open the drift fleet early and the set nets later to avoid this and by spreading the harvest over a longer period keeps a steady supply of fish to the processors which leads to a better quality product.</p> <p>Alvin Swick was opposed to the proposal because the management plan already in place cover the issue.</p>
107	5 AAC 21.XXX. New Section. Allow commercial set gillnet fishing to occur in areas where commercial drift gillnetting is allowed in the Central District of Upper Cook Inlet.	<p>0 – 8 – 0 Oppose</p> <p>It was our concern that this could come back to haunt us later if it resulting more closures.</p>
108	5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons. Allow commercial salmon fishing in the Central District to remain open until closed by emergency order (EO).	<p>8 – 0 – 0 Support</p> <p>To many mandatory closures as it is, scapegoating the commercial fisherman should not be managements first tool to reallocate fish stocks.</p>
111	5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons. Modify fishing seasons and remove restrictions on commercial set gillnet fishing in the Upper Subdistrict.	<p>8 - 0 - 0 Support</p> <p>There are to many arbitrary restrictions on the commercial fleet already.</p>

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112	5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons. Change the estimated number of sockeye salmon in the Kasilof River that allows the department to open the Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict to set gillnetting on or after June 25.	0 – 8 – 0 Oppose Far too many restrictions on the set net fisheries already.
113	5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons. Change the estimated number of sockeye salmon in the Kasilof River from 50,000 to 60,000, which allows the department to open the Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict to set gillnetting on or after June 25.	0 – 8 – 0 Oppose The set net fisheries historically has only harvested 13% of the kings in Cook Inlet but yet are the first to get closed over king salmon issues. Redundant (proposal 112)
114	5 AAC 31.320. Weekly fishing periods. Allow weekly fishing periods for the set gillnet fishery in the Central District to end at 10:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m..	8 – 0 – 0 Support We are in agreement that this is a good tool for the set net fishery.
115	5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons. Change when the set gillnet fishery opens in the Kenai and East Forelands sections of the Upper Subdistrict from July 8 to July 1 and remove the reference that closes the fishery by emergency order (EO) under the "one-percent rule".	No Action We are in favor of anything that would allow more time for the set net fishery.
116	5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons. Remove provision where the set gillnet fishery in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands sections of the Upper Subdistrict will close after July if less than one percent of the total season's sockeye is harvested in two consecutive fishing periods ("one-percent rule") and end fishing season on August 15.	8 – 0 – 0 Support as Amended Amend by removing the 1% rule.
119	5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons. Change how the department determines if less than one percent of the season's total sockeye salmon harvest has been taken in the Upper Subdistrict.	8 – 0 – 0 Support We would support this if proposal 116 does not pass.
120	5 AAC 21.320. Weekly fishing periods. Allow commercial salmon fishing in the Central District to remain open on Mondays and Thursdays until closed by emergency order (EO).	0 – 8 – 0 Oppose Current restrictions unnecessary.
122	5 AAC 31.320. Weekly fishing periods. Allow weekly fishing periods for the drift gillnet fishery in the Central District to be moved up to 36 hours when the NOAA forecast for Area 140, Cook Inlet north of Kamishak Bay and English Bay, is calling for winds above 23 knots, including small craft advisory, and gale or storm force winds.	8 – 0 – 0 Support Save lives and wear and tear on the gear.
123	5 AAC 21.320. Weekly fishing periods. Change regularly-scheduled fishing periods in the Kalgin Island and Western subdistricts to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday.	0 – 8 – 0 Oppose Disrupts the harmony on Kalgan Island. Remain as is.

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125	5 AAC 21.330. Gear. Allow selective harvest modules (SHM), under certain specifications and operations, to be used to commercially harvest salmon in the Upper Subdistrict of the Central District.	8 – 0 – 0 Support It is good that someone is trying to find an alternative method of solving the king salmon issue outside of just closing segments of the fishery.
126	5 AAC 21.331. Gillnet specifications and operations and 5 AAC 21.333. Requirements and specifications for use of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet in the Cook Inlet Area. Prohibit permit stacking in the commercial set and drift gillnet fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet.	1 – 7 – 0 Oppose By stacking there is two less shackles of gear in the water than if the permit was fished openly by another person. Saves money... Carbon footprint less. The one vote for does not like the concept of “Stacking”
127	5 AAC 21.333. Requirements and specifications for use of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet in the Cook Inlet Area. Allow one individual to hold two limited entry drift gillnet permits and fish both at the same time from the same vessel.	7 – 1 – 0 Support From the same reasons we were against proposal 126 we are in support of proposal 127
128	5 AAC 21.333. Requirements and specifications for use of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet in the Cook Inlet Area; 5 AAC 21.334. Identification of gear; and 5 AAC 21.345. Registration. Amend references to registration requirements for set and drift gillnetting in Upper Cook Inlet.	8 – 0 – 0 Support The proposal is good because it lessens the burden when stacking is necessary and keeps everyone legal.
130	5 AAC 21.345. Registration. Require CFEC setnet permit holders registered in the Upper Subdistrict to fish in only one section (Kasilof or Kenai) for the entire season.	8 – 0 – 0 Support as Amended We would be in support of this proposal if it doesn’t include the Special Harvest Area. Allow the status quo to continue.
132	5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters. Close waters within one statute mile of the Little Susitna River to commercial fishing.	0 – 8 – 0 Oppose Anti Set Netting... Allocation issue.
133	5 AAC 21.355. Reporting requirements. Require the number of commercially-harvested king salmon to be recorded by length (under 20" and over 20") on fish tickets.	8 – 0 – 0 Support Jack Kings as are not reported as such and it makes the set net fishery appear to be harvesting more Kings then they actually are.
134	5 AAC 21.368. Big River Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to include all waters of the Kalgin Island Subdistrict and reduce fishing time from three days a week to two days a week.	8 – 0 – 0 Support as Amended Amend to exclude “reduction of fishing time”
135	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Modify management plan to remove provisions 5 AAC 21.353(a)(2)(A), (B), and (C) in the management plan, as follows.	6 – 0 – 2 Support No reason for arbitrary closures for reallocation purposes we are not the Northern Districts problem. This lets us fish.

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136	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Modify management plan to change dates of drift fishery to June 19-September 1 and run-strength trigger points for late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon; remove area restrictions in July; and modify provisions affecting additional fishing periods.	8 – 0 – 0 Same reasoning for proposal 135
138	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Restrict drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections from June 19-August 10.	0 – 8 – 0 Oppose This proposal wants to restrict the drift fleet to an all season corridor. Disrupts the flow of fish to the processors and reduces the quality of the product.
139	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Restrict drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections.	0 – 8 – 0 Oppose The same reason for proposal 138
141	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Modify management plan to provide reasonable opportunity for Northern District set gillnetters to harvest all salmon stocks.	8 – 0 – 0 Support as Amended Amend to exclude the closure of the drift fleet as a tool to allow more time for the Northern District. Any other method of to allow more opportunity for the Northern Set Netters is something we would support.
142	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Amend management plan to provide Northern Cook Inlet Management Area subsistence users and personal use dipnetters a reasonable opportunity to harvest salmon by restricting commercial gillnet fishing to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections of the Upper Subdistrict from June 19 through August 10.	0 – 8 – 0 Oppose Allocation Issue.
143	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Require drift permit holders to register to fish in one of two specific Central District drift fisheries.	0 – 8 – 0 Oppose We feel as if this is “Drift Bashing” There are other tools at the department’s disposal to enhance coho runs other than closing the drift fleet as the first solution to the perceived problem.
147	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Amend management plan to reduce sport fish bag limit to two coho salmon in all sport fisheries on the west side of Cook Inlet and restrict drift gillnet fishing to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections, if sport fishing for coho salmon is restricted or closed in the Little Susitna River.	0 – 8 – 0 Oppose Unnecessary

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153	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to allow set gillnets to be operated and restrict drift gillnets within 1,200 feet of the mean high tide mark in Kasilof River Special Harvest Area.	8 – 0 – 0 Support Allows set netters to fish in a historical area and more elbow room for set net fishery and a fairer separation of gear types.
154	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to open the set gillnet fishery in the South K-Beach statistical area (244-10) when the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area is opened.	0 – 8 – 0 Oppose Allocation Issue
159	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan to change optimum escapement goal (OEG), inriver goals, and run-strength trigger points for late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon; and modify restrictions on the sport fishery when run strength is below 2,000,000 sockeye salmon.	8 – 0 – 0 Support Treats Sport and Commercial more equally in sharing the burden of conservation on weaker runs.
161	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to change the upper end of the three inriver goals (tiers) for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon to 1,500,000.	0 – 8 – 0 Oppose Sets the goal to high somewhat like the government continuously raising the debt ceiling.
163	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan to achieve late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 700,000-1,200,000 instead of the optimum escapement goal (OEG) of 700,000-1,400,000; modify the inriver goal; and remove some provisions in the plan.	8 – 0 – 0 Support Returning to a more sensible approachable to management.
165	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to allow the 24-hour closure period (or "window") to be scheduled at any time during the week, and change the 36-hour closure period to 24 hours and allow it to be scheduled between 7:00 p.m. Thursday and 11:59 p.m. Sunday.	8 – 0 – 0 Support Windows at best was poorly conceived as a management tool and more often then not leads to over escapement. We are for anything that allows more time.
174	5 AAC 21.354. Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan. Modify pink salmon management and/or develop a new management plan to allow for harvests of earlier-arriving Northern pink salmon and later-arriving Kenai and Kasilof pink salmon.	8 – 0 – 0 Support More fish time... Greater value for pinks now with little opportunity to capitalize on the market.

Robert Purpura will be attending both the LCI and UCI Board meeting.

Next Meeting is November 26 MPR 6 PM the agenda is to finish up addressing UCI proposals.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM



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Seldovia AC Meeting MPR
December 17, 2013

Call to order 6.05 PM

In attendance: Jordan Cameron, Keith Gain, Keith Swick, Kelly Brennan, Byran Chartier, Alvin Swick, Michael Opheim, Robert Purpura (Chair), Allison Miller, Warren Brown, Mary Klinger (Secretary)

Public: None

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Proposal #	Description From the meeting held on 12-17-13	AC Vote For – Against – Abstain Amendment Committee Discussion
205	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Close Kenai River tributaries to all fishing July 1-August 30, and the Kenai River mainstem upstream of river mile 13 from July 10-September 20.	11 – 0 – 0 Support Brown, Gain Support protecting spawning grounds Support by unanimous vote
207	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) of 20,000-40,000 Kenai River late-run king salmon	0 – 11 – 0 Opposed Brown, A. Swick Let Fish & Game do their job. Closing the setnet fishery should use as the first tool to manage the king runs. Opposed by unanimous vote
212	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan to allow restrictions to set gillnetters in the Upper Subdistrict when the late-run Kenai River king salmon sport fishery has gone to catch and release, including limiting how many nets a permit holder can fish; closing fishing within one-half mile offshore; and nonretention or sale of king salmon.	11 – 0 – 0 Support as amend Setnetters need more latitude when step down measures are implemented to protect stocks. A Swick, K. Swick In favor of 29 mesh deep to reduce the catch of kings on the east side Unanimous vote to amend
213	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Close set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict, if the late-run Kenai River king salmon sport fishery is restricted to catch and release.	0 – 11 – 0 Opposed Brown, A. Swick Move to oppose Opposed by unanimous vote
214	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Amend the management plan to clarify provisions within the <i>Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan</i> exempt under this plan.	11 – 0 – 0 Support Brennan, Brown House keeping Move to support Support by unanimous vote



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219	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Close sections of the Kenai River to sport fishing for king salmon during July.	11 – 0 – 0 Support Brennan, Gain Support to protect the resources for the future. Take a close look at all spawning beds through out the area other wise we are just putting our heads in the sand if we don't. If we are working towards sustainability this makes more sense. Support by unanimous vote
221	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. In times of low escapement of Kenai River king salmon, close or create conservation zones where king salmon spawn.	11 – 0 – 0 Support Same reason as proposal 219 Miller, Cameron Move to support to protect the resources for the future. Support by unanimous vote
267	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Limit the number of guides on the Kenai River to 200.	11 – 0 – 0 Support Brown, Gain It's not right to restrict other users, but not guides. To much pressure on the river we all should feel the pain not just a few. Support by unanimous vote
312	5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section. Direct the department to begin stocking coho salmon into the Little Susitna River.	0 – 11 – 0 Oppose Gain, Cameron Oppose stocking program for the benefit of all users, not just sport fishing Opposed by unanimous vote

Robert Purpura will be traveling to the BOF meeting in Anchorage end of January.

Next meeting to be held is open

Meeting Adjourned 7:38 PM



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Proposal #	Description	AC Vote For – Against – Abstain Amendment Committee Discussion
103	5 AAC 21.363. Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to drop inriver goals from list of escapement goals, prioritize achieving the lower end over exceeding the upper end of an escapement goal, and require the department to utilize all prescriptive elements found in codified plans before going outside of codified plans to achieve established escapement goals.	Oppose- This would take tools away from the Dept. and it would apply to all fisheries in the inlet. We need to leave the E section as it is. Support- It clarifies the language and puts in in writing in the plan This amended plan would apply to any and all fisheries 10 support, 4 oppose
104	5 AAC 21.363. Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan. Repeal the <i>Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan</i>	Oppose-There is no management objective stated. And no biological reasons, Allocative proposal 0 support, 14 oppose
105	5 AAC 21.363. Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to establish a harvest allocation between commercial set and drift gillnet fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet.	Oppose- This would be allocative between gear types. It would be too complicated to try and achieve the allocation and what would the allocation numbers be. It takes management flexibility away from the managers. Allocative issue, and complicated to manage to 0 support, 14 oppose
106	5 AAC 21.363. Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan. Repeal management plan and replace with a flexible management plan .	There would be no management objective for fish And be tough for Dept to manage Also removes EO authority 0 support, 14 oppose
126	5 AAC 21.331. Gillnet specifications and operations and 5 AAC 21.333. Requirements and specifications for use of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet in the Cook Inlet Area. Prohibit permit stacking in the commercial set and drift gillnet fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet.	Oppose; would help fishing families allocative 0 support, 7 oppose
138	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Restrict drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections from June 19-August 10.	Support; none Oppose; keeps drifters out of expanded areas, Allows more fish to more north Allocation between set and drift is off balance Northern streams have missed lower end escapement goals more that made 9 support, 0 oppose, 2 abstain

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144	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Amend management plan to provide reasonable subsistence, personal use, and commercial setnetting harvest opportunity and manage the drift gillnet fishery so that any commercial drift fishing opportunity outside the Expanded Kenai and Expand Kasilof sections is based on abundance of Northern District sockeye and coho salmon.	Support; this provides reasonable opportunity for other user groups Need to come up with a plan to get fish out of the STOCK OF CONCERN category 10 support, 0 oppose, 1 abstain
147	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Amend management plan to reduce sport fish bag limit to two coho salmon in all sport fisheries on the west side of Cook Inlet and restrict drift gillnet fishing to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections, if sport fishing for coho salmon is restricted or closed in the Little Susitna River.	Support; this is a good gage for the west side of inlet, Little Su coho. We support a management plan for the West Side of the inlet 9 support, 1 oppose, 1 abstain
148	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to include a biological escapement goal (BEG) of 160,000-340,000 sockeye salmon and clarify intent of provision regarding meeting lower end of optimum escapement goal (OEG) over exceeding upper end of OEG.	Support; this has not been hurting the returns in the river at this time. Returns will be larger, less is more More commercial harvest will be allowed Oppose- We have been over escaping the river as the plan has been implemented. This lowers the upper end of the escapement goal! This confuses the Kenai and Kasilof management target for escapement 3 support, 4 oppose
149	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Direct the department to manage late-run Kasilof River sockeye salmon to achieve a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 160,000-340,000; remove the optimum escapement goal (OEG) of 160,000-390,000; and remove some provisions in the management plan.	Oppose- It is too complicated and changes the goal again. 0 support, 14 oppose
150	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Modify management, including changing effective dates and reference for Kasilof River sockeye salmon from optimal escapement goal (OEG) to biological escapement goal (BEG).	Oppose- It is allocative within the commercial fishery. 0 support, 14 oppose
151	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan after July 15 such that the trigger point for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon run strength is changed from 2,300,000 to 2,000,000 and the 24-hour restriction on additional fishing time is removed.	Allocative Lowers Kenai River run strength GUTS Kasilof management plan 0 support, 13 oppose, 1 abstain

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152	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to allow department to manage Kasilof River sockeye salmon primarily for commercial uses based on abundance and meet a spawning escapement goal of 150,000-250,000 sockeye salmon.	Oppose- It lowers the escapement goal too low and it hasn't hurt the returns at this time. 0 support, 14 oppose
153	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to allow set gillnets to be operated and restrict drift gillnets within 1,200 feet of the mean high tide mark in Kasilof River Special Harvest Area.	Support-This is allocative within the fishery but it does fish the terminal area the way it should be fished. 14 support, 0 oppose
154	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to open the set gillnet fishery in the South K-Beach statistical area (244-10) when the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area is opened.	Oppose- this would take too many kings headed to the Kenai River, and if you open this area you might as well open south of the Kasilof River. Allocative 0 support, 14 oppose
155	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan to change effective dates and require 36-hour closure periods ("windows") take place after July 1.	Support; effects the set netters that don't catch Kenai Kings Oppose- This would affect setnetters south of the Kasilof River and they don't catch that many Kenai River kings. 1 support, 13 oppose
156	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Establish an additional 24-hour window in the Kasilof area prior to July 7, limit extra fishing periods in the Kasilof area after July 7 when the Kenai area is closed, and limit use of the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area.	Support- It would put more kings into the Kenai River with times of low returns This would help the declining Kasilof king return Oppose- It is allocative and adds more windows to the commercial fishery. 12 support, 2 oppose
157	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to remove references to Northern District coho, late-run Kenai River king, Kenai River coho salmon stocks; add language that states the department shall manage common property fisheries for a reasonable opportunity to harvest salmon resources; and change plan to manage late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon for a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 750,000-900,000.	Oppose- This would throw out the tiers in place now. In times of conservation on kings we don't need to do this. Lots of uncertainty in this plan No defining spawning escapement 0 support, 14 oppose
158	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to remove references to Northern District coho, late-run Kenai River king, Kenai River coho salmon stocks and add language that states the department shall manage common property fisheries for a reasonable opportunity to harvest salmon resources.	See comments on 157 0 support, 14 oppose

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159	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan to change optimum escapement goal (OEG), inriver goals, and run-strength trigger points for late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon; and modify restrictions on the sport fishery when run strength is below 2,000,000 sockeye salmon.	<p>Oppose- would lower in river escapement goals Would harvest more kings Would liberalize comm fishing</p> <p>Support- It would increase opportunity for the sport fishery to harvest more sockeye salmon.</p> <p>1 support, 12 oppose, 1 abstain</p>
160	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to establish a single optimum escapement goal (OEG) for late-run sockeye salmon and direct the department to manage for this OEG.	<p>Oppose- This would eliminate the tiers in place now and it would be allocative. We don't like tiers</p> <p>Support- This would be the way to manage the fishery. No OEG number given Tiers help to share resource</p> <p>11 support, 2 oppose, 1 abstain</p>
161	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to change the upper end of the three inriver goals (tiers) for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon to 1,500,000.	<p>Support; more realistic OEG Matches what is returning now Upper end may not be met yet</p> <p>Oppose; Want an opportunity to commercially harvest more fish</p> <p>7 support, 6 oppose, 1 abstain</p>
162	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to manage late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon for an escapement goal of 550,000-750,000 sockeye salmon.	<p>Oppose- This does not state what kind of escapement goal it would be and it would harvest more king salmon in times of conservation.</p> <p>Very allocative proposal</p> <p>0 support, 14 oppose</p>
163	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan to achieve late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 700,000-1,200,000 instead of the optimum escapement goal (OEG) of 700,000-1,400,000; modify the inriver goal; and remove some provisions in the plan.	<p>Oppose- This removes the OEG which eliminates an allocation to a user group and it has too many ideas.</p> <p>Would harvest more kings, Very allocative Removes in river OEG</p> <p>0 support, 14 oppose</p>
164	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to re-establish commercial priority for sockeye salmon in Upper Cook Inlet.	<p>It is already stated this way and would not change anything.</p> <p>TAKE NO ACTION</p>

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165	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to allow the 24-hour closure period (or "window") to be scheduled at any time during the week, and change the 36-hour closure period to 24 hours and allow it to be scheduled between 7:00 p.m. Thursday and 11:59 p.m. Sunday.	<p>Support; wants more opportunity to harvest more fish Closures are a bad management tool</p> <p>Oppose- Don't like the 36 hour window being shortened to 24 hours. Allocative Less fish will be available on the weekend fishery</p> <p>1 support, 13 oppose</p>
166	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to allow the 24-hour window, when the commercial set gillnet fishery is closed in the Upper Subdistrict, to be scheduled between the regular Monday and Thursday fishing periods.	<p>Support- We like floating windows as it allows the setnetters can be fishing when the salmon are present.</p> <p>This may be a way to allow more kings into the river by allowing comm fishing only when large groups of sockeye are coming, and NOT ALLOWING set net fishing when "overescapement levels" of sockeye are not on the beach.</p> <p>The less time the set nets are in the river, the less chance they have if incidental catches of king salmon</p> <p>14 support 0 oppose</p>
167	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Remove 24- and 36-hour closure periods ("windows") in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery after July 31.	<p>Support; sport and PU fishery is closed, why not let comm fish , fish without window</p> <p>Oppose- if the Kenai personal use fishery and the sport fishery are closed, the commercial fishery should be as well. If there is enough abundance of fish, then everyone should be open.</p> <p>4 support, 10 oppose</p>
168	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Liberalize the Kenai River sockeye salmon bag and possession limit when the run is forecasted to exceed 2.3 million fish.	<p>Oppose- There is no correlation between EO's and tiers that are in place now.</p> <p>Support- If the commercial fishery uses a forecast of 4.6 million fish to manage for the season, why not do the same for the sport fishery.</p> <p>Support 9 , opposed 5</p>
169	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Increase Kenai River sockeye salmon bag and possession limit to six fish when commercial fishing is opened by emergency order (EO) after July 1.	<p>Oppose- There is no biological reason to do this and it is not based on run strength.</p> <p>Support 0 , opposed 14</p>

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170	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Increase possession limit for Kenai River sockeye salmon from three to six fish.	Oppose- Support- Support 13, opposed 1
171	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to require fishing closures ("windows") to Kenai River inriver sport fish and personal use fisheries when there are closure periods for the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery.	Oppose- This goes against what the windows were put in place for. This is the most stupid idea heard of for windows on sportfishing. Support 0, opposed 14
172	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Close the Kenai River personal use fishery when it is announced the sockeye salmon optimal escapement goal (OEG) may not be met.	Oppose- This already in regulation and it only makes sense to close all fisheries if we are not going to make escapement goals. Support 1, opposed 13
183	5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section. Adopt a policy that prohibits sport fishing within 50 percent of identified salmon spawning areas in all Upper Cook Inlet salmon waters.	Oppose- fishing would be limited in all of the upper Cook Inlet fishing rivers and lakes. It would open up discussions about where salmon spawning areas are. Support 0, opposed 14
184	5 AAC 01.530. Subsistence fishing permits; 5 AAC 56.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai Peninsula Area; 5 AAC 57.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 58.024. Harvest record required; annual limits; 5 AAC 59.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area; 5 AAC 60.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Knik Arm Drainages Area; 5 AAC 61.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Susitna River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 62.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the West Cook Inlet Area; and 5 AAC 77.525. Personal use salmon fishery. Require sport, personal use, and subsistence fishermen to record and report king salmon harvest information within a 24-hour period.	Oppose- Areas with bad cell service. Support- It would give the dept. up to date information and data on the take of kings. Support 14, opposed 0

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185	5 AAC 01.5XX. New Section; 5 AAC 21.3XX. New Section; 5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 58.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 77.5XX. New Section. Require daily reporting of all salmon harvested in Upper Cook Inlet salmon fisheries by all user groups.	Same as #184 above. Support 14, opposed 0
186	5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King salmon Management Plan methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Add a reference to the existing optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Kenai River early-run king salmon and provide department additional management flexibility.	Support; like the “may” and not SHALL wording Oppose; want the OEG higher 12 support, 2 oppose
187	5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Modify the Kenai River early-run king salmon plan to provide the department more flexibility when liberalizing the sport fishery.	No action
188	5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Maintain existing optimal escapement goal (OEG) of 5,300-9,000 Kenai River early-run king salmon.	No action
189	5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Modify Kenai River early-run king salmon optimal escapement goal (OEG) to 9,000-14,000 fish.	Support- We need to put more fish in the river with these low return times. Oppose- It is too high at 9,000 and needs to be lowered to allow more fish to return. LESS is MORE theory 9 support, 5 oppose
190	5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Revise the management plan with measures that stabilize fisheries during low-run years, increase opportunities during large-run years, and eliminate the “slot limit” for king salmon.	Oppose This would increase the harvest of larger fish especially. We should have the slot limit in place. The problem is also with the forecasting management and forcing the dept. to use it. 0 support , 14 oppose
192	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Increase Kenai River early-run king salmon slot-limit size requirement.	Support- it would help protect the bigger fish. This proposal would save spawning females Oppose- It takes away the commissioners EO authority and what about on years of good returns. 12 support , 2 oppose

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193	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Increase the Kenai River early-run king salmon slot-limit size requirement and extend slot limit through July 31.	Support- Most sport fisherman want this to protect those bigger fish and with these times of low returns and smaller fish being in the river Oppose- The fifteenth if fine but not the 30 th . 9 support, 5 oppose
194	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Prohibit retention of early-run and late-run Kenai River king salmon 42 inches or greater in length.	Support; with the current state of the return, more large fish are needed to spawn Oppose; this is a late run fishery 4 support, 10 oppose
195	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Prohibit retention of female king salmon greater than 33 inches in length in the Kenai River sport fishery.	Support; none Oppose- It is too hard to tell and would be hard to enforce. 0 support, 14 oppose
196	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Extend Kenai River early-run king salmon regulations through July 9.	Support; none Oppose- It will affect the second run of kings. 0 support, 14 oppose
197	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan; 5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Modify the Kenai River early- and late-run king salmon sport fisheries to begin seasons without bait and catch-and-release only.	Support; Oppose- It will decrease the harvest and raise the goal. 0 support, 14 oppose

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198	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan; 5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Begin early- and late-run king salmon seasons with catch-and-release only and then liberalize during the season.	Support; none Oppose- The dept. already does this. 0 support, 14 oppose
199	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Allow catch-and-release fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River when runs are projected to be below the escapement goal.	Oppose- Achieving the lower end of the escapement goal is the priority of the dept. and it removes the tools for the dept. 0 support, 14 oppose
200	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River.	Oppose; unreasonable proposal 0 support, 14 oppose
201	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King salmon Management Plan. Establish the lower Slikok Creek king salmon sanctuary area as the lower boundary for restrictive actions in July to conserve early-run king salmon and prohibit bait for an additional two weeks in July in those waters.	Support- This would put a tributary stream in line with the rest of the first run of kings which are mostly tributary fish. 14 support, 0 oppose
202	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Increase Slikok Creek king salmon sanctuary area an additional 200 yards.	Support; this saves Kenai Kings 14 support, 0 oppose
203	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Increase Slikok Creek king salmon sanctuary area an additional 600 feet.	No Action- see #202.

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204	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Increase Kiley River king salmon sanctuary area an additional 600 feet.	Oppose- it is already a large enough area. 0 support, 14 oppose
205	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Close Kenai River tributaries to all fishing July 1-August 30, and the Kenai River mainstem upstream of river mile 13 from July 10-September 20.	Oppose- ? all rivers closed? 0 support, 14 oppose
206	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Close the Kenai River upstream of the Soldotna Bridge to sport fishing for king salmon.	Oppose- Tributary kings already have the protection and it would push fishing pressure below the Soldotna bridge. 0 support, 14 oppose
207	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) of 20,000-40,000 Kenai River late-run king salmon.	Support- It needs to be raised with these times of low returns, especially after it was lowered in 2013. 15,000 goal is TOO LOW Oppose- It would reduce harvest and probably close the river to king fishing. 7 support, 4 oppose
208	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Establish a biological escapement goal (BEG) of 17,800-35,700 Kenai River late-run king salmon.	See #207 above Support; we need to start moving our escapement goals back to where they were before when we had FISH in the river. LESS IS MORE, is not working. Opposed; loss of returning fish due to overescapement 10 support, 4 opposed
209	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Establish paired restrictions in sport, personal use, and commercial fisheries to meet sustainable escapement goal (SEG) and modify sport fishing liberalizations when goal is projected to be exceeded.	Support- It would pair restrictions somewhat equally among users. Oppose- This is allocative. Not against pairing as long as it is equal 9 support, 2 oppose

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210	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Modify <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> to remove preamble language, establish a biological escapement goal (BEG) of 12,000-28,000 king salmon, increase emergency order (EO) hours for commercial fishing, and delete habitat and EO provisions.	Oppose 0 support, 14 oppose
214	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Amend the management plan to clarify provisions within the <i>Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan</i> exempt under this plan.	Support- This is housekeeping for the dept. 14 support, 0 oppose
218	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Use the southern Anchor River marker instead of the Bluff Point marker when restricting the marine king salmon fishery to protect Kenai River king salmon.	Support; this is not the area that late run Kenai and Kasilof kings are in late July Oppose; if everything else closes, this should close 4 support, 9 oppose, 1 abstain
219	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Close sections of the Kenai River to sport fishing for king salmon during July.	Oppose; close 25-60% of the king salmon fishery Moves more people into the lower river More kings spawn after July 31 0 support, 14 oppose
220	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon every other mile on the Kenai River between Eagle Rock and the Soldotna Bridge.	Oppose; how would you enforce this? 0 support, 14 oppose
221	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. In times of low escapement of Kenai River king salmon, close or create conservation zones where king salmon spawn.	Oppose- This would close most of the river and it would reduce harvest. 0 support, 14 oppose

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222	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Prohibit use of eggs for bait in the Kenai River king salmon sport fishery.	Oppose- What about other baits and scents used. Eggs only, what about other bait? 0 support, 14 opposed
223	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Prohibit use of bait in the Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries.	See #222 above. 0 support, 14 opposed
224	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Require barbless hooks when use of bait is prohibited on the Kenai River.	Oppose- There is no data on the difference between a barbless hook and a barbed hook on fish mortality. 0 support, 14 opposed
225	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Modify Kenai River king salmon annual limit to two fish, of which only one may be greater than 28 inches in length.	Support; conservation issue, would only allow harvest of 1 king Oppose- This would reduce fishing pressure and it would affect resident anglers more than non-resident anglers. No annual limit on 28 inch fish Not needed for conservation 4 support, 10 oppose
226	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 75.011. Sport fishing by proxy. Prohibit proxy fishing for king salmon in the Kenai River.	Oppose- this would save very little king salmon 0 support, 14 opposed
227	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Require department to demonstrate a significant savings of fish when restricting Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries.	Support- Wants to know the reasoning when an EO comes out. Oppose; to complex and hard to perform by Dept 2 support, 12 oppose
228	5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section. Stock the Kenai River with 50,000 king salmon smolt.	Oppose- The dept. doesn't stock over wild fish 0 support, 14 oppose

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229	5 AAC 57.106. Description of Kenai River Drainage Area Sections. Modify description of the Lower Section of the Kenai River to denote the mouth of the Kenai River.	Support; housekeeping 14 support, 0 oppose
230	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Add a reference to an ADF&G regulatory marker at the outlet of Skilak Lake.	Support; adding markers will help support king salmon conservation Support 14, oppose 0
231	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King salmon Management Plan methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Remove a small section of water in the Moose River open to king salmon fishing.	Support- king conservation Support 14 oppose 0
232	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Modify the boundary for prohibiting sport fishing from a boat around the Moose River.	Support- Dept. would put markers on the river and it would better the boundary in the sanctuary area. It would help with enforcement Support 14 oppose 0
233	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing within the Soldotna Centennial Campground boat launch lagoon.	Support- Evidently it is an issue that needs to be addressed and the date could be moved or changed to help. Support 14 oppose 0
234	5 AAC 57.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Establish a new Kenai River riparian habitat area closed to fishing July 1–August 15.	Support 14 oppose 0

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235	5 AAC 56.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Kenai Peninsula Area; 5 AAC 57.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 59.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area; 5 AAC 60.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Knik Arm Drainages Area; 5 AAC 61.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Susitna River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 62.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the West Cook Inlet Area; and 5 AAC 77.5XX. New Section. Require the department to conduct habitat assessments on Upper Cook Inlet rivers related to sport and personal use fisheries.	Support; Oppose- It is a budgetary issue and the dept. does this at the present time anyway for some rivers. 0 support, 14 oppose
236	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Require submission of findings and proposals if the Kenai River riparian habitat assessment demonstrates a loss of riparian habitat.	Oppose- This doesn't require a habitat assessment and it doesn't change nay regulations. Support 0, oppose 14
237	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Add an additional drift boat-only day (Thursdays) on the Kenai River.	Oppose- At this time river access isn't able to accommodate the added fishing pressure. It would take away an opportunity from the average fisherman. There is the cost affect to the average person and people that are not physically able to row a drift boat. It would add guides to the river when they are not out now. Support 4-10 oppose
238	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Add an additional drift boat-only day (Thursdays) on the Kenai River.	See #237 above. Support 4, oppose 10
239	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Add an additional drift boat-only day on the Kenai River.	Support- It could be looked at. Oppose- Se #237 above. This would reduce opportunity Senior's would be out opportunity Support 0-oppose 14
240	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing from a vessel on Mondays in the Kenai River downstream of Skilak Lake during May, June, and July.	Support; Oppose- This is allocative and it would take away an unguided fishing day on the river. Support 0, oppose 14

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241	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit fishing from a vessel on the Kenai River from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. during May, June, and July.	Oppose- This is allocative and it would take away fishing time from the unguided anglers. Would not save any fish. 0 support, 14 oppose
242	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Restrict outboard motor use on the Kenai River to 10 horsepower or less.	Support; Oppose- This would be inclusive to the whole river for all boats. Why not just say a drift boat only river. Support 3, oppose 11
243	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Beginning in 2015, prohibit outboard motor exhaust from being discharged into the waters of the Kenai River.	Support 3, oppose 11
244	5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Close Hidden Lake Creek and Jean Lake Creek to salmon fishing.	Support 14- oppose 0
245	5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing for salmon in Russian River upstream of the power line.	Support; Oppose- This would make the lower river even more crowded and the dept. has other ways to achieve this. 0 support, oppose 14
246	5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit barbed hooks when sport fishing in the Middle Section of the Kenai River drainage, including Russian River.	Oppose- This would include all fish in the river. 0 support , oppose 14
247	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow snagging of sockeye salmon in the Kenai River.	Oppose- This would be too involved and it is a statewide regulation on no snagging. It would increase harvest of sockeye salmon. 0 support , oppose 14
248	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.170. Kenai River Coho Salmon Management Plan. Start the three coho salmon bag limit on the Kenai River two weeks earlier on August 15.	Oppose- It would affect harvest earlier, it had been liberalized before to where is now. There is no data available to do this. 0 support, oppose 14

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249	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Prohibit use of eggs for bait in the Kasilof River king salmon sport fishery.	Support; kills more kings Those against bait Oppose- There are 2 types of kings in this fishery now and the dept. wants the hatchery fish to be utilized. 7 support, 7 oppose
250	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Prohibit retention of female king salmon greater than 33 inches in length in the Kasilof River sport fishery.	Oppose- This flies in the face of all the catch and release being talked about right now. 0 support, opposed 14
251	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Reduce king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish on the Kasilof River.	Oppose- The dept. wants the hatchery fish to be utilized by the sport fishery and the fishery met the goal in 2013. 0 support, opposed 14
252	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Open rainbow trout fishing year-round in the Kenai River downstream of an ADF&G marker located upstream of the Lower Killey River, and increase rainbow trout spawning closure area below the Upper Killey River by approximately three-quarters of a river mile.	Support- It would protect spawning trout not protected now. It would open the non spawning areas 14 support, opposed 0
253	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Open rainbow trout fishing year-round in the Kenai River downstream of an ADF&G marker, designating the upper end of the Killey River king salmon sanctuary, and increase the rainbow trout spawning closure area located above the Upper Killey River.	See #252 above. 14 support, opposed 0

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254	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow fishing for trout on the Kenai River below Moose River using bait beginning June 1 and restrict gear.	Oppose- This is too complex with different types of gear to be used. 0 support, opposed 14
255	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Move Hidden Lake Creek and Hidden Lake special provisions from the Lower Section management area to the Middle Section management area.	Support- It is a clarification of the regulation. Support 14, opposed 0
256	5 AAC 57.123. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Upper Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Reduce spawning closure period on Crescent Lake/Crescent Creek.	Support- it would put the closure for spawning trout with the rest of the river. Support 14, opposed 0
257	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Create a spawning closure period on Bench Lake and Bench Creek for Arctic grayling.	Support- It will protect spawning grayling. Support 14, opposed 0
258	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Remove liberal gear limits of five lines allowed while fishing through ice on Stormy Lake for northern pike.	Support- With no more pike in the lake, the existing limits are not needed now. 14 support, opposed 0

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259	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. From May 1 to July 31, limit hours allowed for boat anglers; limit guides to 10 starts per week; and clarify department emergency order (EO) authority.	Oppose- This would be a regulation nightmare and be allocative. We already have enough regulations on the river. 0 support, opposed 14
260	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow guided fishing on the Kenai River seven days per week, but guides can only operate during five days of their choosing.	Oppose- It is allocative between guided and non guided and also resident and non resident. Support 0 , opposed 14
261	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow five anglers to fish from a registered guide vessel on the Kenai River during the month on July.	Oppose- In times of conservation there is no need to increase fishing pressure. 0 support, opposed 14
262	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing from a registered guide vessel downstream from the outlet of Kenai Lake on Sundays and Mondays.	Oppose- This area is federally controlled already and guides could still fish from the shore which is what they do mostly any way. Support- This would put the upper river in line with the lower river. 10 support , opposed 4
263	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow fishing for coho salmon from a guided vessel in the Kenai River on Labor Day.	Oppose- It would increase harvest. Support- It would help people down for the 3 day weekend be able to fish on Monday. It would increase revenue I the area. Support 14, opposed 0
264	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow anglers on the Kenai River to fish for coho salmon from a registered guide vessel on Mondays beginning September 1.	Oppose- It would increase the harvest and they already have enough days now. It would be allocative. Support- Resident anglers need the days. Support 0, opposed 14
265	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow Kenai River anglers upstream of the inlet of Skilak Lake inlet to fish for coho salmon from a registered guide vessel on Mondays beginning August 1.	Oppose- It would increase harvest. Support 0, opposed 14

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266	5 AAC 56.140. Kasilof River guiding and guided fishing requirements and 5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit a registered guide who guides on the Kenai River from guiding on the Kasilof River when the Kenai River is closed to guided fishing on Sundays and Mondays.	Oppose- We don't like the fact that they move around from river to river and it increases fishing pressure in times of low returns. Support 14, opposed 0
267	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Limit the number of guides on the Kenai River to 200.	Oppose- only the legislature can do this. Support 0, opposed 14
268	5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section and 5 AAC 21.XXX. New Section. Placeholder proposal to allow stakeholders, department, and board to discuss proposed regulatory action based on results of 2012 Kenai River Freshwater Logbook data.	Oppose- Dept. publishes a statewide report on the log books already. Support 0, opposed 14
269	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Management Plan. Update sockeye salmon numbers within the personal use salmon management plan to align with the <i>Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan</i> .	Support 14, opposed 0
270	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Clarify when a person is required to record their harvest within Upper Cook Inlet personal use salmon fisheries regulations.	Support 14, opposed 0
271	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Direct department to provide permit holder information to enforcement officials if permit holder fails to return their permit.	TNA
272	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Require a person to show proof of residency prior to a permit being issued and require personal use fishery to be closed if more than five percent of permits are not returned.	5% rule is our objection Support 0, opposed 14
274	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Require online permitting for personal use permits, establish penalties for violations, and reduce household limit to 15 per head of household and 5 for each additional member.	Support ; on line permitting No reason to lower limit Support 0, opposed 14
275	5 AAC 77.525. Personal use salmon fishery. Limit the number of Cook Inlet personal use permits that can be issued to 30,000 permits.	No biological reason to do this Support 0, opposed 14

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276	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Open Kenai River personal use fishery after 350,000 sockeye salmon escapement has been reached.	Support 0, opposed 14
277	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Open Kenai River personal use fishery after escapement has been met.	Support 0, opposed 14
278	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Prohibit emergency order (EO) authority liberalizing personal use salmon fishery to 24 hours per day, but allow for increased harvest limits.	Social issue, not biological Support 0, opposed 14
279	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Modify existing Kenai River personal use fishery hours from 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., to 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m..	This would cause a congestion problem Support 0, opposed 14
280	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Reduce Kenai River personal use fishing season, establish paired restrictions with commercial fishery to achieve inriver goal, and prohibit retention of king salmon.	Support 0, opposed 14 This affects too many sports fisherman planning vacations
281	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Kenai River personal use fishery.	Department can already do this Support 0, opposed 14
282	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Extend the Kenai River personal use fishery into August.	This would affect the taking of coho Support 0, opposed 14
283	5 AAC 77.525. Personal use salmon fishery. Reduce household limits for Kenai River personal use fishery based upon Kenai River sockeye salmon run size.	What happens when the run is late? Support 0, oppose 14
284	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Establish harvest allocations for the Kenai River personal use fishery based upon Kenai River sockeye salmon run size.	Support 0, opposed 14

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285	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Prohibit dipnetting from boats in the Kenai River personal use fishery.	No biological reason to do this Support 0, opposed 14
286	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Establish a no-wake zone and maximum speed limit on the Kenai River between river mile 3 and 4.5 during the personal use fishery.	Support 0, oppose 13 abstain 1
287	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Reduce allowable mesh size to 2-inch mesh in Cook Inlet personal use dipnet fisheries.	Support 0, opposed 14
288	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Prohibit release of salmon caught in Cook Inlet personal use fisheries.	Support 0, opposed 14
289	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Require fish waste from the Kenai River personal use fishery to be ground up to three-quarters inch.	Support 0, opposed 14
290	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Change dates for the Kasilof River personal use (PU) set gillnet fishery from June 15-24 to June 20-30, and close the PU set gillnet fishery and require release of all king salmon in the PU dipnet fishery when sport fish restrictions are placed on king salmon in the Kenai or Kasilof rivers.	Would help keep Kasilof kings but cause conflict in user groups Support 7, opposed 7
291	5 AAC 77.527. Personal use smelt fishery. Extend fishing season for personal use smelt fishery from April 1 through June 15.	Support 14, opposed 0
294	5 AAC 21.358. Northern District Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan to manage Northern District commercial salmon fisheries based on abundance of Northern District sockeye and coho salmon.	Support; MANAGE for Little Su coho! Fish Creek Coho We support getting fish to the northern streams that are currently being under used due to lack of fish because of allocation practices of the comm fishery. Nothing in the management plan shuts down comm fishery even though the sport fishery is restricted or closed. 10 support, 0 oppose, 1 abstain
296	5 AAC 21.366. Northern District King Salmon Management Plan and 61.XXX. New Section. Adopt a Deshka River king salmon management plan.	Support 2, opposed 12

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297	5 AAC 21.366. Northern District King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section. Adopt a Deshka River king salmon management plan.	Oppose- Support 2 , opposed 12
298	5 AAC 61.112. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 1 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. Allow use of bait in the Deshka River on June 1 instead of May 15.	Oppose- This is a conservation measure. Support- Commissioner has EO authority and it lets the dept. manage fishery on returns at the time. Support 10, opposed 4
299	5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section. Stock Deshka River with king salmon.	Oppose- Dept. doesn't stock over wild fish. Support 0, opposed 14
300	5 AAC 61.112. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 1 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. Establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Deshka River coho salmon.	Oppose- Let the dept. do its job and get an SEG first. Support- It is a good idea Support 0, opposed 14
301	5 AAC 21.XXX. New Section and 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section. Adopt a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) established by the department or establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Kashwitna River king salmon.	Support; Dept already has the info since 1977, why not use it if we are collecting it? Oppose- run is too small to manage and provide opportunity 12 support, 2 oppose , 2 abstain
302	5 AAC 61.120. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 5 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing for all salmon in Larson Creek and its confluence with the Talkeetna River from June 1 - September 30.	Oppose- No biological reason for this to be closed. Support 0, opposed 14
303	5 AAC 61.120. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 5 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing in Larson Creek and its confluence with Talkeetna River from June 15- August 15.	Oppose- Support 0, opposed 14
304	5 AAC 61.120. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 5 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing at the outlet of Larson Lake.	Oppose- It is already closed.

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305	5 AAC 61.120. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 5 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. Close the Fish Creek drainage to sport fishing for salmon.	There is no information on escapement at this time. No Action
306	5 AAC 61.112. Special provisions and localized additions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 1 of the Susitna River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 61.118. Special provisions and localized additions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 4 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. Move several lakes from Unit 4 of the Susitna River drainage to Unit 1.	Support 14, opposed 0
310	5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Allow harvest of king and coho salmon only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in the Little Susitna River, and reduce harvest limits.	Allocative
311	5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section. Direct the department to begin stocking coho salmon into the Little Susitna River.	Oppose- The dept. doesn't stock over wild fish and the dept already has the authority to stock this river. Support 0, opposed 14
312	5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section. Direct the department to begin stocking coho salmon into the Little Susitna River.	See #311 above. Support 0, opposed 14
313	5 AAC 21.XXX. New Section and 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section. Adopt a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) established by the department or establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Little Susitna River sockeye salmon.	Support 13, opposed 0, abstained 1
314	5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Open Little Susitna River sockeye salmon sport fishery by emergency order (EO) and only when escapement of 2,500 sockeye salmon can be projected.	Support 13, opposed 0, abstained 1

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315	5 AAC 21.XXX. New Section and 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section. Adopt a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) established by the department or establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Little Susitna River chum salmon.	Support 13, opposed 0, abstained 1
316	5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Require use of four-stroke outboard motors on Little Susitna River and limit the number of outboards on the river per day.	Support 0, opposed 14
317	5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Prohibit sport fishing from a boat during the coho salmon season on the Little Susitna River.	TNA
318	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Open the Fish Creek personal use fishery unless the sockeye salmon escapement is projected to be less than 50,000 fish.	Oppose- since they don't stock this anymore the escapement will be limited. Dipnetting would overpower the fishery. It would be better to open it after the number reaches 50,000. TNA
319	5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Define area open to fishing within the Jim Creek drainage, limit sport fishing from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the coho salmon season, close specific lakes to fishing, and prohibit continued fishing after taking a bag limit of salmon.	Support 14, opposed 0
320	5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Limit hours open to sport fishing in Jim Creek from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m..	TNA
321	5 AAC 21.XXX. New Section and 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section. Adopt a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) established by the department or establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Moose Creek king salmon.	Oppose- The data isn't sufficient enough to have a goal and a sport fishery. Support 0, opposed 14
322	5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Amend area open to sport fishing for king salmon in the Eklutna Tailrace.	14 support, opposed 0
323	5 AAC 60.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Create a youth-only fishery in the Eklutna Tailrace.	Support 14, opposed 0

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324	5 AAC 60.120. General provisions for season, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainage Area. Update stocked lakes list for the Knik Arm drainage area.	Support 14, opposed 0
325	5 AAC 59.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area. Reduce bag limit for landlocked king and other salmon in Anchorage stocked lakes.	Support 14, opposed 0



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AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): NINILCHIK

DATE (of meeting): OCT. 29, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve VANek, Robert Clucas
David Martin, Mike Schuster, Gary Deimon
Aaron Berger, John McCombs

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:

Jeff Berger, Norbert Miller, Tiffany
Stonocyphen, Rion VANek
Greg ENCELEWSKI

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES X NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: None

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:10 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting ^{Recessed} ~~Adjourned~~: 10:00 PM

Steve Vanek
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Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee

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Oct. 29, 2013

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AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Niñilchik

DATE (of meeting): NOV. 6, 2013 - continuation meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve VANek, David Martin,
Bob Lucas, Gary Delman, Mike Schuster
Rion VANek, John McCombs

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:

Jeff Berger, Aaron Berger, Norbert Miller
Tiffany Stonecipher

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES ☒ NO ☐

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Luke Kummer; Tropper

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:10 P.M.

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Time Meeting Adjourned: _____

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John McCombs

11 - Association/Corporation 12 - Conservationist



ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Ninkhik

DATE (of meeting): 12/3/2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Vanek, Ron Vanek,
Tiffany Stonecipher, Robert Lucas, Mike Schuster,
David Martin, Norbert Miller, Jeff Bergen, Aaron
Bergen, Greg Engleweski, John McCombs, Gary Derrion

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES X NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: _____

Bob Schaverson (Cook Islander). Report on HB 77

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

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Joe Simpson			
TIFFANY STONECIPHER			
Bob Shavelson			
Dan Blum			
Mike Schuster			
Bob C. Quince			
John H. Combs			
Greg Freese			
NORBERT MILLER			
JEFF BERGER			
A.J. Berger			

Interest Groups: 1 - Trapping 2 - Sport Fishing 3 - Subsistence 4 - Hunting 5 - Commercial Fishing
 6 - Photography 7 - Guiding 8 - Processing 9 - Personal Use 10 - Outdoorsperson
 11 - Association/Corporation 12 - Conservationist



ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Niuvitchik

DATE (of meeting): 12-19-13

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Vanek, Robert Clucas
David Martin, John McCombs, Norbert Miller,
Gary Deimon, Jeff Berger, Aaron Berger

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:

RION VANER, Mike Schuster, Tiffiney ~~Steele~~
Stonecipher, Greg Canselowski

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES X NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: NONE

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:20 PM

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Time Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 PM

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Board appointed Madeline ~~Thompson~~ ^{Thompson} to fill Doug Blosson's seat

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Date: 12-19-13

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Martin, Norbert Miller, Madeline Thompson,
Mike Schuster, Robert Lucas, Jeff Berger,
Steve Vanek, Gary Salmon, John McCamba

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:

Ron Vanek, Aaron Berger, Greg Enslenski

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES ☒ NO ☐

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: None

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 PM

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Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Date: 01/07/14

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NORBERT MILLER	NINILCHIK, AK		
Joe Simpson	Ninilchik		
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Jeff Berger	Box 39229 Ninilchik		252-7485
Joe Clossas	NINILCHIK AK		
Nike Schuster	Ninilchik		
Gary Deima	"		
John McCombs	"		567-3334

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Proposal #	Description	AC Vote For – Against – Abstain Amendment Committee Discussion	JAN 14 2014 BOARDS ANCHORAGE
103	5 AAC 21.363. Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to drop inriver goals from list of escapement goals, prioritize achieving the lower end over exceeding the upper end of an escapement goal, and require the department to utilize all prescriptive elements found in codified plans before going outside of codified plans to achieve established escapement goals.	<u>Failed 7-0</u> This would be weak stock management and would hamstring Managers. This proposer is a 501(c)3 organization that should not be political.	
104	5 AAC 21.363. Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan. Repeal the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan	<u>passed - 7-0</u> These plans allocate unfairly placing the burden almost exclusively on commercial fishermen. The plan is designed to overescape systems on purpose. They conflict with each other.	
105	5 AAC 21.363. Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to establish a harvest allocation between commercial set and drift gillnet fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet.	<u>Failed - 7-0</u> Salmon entry into the Inlet varies from year to year so the percentages will always vary somewhat from year to year especially with the trying to follow the plans.	
106	5 AAC 21.363. Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan. Repeal management plan and replace with a flexible management plan.	<u>Passed - 7-0</u> The current management plans do not work. No flexibility for managers, constant over escapement, no abundance based management need to have Monday and Thursday regular periods with E.O. authority for managers.	
107	5 AAC 21.XXX. New Section. Allow commercial set gillnet fishing to occur in areas where commercial drift gillnetting is allowed in the Central District of Upper Cook Inlet.	<u>passed - 7-0</u> Set netters should open when drifters do. No biological reason not to open them.	
108	5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons. Allow commercial salmon fishing in the Central District to remain open until closed by emergency order (EO).	<u>Passed. 7-0</u> This allows managers the flexibility to manage. This allows the true use of E.O. is as the state boasts about.	



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109	5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons. Allow commercial salmon fishing in Central District to remain open until closed by emergency order (EO).	See <u>Passed 7-0</u> see #108 - This includes the set nets.
110	5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons. Allow commercial salmon fishing in the Central District to remain open until closed by emergency order (EO).	<u>Passed 7-0</u> see 108 + 109
111	5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons. Modify fishing seasons and remove restrictions on commercial set gillnet fishing in the Upper Subdistrict.	Passed - as amended 7-0 the amendment - open Kasilof setnets on June 20 th instead of June 25. Passed 7-0
112	5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons. Change the estimated number of sockeye salmon in the Kasilof River that allows the department to open the Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict to set gillnetting on or after June 25.	<u>Failed - 7-0</u> - Kasilof River is grossly over escaped every year, loss of revenue and waste of a food source - should open June 20 every year - see # 111. one member challenged KRSA as a 501(c)3 organization should not be putting in allocative proposals.
113	5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons. Change the estimated number of sockeye salmon in the Kasilof River from 50,000 to 60,000, which allows the department to open the Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict to set gillnetting on or after June 25.	<u>Failed - 0-7</u> - Dept. has authority to extend periods depending on the tides. see # 112
114	5 AAC 31.320. Weekly fishing periods. Allow weekly fishing periods for the set gillnet fishery in the Central District to end at 10:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m..	Failed 7-0 <u>Failed 7-0</u> Dept. has E.O. authority to extend fishing periods depending on abundance and the tides
115	5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons. Change when the set gillnet fishery opens in the Kenai and East Forelands sections of the Upper Subdistrict from July 8 to July 1 and remove the reference that closes the fishery by emergency order (EO) under the "one-percent rule".	<u>passed 7-0</u> go back to historical opening. No good biological reason not to open earlier. Very few things saved by later opening.



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116	5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons. Remove provision where the set gillnet fishery in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands sections of the Upper Subdistrict will close after July if less than one percent of the total season's sockeye is harvested in two consecutive fishing periods ("one-percent rule") and end fishing season on August 15.	<u>passed 7-0</u> 1% is an arbitrary and capricious regulation. NO basis in biology. NO information on how many coho are saved by this kind of ballot box Biology
117	5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons. Remove provision where the set gillnet fishery in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands sections of the Upper Subdistrict will close after July if less than one percent of the total season's sockeye is harvested in two consecutive fishing periods ("one-percent rule"); end fishing season on August 15; and allow regular fishing periods only from August 11-15.	<u>passed as amended 7-0</u> Amended to remove aug. 15 closure and substitute, closed by E.O. <u>passed 7-0</u>
118	5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons; 5 AAC 21.320. Weekly fishing periods; 5 AAC 21.331. Gillnet specifications and operations; and 5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Open North-Kenai Beach (244-32) to commercial setnet fishing on July 1-7 for regularly scheduled 8-hour periods, fishing predominately during ebb tides, with setnet gear restricted to 29 meshes deep.	<u>Failed 7-0</u> should be opened on July 1 but restricting it to 29 meshes won't do anything. This put in to placate KRSN, which will not happen.
119	5 AAC 21.310. Fishing seasons. Change how the department determines if less than one percent of the season's total sockeye salmon harvest has been taken in the Upper Subdistrict.	<u>Failed 7-0</u> There should not even be a 1% rule. That is why we oppose it. see #116
120	5 AAC 21.320. Weekly fishing periods. Allow commercial salmon fishing in the Central District to remain open on Mondays and Thursdays until closed by emergency order (EO).	<u>passed 7-0</u> use abundance based management not arbitrary closures. There is lost opportunity for pinks and chums for no biological reason.
121	5 AAC 21.320. Weekly fishing periods. Allow regularly-scheduled commercial fishing periods on Mondays and Thursdays, through July 18.	<u>no action</u> See #120



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122	5 AAC 31.320. Weekly fishing periods. Allow weekly fishing periods for the drift gillnet fishery in the Central District to be moved up to 36 hours when the NOAA forecast for Area 140, Cook Inlet north of Kamishak Bay and English Bay, is calling for winds above 23 knots, including small craft advisory, and gale or storm force winds.	<u>Passed 7-0</u> This is a safety issue only. It has no allocation or biological consequences.
123	5 AAC 21.320. Weekly fishing periods. Change regularly-scheduled fishing periods in the Kalgin Island and Western subdistricts to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday.	<u>Failed 7-0</u> The real answer to the problem is to have regular Inlet wide openings so that a more orderly fishery can happen and thus there would not be many big Towler plugged days.
124	5 AAC 21.330. Gear; 5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters; and 5 AAC 21.366. Northern District King Salmon Management Plan. Correct errors in regulation regarding regulatory marker locations and fixed positions of area boundaries.	<u>Passed on Oct. 22 meeting 10-0</u> only if this doesn't replace the physical markers on the beach which are easier and quicker to see.
125	5 AAC 21.330. Gear. Allow selective harvest modules (SHM), under certain specifications and operations, to be used to commercially harvest salmon in the Upper Subdistrict of the Central District.	<u>Failed 7-0</u> The 13% harvest of Kings by setnetters is not the problem with the king return. Kings can be rolled out of setnets now and many are.
126	5 AAC 21.331. Gillnet specifications and operations and 5 AAC 21.333. Requirements and specifications for use of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet in the Cook Inlet Area. Prohibit permit stacking in the commercial set and drift gillnet fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet.	<u>Failed 7-0</u> Permit stacking does work and does remove extra gear from the water, there are always boats with no permits looking for a permit holder, so an older permit holder can fish his whole net.
127	5 AAC 21.333. Requirements and specifications for use of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet in the Cook Inlet Area. Allow one individual to hold two limited entry drift gillnet permits and fish both at the same time from the same vessel.	<u>Passed 7-0</u> This does reduce amount of gear and also allows an individual person a chance to make more income for him self

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128	5 AAC 21.333. Requirements and specifications for use of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet in the Cook Inlet Area; 5 AAC 21.334. Identification of gear; and 5 AAC 21.345. Registration. Amend references to registration requirements for set and drift gillnetting in Upper Cook Inlet.	<u>Passed 7-0</u> This makes the process more user friendly, makes a lot of sense
129	5 AAC 21.333. Requirements and specifications for use of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet in the Cook Inlet Area. Remove registration requirement for joint operation of drift gillnet gear.	<u>Passed 7-0</u> This is really a housekeeping proposal, simplifies things which is always good.
130	5 AAC 21.345. Registration. Require CFEC setnet permit holders registered in the Upper Subdistrict to fish in only one section (Kasilof or Kenai) for the entire season.	<u>Failed 7-0</u> This does not solve any biological problem. Leave it as.
131	5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters. Close waters within one statute mile of the Little Susitna River to commercial fishing.	<u>Failed 7-0</u> This would eliminate two historic sites and have little to do with making escapement goals. There is no current stocking in Little Su. Why! The escapement goal was established when there was stocking
132	5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters. Close waters within one statute mile of the Little Susitna River to commercial fishing.	<u>Failed 7-0</u> See # 13)
133	5 AAC 21.355. Reporting requirements. Require the number of commercially-harvested king salmon to be recorded by length (under 20" and over 20") on fish tickets.	<u>Passed 7-0</u> good idea because it gives more data, also Jacks are mainly males and don't lay eggs so shouldn't be counted as spawners

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134	5 AAC 21.368. Big River Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to include all waters of the Kalgin Island Subdistrict and reduce fishing time from three days a week to two days a week.	<u>Failed 7-0</u> East side Kaligin doesn't catch Big River fish.
135	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Modify management plan to remove provisions 5 AAC 21.353(a)(2)(A), (B), and (C) in the management plan, as follows.	<u>Passed 7-0</u> This provides more flexibility in management because the runs are highly variable from year to year and thus management should depend on what is happening now.
136	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Modify management plan to change dates of drift fishery to June 19-September 1 and run-strength trigger points for late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon; remove area restrictions in July; and modify provisions affecting additional fishing periods.	<u>Passed 7-0</u> same as 135. Salmon move through the inlet at different times and different places every year. need to take care of fresh water problems in the northern district first.
137	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Modify management plan to remove area restrictions and change expanded corridor area.	<u>Passed 7-0</u> we need flexible management year to year. because salmon do not follow the same routes in the inlet year to year.
138	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Restrict drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections from June 19-August 10.	<u>Failed 7-0</u> sockeye escapements are being met in the indicator lakes, urbanization, culverts, high temps, high hook and release mortality for chas is not a drift fishery problem. as long as there is a scapegoat nothing will be done in fresh water
139	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Restrict drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections.	<u>Recessed</u> until Oct. 29. Reconvened with 10 voters present. <u>139- Failed 10-0</u> see 138. again drift fishing is used as a scape goat for in-River problems.

140	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Amend management plan to restrict drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections.	Failed 10-0 This shows that a former B.O.F. member had an agenda when he was on the B.O.F. Sockeye do not always follow the same path in Cook Inlet.
141	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Modify management plan to provide reasonable opportunity for Northern District set gillnetters to harvest all salmon stocks.	Failed 10-0 while we support setnetters having a reasonable opportunity to fish the problem is not the drift fishery. It is N. District management management.
142	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Amend management plan to provide Northern Cook Inlet Management Area subsistence users and personal use dipnetters a reasonable opportunity to harvest salmon by restricting commercial gillnet fishing to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections of the Upper Subdistrict from June 19 through August 10.	Failed 10-0 This is a new organization on a fully allocated resource. Why allow more fishing on a fully allocated resource. Fish have to be taken from someone else in order to give to a new group. Any problems are in river - not in the Inlet.
143	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Require drift permit holders to register to fish in one of two specific Central District drift fisheries.	Failed 10-0 No understanding of fish at all, a typical scape goat response. This kills an industry for a solution that does not solve any problem.
144	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Amend management plan to provide reasonable subsistence, personal use, and commercial setnetting harvest opportunity and manage the drift gillnet fishery so that any commercial drift fishing opportunity outside the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections is based on abundance of Northern District sockeye and coho salmon.	Failed 10-0 another scape-goat attempt. Coho goals not met because there is no stocking of cohos anymore and escapement goals were established when there was stocking.
145	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Amend management plan to add a section about mixed-stock salmon management, using the long-term commercial harvest report as a tool to reduce harvest of salmon stocks by the drift gillnet fishery in the Central District.	Failed 10-0 scapegoat proposal. Take care of in river problems first.

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146	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Develop an inseason harvest estimate.	<u>Failed 10-0</u> why are escapement goals being less now than before when drifters fished continuously in the past and now are severely restricted. Use common sense, something is wrong in the fresh water systems.
147	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Amend management plan to reduce sport fish bag limit to two coho salmon in all sport fisheries on the west side of Cook Inlet and restrict drift gillnet fishing to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections, if sport fishing for coho salmon is restricted or closed in the Little Susitna River.	<u>Failed 10-0</u> please look at the little susitna report for the answers. It is not a drift fishing problem.
148	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to include a biological escapement goal (BEG) of 160,000-340,000 sockeye salmon and clarify intent of provision regarding meeting lower end of optimum escapement goal (OEG) over exceeding upper end of OEG.	NO action - see #152
149	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Direct the department to manage late-run Kasilof River sockeye salmon to achieve a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 160,000-340,000; remove the optimum escapement goal (OEG) of 160,000-390,000; and remove some provisions in the management plan.	<u>Passed 10-0 as amended</u> Amendment: have a BEG of 150,000 - 250,000 as recommended in proposal #152. Amendment passed 10-0
150	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Modify management, including changing effective dates and reference for Kasilof River sockeye salmon from optimal escapement goal (OEG) to biological escapement goal (BEG).	NO action - see #152
151	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan after July 15 such that the trigger point for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon run strength is changed from 2,300,000 to 2,000,000 and the 24-hour restriction on additional fishing time is removed.	<u>Passed 10-0</u> This makes both plans have the same language



152	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to allow department to manage Kasilof River sockeye salmon primarily for commercial uses based on abundance and meet a spawning escapement goal of 150,000-250,000 sockeye salmon.	Passed 10-0 Tustumene lake is spawning limited. Excess escapements mean redds are dug up. Means also, resource wasted when excess is sockeyes could be marketed.
153	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to allow set gillnets to be operated and restrict drift gillnets within 1,200 feet of the mean high tide mark in Kasilof River Special Harvest Area.	Failed 10-0 The real problem is the management plan that allows so many fish to escape and causes the Dept. to open it in the first place.
154	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to open the set gillnet fishery in the South K-Beach statistical area (244-10) when the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area is opened.	Failed as amended 9-1 Amendment: all of area 244-10 (set net area) should be open when Terminal is open. [Failed 10 7-3]
155	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan to change effective dates and require 36-hour closure periods ("windows") take place after July 1.	Failed 10-0 it failed because all windows should be done away with. They do not work. They cause overescapement and economic hardship and loss of income to local area and the state
156	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Establish an additional 24-hour window in the Kasilof area prior to July 7, limit extra fishing periods in the Kasilof area after July 7 when the Kenai area is closed, and limit use of the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area.	Failed 10-0 This is an allocation proposal not an educational one. Illegal for a 501(c)3 organization to do. See #155. Windows don't work.
157	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to remove references to Northern District coho, late-run Kenai River king, Kenai River coho salmon stocks; add language that states the department shall manage common property fisheries for a reasonable opportunity to harvest salmon resources; and change plan to manage late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon for a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 750,000-900,000.	passed 10-0 current plan creates overescapement, loss of harvest, waste of resource on both large and small runs. after many years of use, this plan does not work.
158	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to remove references to Northern District coho, late-run Kenai River king, Kenai River coho salmon stocks and add language that states the department shall manage common property fisheries for a reasonable opportunity to harvest salmon resources.	Passed 10-0 current plan does not allow flexible abundance based management

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159	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan to change optimum escapement goal (OEG), inriver goals, and run-strength trigger points for late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon; and modify restrictions on the sport fishery when run strength is below 2,000,000 sockeye salmon.	# NO action: see #159 See # 157
160	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to establish a single optimum escapement goal (OEG) for late-run sockeye salmon and direct the department to manage for this OEG.	NO action See # 157
161	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to change the upper end of the three inriver goals (tiers) for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon to 1,500,000.	Failed 10-0 Illegal proposal from a 501(c3) organization. Not educational - this grossly overescapes the system year after year, Wasteful
162	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to manage late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon for an escapement goal of 550,000-750,000 sockeye salmon.	Passed 6-4 yeses said the lower number is always exceeded anyway. NOS said they felt the goal in #157 was the better goal.
163	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan to achieve late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 700,000-1,200,000 instead of the optimum escapement goal (OEG) of 700,000-1,400,000; modify the inriver goal; and remove some provisions in the plan.	Passed as amended 10-0 amendment: establish a goal of 750,000 - 900,000 Beg/seg, passed 10-0
164	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to re-establish commercial priority for sockeye salmon in Upper Cook Inlet.	Passed 10-0 when this was in the plan the resource was fully allocated. Resource was reallocated to a new fishery - dip netting - This wasn't legal at the time.
165	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to allow the 24-hour closure period (or "window") to be scheduled at any time during the week, and change the 36-hour closure period to 24 hours and allow it to be scheduled between 7:00 p.m. Thursday and 11:59 p.m. Sunday.	Failed 10-0 Floating windows might be better but we believe there should be no windows as they don't work - and cause waste of resource.



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166	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to allow the 24-hour window, when the commercial set gillnet fishery is closed in the Upper Subdistrict, to be scheduled between the regular Monday and Thursday fishing periods.	Failed 10-0 we oppose any windows. They don't work, floating or otherwise.
167	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Remove 24- and 36-hour closure periods ("windows") in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery after July 31.	No action - see 165 & 166
168	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Liberalize the Kenai River sockeye salmon bag and possession limit when the run is forecasted to exceed 2.3 million fish.	Failed 10-0 should not be put into regulation. Managers can do it by E.O. - illegal for a SOIC organization to be allocating.
169	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Increase Kenai River sockeye salmon bag and possession limit to six fish when commercial fishing is opened by emergency order (EO) after July 1.	Failed 10-0 sport fishing for sockeye requires that there be a lot of fish in the river to snag in the mouth. This will only increase anglers frustration.
170	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Increase possession limit for Kenai River sockeye salmon from three to six fish.	Failed 10-0 see #169
171	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to require fishing closures ("windows") to Kenai River inriver sport fish and personal use fisheries when there are closure periods for the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery.	Passed 8-2 If commercial fishermen have windows, then so should sport fishermen. Parity. Those opposed - oppose windows for anybody.

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172	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Close the Kenai River personal use fishery when it is announced the sockeye salmon optimal escapement goal (OEG) may not be met.	<u>Passed 10-0</u> Dip netting was started because of surplus fish. If that is not going to be a surplus then it should be closed. escapement must be met.
173	5 AAC 21.354. Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan. Modify confusing provisions of the management plan to reference the Upper Subdistrict to ensure they meet board intent as originally adopted.	<u>Failed 10-0</u> This is allocative. The Dept. is is always neutral on allocative proposals. If other salmon are meeting the escapement goals then there should be ample opportunity to commercially catch pink.
174	5 AAC 21.354. Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan. Modify pink salmon management and/or develop a new management plan to allow for harvests of earlier-arriving Northern pink salmon and later-arriving Kenai and Kasilof pink salmon.	<u>Passed. 10-0</u> It is a wonton waste issue to not harvest this valuable resource when other species have or are meeting their escapement goals.
175	5 AAC 21.356. Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to read that the department shall manage Cook Inlet pink salmon stocks primarily for commercial uses to provide an economic yield from the harvest of these salmon resources based on abundance.	<u>Passed 10-0</u> see 174
176	5 AAC 21.310. Fishing Seasons and 5 AAC 21.354. Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan. Amend fishing seasons and management plan to remove restrictions on set gillnet fishing in the Kenai, Kasilof, and East Forelands sections of the Upper Subdistrict in August, and change mesh size from four and three-quarters inches to four and seven-eighths inches when fishing for pink salmon.	<u>passed - 9-0</u> (one person had to leave) Amended: not just 5 days but closed by 8:00. <u>Passed 9-0</u>
177	5 AAC 21.354. Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan. Remove provisions restricting harvest of pink salmon in Upper Cook Inlet and add language to allow harvest of pink salmon from August 1-15 during even-numbered years, with mesh-size restrictions of five inches or less; no restrictions on area of operation relative to shore; and manage pink salmon based on harvest or escapement goals.	No action see 176
178	5 AAC 21.354. Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan to remove the 600-foot restriction and allow set gillnets to be operated from shore for pink salmon in the Upper Subdistrict.	No action see 176



179	5 AAC 21.354. Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to remove restriction that only allows operation of set gillnets 600 feet or greater from the shoreline.	NO action see 176
180	5 AAC 21.354. Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan. Develop a management plan to harvest pink salmon in Upper Cook Inlet.	Passed 9-0 agreed that pink salmon are a valuable resource and should be harvested - otherwise wanton waste
181	5 AAC XX.XXX. Cook Inlet Northern Pike Management Plan. Establish a commercial fishery for Northern pike in Upper Cook Inlet.	Passed 9-0 might be a good way to reduce pike predation, this would not be a limited entry fishery, open to anyone.
182	5 AAC XX.XXX. New Section. Establish a five-dollar bounty for northern pike.	Passed 9-0 anything to get rid of the pike problem
183	5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section. Adopt a policy that prohibits sport fishing within 50 percent of identified salmon spawning areas in all Upper Cook Inlet salmon waters.	passed 9-0
184	5 AAC 01.530. Subsistence fishing permits; 5 AAC 56.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai Peninsula Area; 5 AAC 57.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 58.024. Harvest record required; annual limits; 5 AAC 59.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area; 5 AAC 60.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Knik Arm Drainages Area; 5 AAC 61.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Susitna River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 62.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the West Cook Inlet Area; and 5 AAC 77.525. Personal use salmon fishery. Require sport, personal use, and subsistence fishermen to record and report king salmon harvest information within a 24-hour period.	passed as amende 9-0 Amendment: change reporting requirement to 24 hr. for guides and 7 days for all others. Passed 9-0 Recessed until wed. Nov. 6

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185	5 AAC 01.5XX. New Section; 5 AAC 21.3XX. New Section; 5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 58.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 77.5XX. New Section. Require daily reporting of all salmon harvested in Upper Cook Inlet salmon fisheries by all user groups.	Resumed from Oct. 29 # 7 members present. No action - see amended # 184
186	5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King salmon Management Plan methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Add a reference to the existing optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Kenai River early-run king salmon and provide department additional management flexibility.	Failed 7-0 why is the Dept. sponsoring an allocation proposal? while we support the "may" instead of "shall". The Dept. establishes the BEG, not the OEG.
187	5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Modify the Kenai River early-run king salmon plan to provide the department more flexibility when liberalizing the sport fishery.	Passed 7-0 we favor more flexibility for the Dept. "May" gives that flexibility.
188	5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Maintain existing optimal escapement goal (OEG) of 5,300-9,000 Kenai River early-run king salmon.	Failed 6-1 The proposed complaint is flawed but here they want it lower, when com. Fishermen don't fish.
189	5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Modify Kenai River early-run king salmon optimal escapement goal (OEG) to 9,000-14,000 fish.	Passed 5-2 The NO's wanted the OEG to stay at 5300.
190	5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Revise the management plan with measures that stabilize fisheries during low-run years, increase opportunities during large-run years, and eliminate the "slot limit" for king salmon.	Failed 7-0 now the proposer wants the word "shall" in there instead of "May". They can't make up their mind. We oppose multiple hooks - favor single barbless hooks.
191 191	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Increase Kenai River early-run king salmon slot-limit size requirement.	Passed 7-0 we oppose slot limits. Removes large kings and kills smaller ones that are hooked and released.
192 192	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Increase the Kenai River early-run king salmon slot-limit size requirement and extend slot limit through July 31.	Failed 7-0 we oppose slot limits. Removes large king genes and kills smaller ones that are hooked and released.



<p>193 193</p>	<p>5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Prohibit retention of early-run and late-run Kenai River king salmon 42 inches or greater in length.</p>	<p>Failed 7-0 see #192 comments. We oppose slot limits.</p>
<p>194 194</p>	<p>5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River</p>	<p>Failed 7-0 see #192. Hook and release has too high a mortality; catch and keep if fishing is allowed.</p>
<p>195</p>	<p>Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Prohibit retention of female king salmon greater than 33 inches in length in the Kenai River sport fishery.</p>	<p>Failed 7-0 See #194</p>
<p>196 196</p>	<p>5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Extend Kenai River early-run king salmon regulations through July 9.</p>	<p>Failed 7-0 Though we might favor this because it may save more early run kings; The slot limit would still be there which we oppose.</p>
<p>197 197</p>	<p>5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan; 5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Modify the Kenai River early- and late-run king salmon sport fisheries to begin seasons without bait and catch-and-release only.</p>	<p>Passed 7-0 as amended. A amendment: NO catch and release allowed. Catch and keep. If the purpose is to save kings in the early part of the run then you don't want catch and release. If you are going to kill a fish by releasing it, it is better to kill and keep it.</p>

198	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan; 5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Begin early- and late-run king salmon seasons with catch-and-release only and then liberalize during the season.	Failed 7-0 see #197 catch catch and release killo kings. Better to catch and keep.
199	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Allow catch-and-release fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River when runs are projected to be below the escapement goal.	Failed 7-0 see #197 catch and release mortality is 30-40% not 7%.
200	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for king salmon on the Kenai River.	Passed 7-0 see #197. catch and release mortality is too high.
201	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King salmon Management Plan. Establish the lower Slikok Creek king salmon sanctuary area as the lower boundary for restrictive actions in July to conserve early-run king salmon and prohibit bait for an additional two weeks in July in those waters.	Failed 6-1 Because this still allows the slot limit we oppose it. while we support the extension of no bait area. we oppose the slot limit. The gear rule felt the slot limit would remain and favored extending the no bait area to Slikok creek.
202	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Increase Slikok Creek king salmon sanctuary area an additional 200 yards.	Passed 7-0 more protection for Slikok creek. It also should be rehabilitated while there are still fish there.
203	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Increase Slikok Creek king salmon sanctuary area an additional 600 feet.	Passed as amended 7-0 amendment: 600 ft means 300 ft above and 300 more feet below than where it is now. passed 7-0

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204	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Increase Kiley River king salmon sanctuary area an additional 600 feet.	<u>passed as amended 7-0</u> amendment: The 600 ft. means 300 above and 300 ft below the current markers. 7-0 gives more protection.
205	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Close Kenai River tributaries to all fishing July 1-August 30, and the Kenai River mainstem upstream of river mile 13 from July 10-September 20.	<u>passed as amended 5-2</u> Amendment: Closures are for king salmon fishing only. 6-1 the no thought it was too restrictive.
206	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Close the Kenai River upstream of the Soldotna Bridge to sport fishing for king salmon.	<u>Passed as amended 7-0</u> Amendment: Clarify that this includes both the early and late run kings. 7-0 The lower inlet streams are a model for this idea as well as the Kasilof River where there is no fishing above the Sterling Inway Bridge.
207	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) of 20,000-40,000 Kenai River late-run king salmon.	<u>Failed 7-0</u> see # 210 - also an illegal proposal by a 501c3 organization that is allocating nat' educational. This would cause an unnecessary closure of set nets. (allocative)
208	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Establish a biological escapement goal (BEG) of 17,800-35,700 Kenai River late-run king salmon.	<u>Failed 7-0</u> The data shows that a BEG of 12,000 - 28,000 is an acceptable range. See # 210
209	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Establish paired restrictions in sport, personal use, and commercial fisheries to meet sustainable escapement goal (SEG) and modify sport fishing liberalizations when goal is projected to be exceeded.	<u>Failed 7-0</u> another illegal proposal by a 501c3 organization, that is allocative and not educational. The commercial fishery should not be tied to the problems in the Kenai River.
210	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Modify Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan to remove preamble language, establish a biological escapement goal (BEG) of 12,000-28,000 king salmon, increase emergency order (EO) hours for commercial fishing, and delete habitat and EO provisions.	<u>Passed 7-0</u> This proposal has common sense as an approach to the escapement problems and in river problems.



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211	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Establish certain set gillnet gear restrictions implemented by department to meet escapement goal.	<u>Failed 7-0</u> another illegal proposal by the 501, c3 organization. This has nothing to do with education but is a political attempt to restrict another user group that has no biological reason behind it.
212	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan to allow restrictions to set gillnetters in the Upper Subdistrict when the late-run Kenai River king salmon sport fishery has gone to catch and release, including limiting how many nets a permit holder can fish; closing fishing within one-half mile offshore; and nonretention or sale of king salmon.	<u>Failed 7-0</u> once the Dept. starts down this road it will be a slippery slope. The bigger problem is an in-river problem. Set netters should not be punished for this. Escapement goals have been met.
213	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Close set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict, if the late-run Kenai River king salmon sport fishery is restricted to catch and release.	<u>Failed 7-0</u> The set netters should not be tied to the sport fishery since the in-river problems are not caused by the set-netters.
214	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Amend the management plan to clarify provisions within the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan exempt under this plan.	<u>Failed 7-0</u> The current Kenai River Late run King Salmon management does not work and is damaging the King & sockeye resources and all users of these resources. The plans must be changed to the one layed out in 210 or else we will ruin the King and sockeye runs and unnecessarily harm the commercial fishing industry and other in river users.
215	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Allow set gillnet fishing to occur in East Forelands Section of the Upper District if projected inriver return is less than 40,000 king salmon, projected escapement is less than 15,000 king salmon, and inriver sport fishery is closed.	<u>Failed 7-0</u> Though we agree with the proposed; this divides the setnetters. There should be no closure of set nets tied to the sport fish closure.
216	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to change effective dates of provisions in the plan; delegate authority to the commissioner to manage restrictions by time, area, methods, and means during times of low king salmon abundance; and delete a provision in the plan.	<u>Passed 7-0</u> These closure are unnecessary and unfairly restrict the set netters and the Dept.
217	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Delete language in Cook Inlet management plans that restricts department's flexibility to manage salmon fisheries based on inseason abundance and add language that states the department shall manage common property fisheries for a reasonable opportunity to harvest salmon resources.	<u>Passed 7-0</u> The word "minimize" unfairly discriminates against commercial fishermen. Minimize is too ambiguous. Some persons believe minimize means "no fishing" period. Catching one king is too many.



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218	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Use the southern Anchor River marker instead of the Bluff Point marker when restricting the marine king salmon fishery to protect Kenai River king salmon.	<u>Failed 7-0</u> Leave as is
219	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Close sections of the Kenai River to sport fishing for king salmon during July.	Failed <u>Passed 5 yes 2 no</u> agree with the Issue comments. Kenai kings need this protection. See our action and comments on Prop. 206. No's didn't want close areas.
220	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing for king salmon every other mile on the Kenai River between Eagle Rock and the Soldotna Bridge.	<u>Passed 9 yes 3 no</u> yes votes said it would be best to go drift+ boat only on the Kenai River. This might be worth a try at least until kings rebound. The No's said not flexible and would be difficult to enforce.
221	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. In times of low escapement of Kenai River king salmon, close or create conservation zones where king salmon spawn.	<u>Passed 12 yes 0 no</u> need to protect spawning areas.
222	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Prohibit use of eggs for bait in the Kenai River king salmon sport fishery.	<u>Passed 11 yes 1 no</u> Information from the catch & Release mortality report puts the mortality for kings at 38% to 50%. Reports also shows sodium nitrite is killing fry & smolt when used on egg cure. Need to protect the female kings. The no said if there are enough kings bait should be allowed.
223	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Prohibit use of bait in the Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries.	<u>Passed 12 yes 0 no</u> Bait increases C&R mortality & is highly efficient when we are at a time to conserve in river harvest of kings early run.

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224	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Require barbless hooks when use of bait is prohibited on the Kenai River.	<u>Passed 12 yes 0 no</u> will help reduce catch & Release mortality.
225	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Modify Kenai River king salmon annual limit to two fish, of which only one may be greater than 28 inches in length.	<u>Failed 0 yes 12 no</u> encourages hook & release. Mortality is too great.
226	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 75.011. Sport fishing by proxy. Prohibit proxy fishing for king salmon in the Kenai River.	<u>Passed 8 yes 4 no</u> Proxy fishing contributes to a lot of abuse. People can and do share fish without proxy. No enough kings. No said there was a need for proxies.
227	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Require department to demonstrate a significant savings of fish when restricting Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries.	<u>Failed 0 yes 12 no</u> This can't be determined, especially in real time.
228	5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section. Stock the Kenai River with 50,000 king salmon smolt.	<u>Amended</u> Amendment, to support rehabilitation on Kenai River Kings where and when the need arises, use Regional Planning Team's 20 year plan. amendment and amended proposal Passed 12 yes 0 no.
229	5 AAC 57.106. Description of Kenai River Drainage Area Sections. Modify description of the Lower Section of the Kenai River to denote the mouth of the Kenai River.	<u>Failed 5 yes 7 no</u> yes support proposals NO is said it should be noted as other river mouths in the state as defined by mean lower low waters. Consistency.



230	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Add a reference to an ADF&G regulatory marker at the outlet of Skilak Lake.	Passed 12 yes 0 no Housekeeping favor removing staging area
231	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King salmon Management Plan methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Remove a small section of water in the Moose River open to king salmon fishing.	Passed 12 yes 0 no Support the department favor removing staging area.
232	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Modify the boundary for prohibiting sport fishing from a boat around the Moose River.	Passed 12 yes 0 no clarifies closed area
233	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing within the Soldotna Centennial Campground boat launch lagoon.	Passed 12 yes 0 no safety issue because more people means more safety issues
234	5 AAC 57.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Establish a new Kenai River riparian habitat area closed to fishing July 1–August 15.	Passed 12 yes 0 no Housekeeping sort of. Supports department

235	5 AAC 56.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Kenai Peninsula Area; 5 AAC 57.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 59.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area; 5 AAC 60.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Knik Arm Drainages Area; 5 AAC 61.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Susitna River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 62.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the West Cook Inlet Area; and 5 AAC 77.5XX. New Section. Require the department to conduct habitat assessments on Upper Cook Inlet rivers related to sport and personal use fisheries.	<u>Passed 12 yes 0 no</u> Riparian habitat should be protected on all streams.
236	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Require submission of findings and proposals if the Kenai River riparian habitat assessment demonstrates a loss of riparian habitat.	<u>Passed 12 yes 0 no</u> This would make the habitat division do its job.
237	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Add an additional drift boat-only day (Thursdays) on the Kenai River.	<u>Passed 12 yes 0 no</u> we agree with the City of Kenai.
238	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Add an additional drift boat-only day (Thursdays) on the Kenai River.	<u>Passed 12 yes 0 no</u> we agree with more drift boat days.
239	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Add an additional drift boat-only day on the Kenai River.	<u>Passed 12 yes 0 no</u> we agree will give the salmon and people and habitat a day more with minus all the negative effects of motor boats. Increases the fishing & river experience.
240	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing from a vessel on Mondays in the Kenai River downstream of Skilak Lake during May, June, and July.	<u>Amended & Passed as amended 12 yes 0 no</u> Amendment: amend it to Tues. instead of mondays. 12-0-0 monday is a drift only day and we don't want to get rid of that.

241	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit fishing from a vessel on the Kenai River from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. during May, June, and July.	Passed as amended - 12-0-0 change it from 10 PM to midnight amendment passed. 12 yes
242	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Restrict outboard motor use on the Kenai River to 10 horsepower or less.	12 yes - 0 no - wakes from big boats - disruption of spawners. we support drift only so this would help.
243	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Beginning in 2015, prohibit outboard motor exhaust from being discharged into the waters of the Kenai River.	Failed 12 no 0 yes good idea but not practical to enforce.
244	5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Close Hidden Lake Creek and Jean Lake Creek to salmon fishing.	passed 12 - 0 house keeping
245	5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing for salmon in Russian River upstream of the power line.	No action - No one was familiar with the area or the problem - NO Dept. personnel ever came to our meetings.
246	5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit barbed hooks when sport fishing in the Middle Section of the Kenai River drainage, including Russian River.	passed 7 yes - 5 no Hook and release mortality is too high.
247	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow snagging of sockeye salmon in the Kenai River.	Failed 12 no - 2 yes NO snagging but if caught legally should be kept.
248	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.170. Kenai River Coho Salmon Management Plan. Start the three coho salmon bag limit on the Kenai River two weeks earlier on August 15.	Failed 9-0 - Issue statement is a lie. com. fishing is still restricted to conserve coho. so if increasing sport limit should go back to cloudy com. fish by E.O.

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249	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Prohibit use of eggs for bait in the Kasilof River king salmon sport fishery.	Passed 7 yes - 2 no when no bait on the Kenai, then more people come to Kasilof, should be no bait on the Kasilof also.
250	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Prohibit retention of female king salmon greater than 33 inches in length in the Kasilof River sport fishery.	Passed 9 - 0 save the larger females.
251	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Reduce king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish on the Kasilof River.	Passed 9 - 0 make it the same as the Lower peninsula rivers and you cant move from one river to another on same day.
252	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Open rainbow trout fishing year-round in the Kenai River downstream of an ADF&G marker located upstream of the Lower Killey River, and increase rainbow trout spawning closure area below the Upper Killey River by approximately three-quarters of a river mile.	Passed 9 - 0. we support the Dept.
253	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Open rainbow trout fishing year-round in the Kenai River downstream of an ADF&G marker, designating the upper end of the Killey River king salmon sanctuary, and increase the rainbow trout spawning closure area located above the Upper Killey River.	NO action see # 252
254	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow fishing for trout on the Kenai River below Moose River using bait beginning June 1 and restrict gear.	Passed 9 - 0 Trout eat salmon eggs, so should allow more opportunity to catch Trout.

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255	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Move Hidden Lake Creek and Hidden Lake special provisions from the Lower Section management area to the Middle Section management area.	passed 9-0 house keeping
256	5 AAC 57.123. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Upper Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Reduce spawning closure period on Crescent Lake/Crescent Creek.	passed 9-0 this allows more opportunity.
257	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Create a spawning closure period on Bench Lake and Bench Creek for Arctic grayling.	passed 9-0 we agree with the Dept. Protect spawners.
258	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Remove liberal gear limits of five lines allowed while fishing through ice on Stormy Lake for northern pike.	passed 9-0 House keeping
259	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. From May 1 to July 31, limit hours allowed for boat anglers; limit guides to 10 starts per week; and clarify department emergency order (EO) authority.	Failed 9-0 Too complex to enforce, Relies too much on guide enforcement.
260	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow guided fishing on the Kenai River seven days per week, but guides can only operate during five days of their choosing.	Failed 9-0 will not work. Can't enforce it with personnel now available
261	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow five anglers to fish from a registered guide vessel on the Kenai River during	Failed 9-0 This will not reduce overfishing. How often does this happen?



	the month on July.	
262	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing from a registered guide vessel downstream from the outlet of Kenai Lake on Sundays and Mondays.	<u>Passed 9-0</u> This will help overcrowding
263	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow fishing for coho salmon from a guided vessel in the Kenai River on Labor Day.	<u>Failed 9-0</u> alaskans like non-guided days and are glad when fest. comes
264	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow anglers on the Kenai River to fish for coho salmon from a registered guide vessel on Mondays beginning September 1.	<u>Failed 9-0</u> This allows one unguide day which most alaskans like. If angler participation is low, then com. fishing should be allowed
265	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow Kenai River anglers upstream of the inlet of Skilak Lake inlet to fish for coho salmon from a registered guide vessel on Mondays beginning August 1.	<u>Failed 9-0</u> leave Mondays alone,
266	5 AAC 56.140. Kasilof River guiding and guided fishing requirements and 5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit a registered guide who guides on the Kenai River from guiding on the Kasilof River when the Kenai River is closed to guided fishing on Sundays and Mondays.	<u>Passed 9-0</u> keeps guides from crowding the Kasilof when the Kenai is closed
267	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Limit the number of guides on the Kenai River to 200.	<u>Passed 9-0</u> guides are killing machines and their numbers should be limited, same reason Com. Fish went to limited entry. Too many participants
268	5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section and 5 AAC 21.XXX. New Section. Placeholder proposal to allow stakeholders, department, and board to discuss proposed regulatory action based on results of 2012 Kenai River Freshwater Logbook data.	<u>Passed 9-0</u> There is no excuse for not having the info in a timely manner

269	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Management Plan. Update sockeye salmon numbers within the personal use salmon management plan to align with the <i>Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan</i> .	Failed 9-0 we want it to be changed to 2 mil. in the plan instead of 2.3 mil.
270	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Clarify when a person is required to record their harvest within Upper Cook Inlet personal use salmon fisheries regulations.	Passed 9-0 Need the clarification.
271	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Direct department to provide permit holder information to enforcement officials if permit holder fails to return their permit.	Passed 9-0 The Dept. is not sending names to enforcement. There has been about last revenue of over \$11 million.
272	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Require a person to show proof of residency prior to a permit being issued and require personal use fishery to be closed if more than five percent of permits are not returned.	Passed 9-0 Better proof of residency. P.O. Box is not good enough. Force people to return the permits if they lose the fishery. Would be better to deny the ones who don't return it.
273	5 AAC 77.015. Personal use fishing permits and reports and display of personal use fish and 5 AAC 77.525. Personal use salmon fishery. Exempt a person obtaining a personal use dipnet permit for Cook Inlet from requirement that the person is the holder of a valid resident sport fish license or is a resident exempt from licensing under AS 16.05.400.	Passed 9-0 personal use is not sport fishing - should have its own permit.
274	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Require online permitting for personal use permits, establish penalties for violations, and reduce household limit to 15 per head of household and 5 for each additional member.	Passed 9-0 There needs to be some sort of control on the open end dip net fishery. This may help.
275	5 AAC 77.525. Personal use salmon fishery. Limit the number of Cook Inlet personal use permits that can be issued to 30,000 permits.	Passed 9-0 This could be done by lottery like hunting permits. a fully allocated resource cannot handle unlimited access.
276	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Open Kenai River personal use fishery after 350,000 sockeye salmon escapement has been reached.	Passed 9-0 There needs to be a starting point to open the fishery rather than a date

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277	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Open Kenai River personal use fishery after escapement has been met.	<u>Passed 9-0</u> It was a surplus fishery and still should be. It was started on a fully allocated fishery
278	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Prohibit emergency order (EO) authority liberalizing personal use salmon fishery to 24 hours per day, but allow for increased harvest limits.	<u>Passed as amended 9-0</u> Amendment - remove the harvest limit increase. 9-0
279	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Modify existing Kenai River personal use fishery hours from 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., to 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m..	No action - see # 278
280	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Reduce Kenai River personal use fishing season, establish paired restrictions with commercial fishery to achieve inriver goal, and prohibit retention of king salmon.	<u>Passed 9-0</u> There are not enough fish in the river early and people blame com. fish. Should wait for minimum escapement goal.
281	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Kenai River personal use fishery.	<u>Passed 9-0</u> because of the king problem.
282	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Extend the Kenai River personal use fishery into August.	<u>Failed 9-0</u> Commercial fishing will be curtailed to allow more sockeye into river after aug. 1 as it is already. Should allow more com. fishing to catch surplus.
283	5 AAC 77.525. Personal use salmon fishery. Reduce household limits for Kenai River personal use fishery based upon Kenai River sockeye salmon run size.	<u>passed 9-0</u> Sportmen are always calling for sharing the burden but dip netters never do.



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284	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Establish harvest allocations for the Kenai River personal use fishery based upon Kenai River sockeye salmon run size.	<u>No Action!</u> See #283
285	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Prohibit dipnetting from boats in the Kenai River personal use fishery.	<u>Passed 8 yes 1 no</u> The use of boats has increased crowding & water turbidity. Boats are midwater trawling instead of dipnetting. Safety issue, enforcement lacking. Large salmon mortality from prop impacts. No vote concerned about old people no being able to dip from beach.
286	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Establish a no-wake zone and maximum speed limit on the Kenai River between river mile 3 and 4.5 during the personal use fishery.	<u>Failed 1 yes 8 no</u> unenforceable Shouldn't use boats but should regulate if do. yes vote concerned about old people participation.
287	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Reduce allowable mesh size to 2-inch mesh in Cook Inlet personal use dipnet fisheries.	<u>Passed 9 yes 0 no</u> This would get rid of gill netting with a dipnet and put the fishery back to a dipnet use.
288	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Prohibit release of salmon caught in Cook Inlet personal use fisheries.	<u>Passed 9 yes 0 no</u> we support catch and keep. A released fish is a dead and wasted fish for food and spawning.
289	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Require fish waste from the Kenai River personal use fishery to be ground up to three-quarters inch.	<u>Passed 9 yes 0 no</u> Sanitary issue. Should be same as what is required for the commercial processors in this same area. 3/4 of an inch.
290	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Change dates for the Kasilof River personal use (PU) set gillnet fishery from June 15-24 to June 20-30, and close the PU set gillnet fishery and require release of all king salmon in the PU dipnet fishery when sport fish restrictions are placed on king salmon in the Kenai or Kasilof rivers.	<u>Failed 3 yes 6 no</u> No votes said to leave the dates as they are now. yes votes said this allows more fish into the river so the lower beach would start set netting earlier.
291	5 AAC 77.527. Personal use smelt fishery. Extend fishing season for personal use smelt fishery from April 1 through June 15.	<u>Failed 0 yes 9 no</u> Dates don't mesh with the issue because the hooligan are not there. Doesn't make sense.



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292	5 AAC 21.366. Northern District King Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan to restrict commercial king salmon fishing in the Northern District if sport fishing in the Deshka River is restricted to artificial lures, or close commercial king salmon fishing in the Northern District if sport fishing is restricted to catch and release or closed in Susitna River tributary streams upriver from the Deshka River.	Failed 9-0 } use E.O. to control fishing - not regulation.
293	5 AAC 21.358. Northern District Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan to restrict commercial set gillnet fishing to one regular 12-hour period per week in the Northern District if sport fishing in the Deshka River is restricted to artificial lures; or close the Northern District to commercial fishing, if sport fishing is closed in the Little Susitna River, Fish Creek, Jim Creek, or Deshka River.	Failed 9-0 } should not blame com. fish for what is going on in river problem,
294	5 AAC 21.358. Northern District Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan to manage Northern District commercial salmon fisheries based on abundance of Northern District sockeye and coho salmon.	Failed 9-0 } coho are no longer enhanced. The goals were established when they were enhancing the cohos.
295	5 AAC 21.358. Northern District Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to remove references to Northern District coho, late-run Kenai River king, Kenai River coho salmon stocks, and add language that states the department shall manage common property fisheries for a reasonable opportunity to harvest salmon resources.	Passed 9-0 } let the Dept. have flyability, get rid of word minimize which usually means no coho caught by com. fishery
296	5 AAC 21.366. Northern District King Salmon Management Plan and 61.XXX. New Section. Adopt a Deshka River king salmon management plan.	Failed 9-0 } Let the Dept. do it by E.O. instead of by regulation.
297	5 AAC 21.366. Northern District King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section. Adopt a Deshka River king salmon management plan.	Failed 9-0 } let Dept. do it by E.O.
298	5 AAC 61.112. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 1 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. Allow use of bait in the Deshka River on June 1 instead of May 15.	Passed 9-0 } all fisheries in trouble should start out without bait. Bait can be added later if warranted.

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299	5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section. Stock Deshka River with king salmon.	<u>Passed 8 yes 1 no</u> yes votes wanted something positive to increase Deshka River kings No vote said there are other problems with the Deshka kings including Northern Pike, counting and overescapement.
300	5 AAC 61.112. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 1 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. Establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Deshka River coho salmon.	<u>Failed 0 yes 9 no</u> Department must or should set a BEG based on carrying capacity. An OEG is the wrong way to go because little to no data. would strictly be for allocation & restrict Commercial
301	5 AAC 21.XXX. New Section and 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section. Adopt a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) established by the department or establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Kashwitna River king salmon.	<u>Failed 0 yes 9 no</u> Should be BEG. See #300 comments
302	5 AAC 61.120. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 5 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing for all salmon in Larson Creek and its confluence with the Talkeetna River from June 1 - September 30.	<u>Passed 9 yes 0 no</u> This proposal is a must to pass because it will stop an ever growing sports fishery that is and will prevent Larson from getting its escapement. This is not sport and not a good steward of the resource.
303	5 AAC 61.120. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 5 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing in Larson Creek and its confluence with Talkeetna River from June 15-August 15.	No Action See #302
304	5 AAC 61.120. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 5 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing at the outlet of Larson Lake.	No Action See #302
305	5 AAC 61.120. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 5 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. Close the Fish Creek drainage to sport fishing for salmon.	<u>Passed 9 yes 0 no</u> we agree with the issue comment. These small streams need to be closed to protect spawning salmon.

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306	5 AAC 61.112. Special provisions and localized additions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 1 of the Susitna River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 61.118. Special provisions and localized additions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for Unit 4 of the Susitna River Drainage Area. Move several lakes from Unit 4 of the Susitna River drainage to Unit 1.	<u>passed 9-0</u> Housekeeping
307	5 AAC 01.593. Upper Yentna River subsistence salmon fishery. Extend subsistence salmon fishery from July 31 to the first Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in August.	<u>Failed 9-0</u> should leave it as is,
308	5 AAC 01.593. Upper Yentna River subsistence salmon fishery. Allow salmon to be harvested by dipnet upstream of the Yentna/Susitna confluence to an ADF&G marker located 300 feet downstream of the department's Yentna River sonar.	<u>Failed 9-0</u> Fishery is already fully allocated, constitution says no new fishery in an area where fish are fully allocated
309	5 AAC 21.XXX. New Section and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section. Develop and adopt a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) or optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Big River and Kustatan River coho salmon.	<u>Failed 9-0</u> The escapement goal should be <u>BEG</u> only.
310	5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Allow harvest of king and coho salmon only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in the Little Susitna River, and reduce harvest limits.	<u>passed 9-0</u> Look at the history of the little sw. when enhancement ended, runs declined but effort has risen.
311	5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section. Direct the department to begin stocking coho salmon into the Little Susitna River.	<u>passed 9-0</u> Little sw should again be stocked.
312	5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section. Direct the department to begin stocking coho salmon into the Little Susitna River.	<u>Failed 9-0</u> we support the stocking but not the allocation part of this.



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313	5 AAC 21.XXX. New Section and 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section. Adopt a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) established by the department or establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Little Susitna River sockeye salmon.	Failed 9-0 we see the purpose of this proposal is to establish such a high escapement goal so commercial fishing is stopped.
314	5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Open Little Susitna River sockeye salmon sport fishery by emergency order (EO) and only when escapement of 2,500 sockeye salmon can be projected.	Failed 9-0 Little Su is not a good indicator stream. This is just an end run against comm. fishing.
315	5 AAC 21.XXX. New Section and 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section. Adopt a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) established by the department or establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Little Susitna River chum salmon.	Failed 9-0 Little Su is not a good indicator stream for Chum either.
316	5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Require use of four-stroke outboard motors on Little Susitna River and limit the number of outboards on the river per day.	Passed 9-0 If you want, to use the Little Su as an indicator than better clean it up since it is now an impaired water stream.
317	5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Prohibit sport fishing from a boat during the coho salmon season on the Little Susitna River.	Passed 9-0 should limit boats but not prohibit all boats.
318	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Open the Fish Creek personal use fishery unless the sockeye salmon escapement is projected to be less than 50,000 fish.	Failed 9-0 should do it by E.O. not regulation.
319	5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Define area open to fishing within the Jim Creek drainage, limit sport fishing from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the coho salmon season, close specific lakes to fishing, and prohibit continued fishing after taking a bag limit of salmon.	Passed 9-0 Dept. is finally taking some positive action.
320	5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Limit hours open to sport fishing in Jim Creek from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m..	NO action see 319



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321	5 AAC 21.XXX. New Section and 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section. Adopt a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) established by the department or establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Moose Creek king salmon.	<u>Failed 0yes 9no</u> Should set a BEG if and when the Department has the data & money to do so.
322	5 AAC 60.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Amend area open to sport fishing for king salmon in the Eklutna Tailrace.	<u>Passed 9yes 0no</u> agree with the Department.
323	5 AAC 60.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area. Create a youth-only fishery in the Eklutna Tailrace.	<u>Failed 1yes 8no</u> Don't need special fisheries in the Eklutna Tailrace. yes wanted a youth-only fishery.
324	5 AAC 60.120. General provisions for season, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainage Area. Update stocked lakes list for the Knik Arm drainage area.	<u>Passed 9yes 0no</u> House Keeping
325	5 AAC 59.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area. Reduce bag limit for landlocked king and other salmon in Anchorage stocked lakes.	<u>Passed 9yes 0no</u> Support the Department.

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Failed 0yes 9no
This proposal is not supported by any data and is not practical.



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Meeting began at 6:00 pm and was held at the NERRS building.

Members Present: David Bayes, Ty Gates, Tom Hagberg, Dave Lyon (Chair), Lee Martin, George Matz, James Meesis, Marvin Peters, Gary Sinnhuber, Dennis Wade

Members Absent Excused: Gus Van Dyke, Pete Wedin

Members Absent Unexcused: Joey Allred, Jr, Michael Craig

Public Present: Luke Kumfer, Chuck Lindsay, Louie Flora, Representative Paul Seaton (arrived after the city council meeting)

Staff Present: Sherry Wright

AC held elections with the following results: Lee Martin, George Matz, Marvin Peters, Gary Sinnhuber and Tom Young were all re-elected for three year terms.

The Homer AC discussed with a member of Seaton's office about their proposed action on Kenai River proposals. They are proposing to submit a letter to the BOF that addresses their common and primary concern, which is advocating on behalf of the fish, rather than fighting over who catches the second to last king salmon (because the last guy that catches the fish will tow the blame).

Upper Cook Inlet BoF Proposal discussion

135	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Modify management plan to remove provisions 5 AAC 21.353(a)(2)(A), (B), and (C) in the management plan, as follows.	Support 11-0 Asks for full openings back on Mondays and Thursdays. With test boats working and DNA samples being taken, evidence shows the fishery is a mixed stock fishery traveling to various streams. Fisheries management moved the fishery around (and off the ball of fish present in the waters).
136	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Modify management plan to change dates of drift fishery to June 19-September 1 and run-strength trigger points for late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon; remove area restrictions in July; and modify provisions affecting additional fishing periods.	Support 10 – 0 -1 This proposal has to do with the trigger points. UCIDA proposals that are along these lines are good because the commercial fleet have been overly and inappropriately restricted for the last several years on runs that were strong. The lines are drawn and they are drawn daily.
137	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Modify management plan to remove area restrictions and change expanded corridor area.	Support 11 – 0 This proposal seeks to remove area restrictions and change expanded corridor areas. The index boats



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		reveal that this is a mixed stock fishery. This takes fish from area 1 and puts it into area 2, which attempts to correlate to where the rifts are.
161	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to change the upper end of the three inriver goals (tiers) for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon to 1,500,000.	Oppose 0-11 Data in the brood stock tables retained since 1968 shows that over-escapement does not work.
205	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Close Kenai River tributaries to all fishing July 1-August 30, and the Kenai River mainstem upstream of river mile 13 from July 10-September 20.	Support 11-0 This was proposed by the Homer AC and any fishing is going to interfere with the spawning kings. The survival / mortality of Chinook salmon doesn't identify if any of those fish actually spawn or not. Even if they get some eggs in the gravel are they around long enough to defend their beds. Some people along the river testified that they could just go and collect king salmon that had been played out along the beaches. Why are we not closing from the bridge up? The committee believes this proposal supports the drastic and unprecedented action to preserve the stocks of Kenai River King salmon.
218	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Use the southern Anchor River marker instead of the Bluff Point marker when restricting the marine king salmon fishery to protect Kenai River king salmon.	Support 10-0-1 This would allow fishing and still provide protective measures.
226	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 75.011. Sport fishing by proxy. Prohibit proxy fishing for king salmon in the Kenai River.	Support as amended 11-0 Amendment: Fresh water fishing only on the Kenai Peninsula 10-0-1 Support When you have a fishery that is in trouble, you don't go catch a couple extra for your neighbor who can't go out there anymore.
228	5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section. Stock the Kenai River with 50,000 king salmon smolt.	No action Where are they going to harvest the fish to begin the stocking program? This discussion will likely begin whether we like it or not. When the fish are gone – someone is going to want to stock fish. Not sure if there are federal laws that would prohibit this from happening. We can make our own Frankenfish.....

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247	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow snagging of sockeye salmon in the Kenai River.	<p style="text-align: right;">Oppose 2-6-3</p> <p>At least a fish that is caught by the head should be kept. If they are snagged in the gill, they are likely to die anyhow. Legalizing this method of fishing would change the nature of the fishery, which is socially marginally acceptable already. People observe how other people are fishing and concern of others applying this technique is high. There is a modicum of skill involved in fishing and this will cause pandemonium. Most people just leave (once they have caught their limit) but there are people that continue fishing catch and release when they have caught their limit. The escapement is not an issue in the sockeye fishery so the concern of keeping fish that have been mortally snagged is not a bona fide concern. Support is as long as they don't change the hook restrictions (to a 3/8 opening).</p>
249	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Prohibit use of eggs for bait in the Kasilof River king salmon sport fishery.	<p style="text-align: right;">Oppose 0-10-1</p> <p>If we allow this to happen on the Kasilof, concern that it will trickle to the Lower Cook Inlet streams was expressed. Prohibiting the use of eggs flat out is wrong. There are plenty of people that don't keep their roe, it is readily available on most fisheries. This is a poorly written proposal (didn't say what kind of eggs).</p>
251	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Reduce king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish on the Kasilof River.	<p style="text-align: right;">Support 11-0</p> <p>The fishery is in trouble and we are looking at options to resolve the problem. The reason there is retention of two fish is because we have hatchery and natural runs of the fish. As the Kenai becomes more restricted the effort will rise on other systems</p>
266	5 AAC 56.140. Kasilof River guiding and guided fishing requirements and 5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit a registered guide who guides on the Kenai River from guiding on the Kasilof River when the Kenai River is closed to guided fishing on Sundays and Mondays.	<p style="text-align: right;">Support as amended 11-0</p> <p>Amendment: Kenai guides may not move to the Kasilof or Cook Inlet saltwater if the Kenai River is closed to fishing. Support amendment 11-0</p> <p>Local fishers utilize the Kasilof when other systems are closed. Concern of being able to fish from the bank (as a guide) was expressed and would like clarification.</p>

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276	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Open Kenai River personal use fishery after 350,000 sockeye salmon escapement has been reached.	Support 9 - 2 Why open the fishery if there are no fish present. We like it. Personal use fishing harvests more fish on a daily basis per person. 15% are Kenai Peninsula residents. 85% are from outside of the Peninsula. There have been times one member has been sitting on the river because ADF&G doesn't have the escapement which is being caught as he sits there (so commercial fishing can't be prosecuted). So he must sit and watch others harvest those same fish. That fishery is completely and totally out of control. This proposal is a start. The opposing view believes these are Alaska fish. Dipnetting has created a huge constituency for salmon in the state that supports the sustainable management. It has created a huge sense of entitlement. Personal use begins at an arbitrary time.
281	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Kenai River personal use fishery.	Support 11-0 This is currently closed by EO and not by regulation. This would make it permanent. This also aligns the Kasilof and Kenai.
290	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Change dates for the Kasilof River personal use (PU) set gillnet fishery from June 15-24 to June 20-30, and close the PU set gillnet fishery and require release of all king salmon in the PU dipnet fishery when sport fish restrictions are placed on king salmon in the Kenai or Kasilof rivers.	No action This is also a cause that there are no kings coming into the Kasilof. Changing the dates would only target older and not as fresh of kings. Having all those nets out in front of the river on both sides is not allowing fish to come up the system. The personal use fishery is overwhelming to law enforcement – causing need for additional people out on the ground. Realistically, this should be changed to a dipnet fishery, if it continues.
291	5 AAC 77.527. Personal use smelt fishery. Extend fishing season for personal use smelt fishery from April 1 through June 15.	Support 11 - 0 For the last three years the fish were not prevalent during the season (this past year they were there in abundance). It would line up the regulations with other hooligan fisheries. Generally, for the last 30 years the fish are coming later.

Rep Seaton provided some information to the committee regarding a literature review titled "Barbed and barbless hooks and their effect on juvenile and adult salmonid mortality" and a *North American Journal of Fisheries Management* article on the "Hooking mortality of Chinook salmon released in the Kenai River, Alaska."

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Gary Sinnhuber will represent the AC at the UCI meeting by unanimous consent. The letter will be read into the record.

Next meeting February 11th at 6 pm at the NERRS building to take up game issues and get a report on the UCI BOF meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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To the board, thru the chair,

The Homer Fish and Game Advisory Council, having reviewed the proposals put forth in this cycle concerning the diminishing returns of king salmon to the Kenai River, believes that it is time for the board to enact drastic and unprecedented action to preserve stocks of Kenai River King salmon.

The majority of proposals put forth can be categorized as attempts to justify what are allocative "turf wars" amongst various user groups, generally advocating for or against a gear type, season, or angling practice.

What is absent are proposals advocating for the fish. Kenai River King salmon define the Kenai river to Alaskans and visitors. The river is not defined by the guides, sport fishers or commercial set netters but by the very existence of the Kenai River King.

The Homer AC recognizes that there are many factors affecting the returns of King salmon to the river, some within the purview of the board, some not. That being said, it is our position that EVERY fish that makes it through the gauntlet of hazards, and returns to the river MUST be afforded every opportunity to spawn. There are no fish more valuable to the continued existence of the run than those that are in the river.

We do not know what the real survival rate of caught and released kings is, though there are many studies with differing results. What is more important is that we do not know the reproductive success of fish that have been caught and released, perhaps more than once. Tracking a fish to the spawning beds does not mean it spawned. This lack of knowledge, more than anything else, prompts us to urge the board NOT to allow catch and release fishing as an alternative to river closures, nor do we believe slot limits are any more than an effort to keep anglers on the river with the slim chance that they might be able to kill one of the last big Kenai kings.

Our position is that the only chance to save what is a critically threatened run of fish is to close the Kenai to all targeted king fishing, and take drastic measures to ensure these fish are undisturbed on their spawning beds.

To this end, we have submitted and unanimously endorse proposal 205, which we consider to be representative of the drastic and unprecedented measures we believe are warranted.

The in river sport fishery is the only user group to specifically target in-river spawners, and with hundreds of guides, as well as unguided anglers, this fishery has the single greatest impact on the continued existence of Kenai River King salmon.

Though there is no "silver bullet" , the Homer AC urges the board to consider our arguments, or else we fear that while the allocation squabbles continue the fish themselves will vanish completely, and all will be moot.

Sincerely,

Homer Fish & Game Advisory Council
Dave Lyon, Chair



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12/16/2013 Minutes

Time: 6:30PM

Roll Call: Chair Crawford, Brandt, Carmichael, Corr, Hamrick, Shadura II, Van Devere.

Guests: F&G – Begich, McKinley & Pawluck; F&W – Tillman & Stang

Crawford and Shadura II gave an update on Lower Cook Inlet BOF Finfish Meeting.

Proposals: 229 – 247

See attached.

Next Meeting 12/19/2013

Adjournment: 10:10PM



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Time: 6:30PM

Roll Call: Chair Crawford, Brandt, Carmichael, Corr, Dykema, Erkeneff, Hamrick, Roberts, Shadura II, Van Devere.

Guests: F&G – Sheilds; F&W – Jaimie

Public: Dennis Randa spoke to proposals 220, 242 & 243.

Proposals: 156 - 167

See attached.

Next Meeting 12/30/2013, elections.

Adjournment: 10:30PM



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Time: 6:30PM

Election

Explanation of committee seats up for election.

Commercial Fishing Nominations:

Paul Shadura II

Nominations closed. Paul Shadura II retains seat.

Commercial Fishing Alternate Nominations:

Bill Sullivan

Nominations Closed. Bill Sullivan is new alternate.

Sport Fish Guide Nominations:

Tom Corr, Monte Roberts

Nominations closed. Monte Roberts supported for Sport Fish Guide seat.

Sport Fish Guide Alternate Nominations:

Jerry Strieby, Tom Corr

Nominations closed. Jerry Strieby supported for Sport Fish Guide Alternate seat.

Personal Use Nominations:

No nominations for this seat.

Hunting Nominations:

Michelle Maher

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Nominations closed. Michelle Maher new Hunting seat.

Trapping Seat Nominations:

Dick Dykema

Nominations closed. Dick Dykema retains Trapping seat.

At Large Nominations:

Pegge Erkeneff

Nominations closed. Pegge Erkeneff retains At Large seat.

Alternate Nominations:

No Nominations.

Currently the following seats are available, Personal Use, At Large, 2 Alternate seats.

John Joseph nominated Christine Brandt as Secretary, Brandt accepted.

Elections closed.

Introduction of AC Committee members.

Proposals: 249 – 253

See attached.

Roberts moved to reconsider proposals 242, 243 and bring 220 to the table, Shadura II seconded.

Dennis Randa, author of proposals, spoke to his proposals.

The purpose is not to take away access to the Kenai River but to change the behavior of people using it and to protect the resource.

Questions from the committee whether it is appropriate and in the best interest of the committee to set a precedence in reconsidering proposals.

Shadura II withdrew his second. Pegge Erkeneff seconded.



Discussion as to Roberts Rules of Order procedure. Ermold moved that the reconsideration be tabled until a recommendation of reconsideration be reviewed.

Next Meeting January 2, 2014



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1/2/2014 Minutes

Time: 6:30PM

Roll Call: Chair Crawford, Brandt, Carmichael, Hamrick, Maher, Erkeneff, Strieby, Joseph, Sullivan, Dykema, Shadura II, Van Devere.

Erkeneff asked for the reconsideration of proposal be brought back to the table. Chair Crawford explained that after reviewing Robert's Rules the reconsideration must be brought forward by the prevailing party; since Roberts was not in the prevailing party vote the reconsideration was not valid. Seeing that the prevailing parties are not in favor of reconsideration the original vote stands. Crawford also wanted Committee Members not present at the December 16, 2013 to have a chance to comment.

The following comments regarding 242:

Additional damage will be done to the habitat, it will make sport fishing difficult, there is a concern of safety for anglers on the bank and that they had just resolved the issue of going from a 2 stroke to 3 stroke motor due to the amount of hydrocarbons in the Kenai River.

Additional comment the Kenai River needed to be consider wholly and not was just on the surface.

Proposals: 148 – 156

See attached.

Roland Maw spoke to proposal 151.

Meeting adjourned.



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1/8/2014 Minutes

Time: 6:30PM

Roll Call: Co Chair Ermold, Brandt, Hamrick, Strieby, Sullivan, Dykema, Erkeneff, Joseph, Van Devere, Maher (arrived 6:50PM left 8:00PM)

Next Meetings will be January 13 and 15, 2014 at Cook Inlet Aquaculture, at 6:30PM.

Proposals: 260 – 279, 281, 283 & 284

See attached.



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Time: 6:30PM

Roll Call: Co Chair Ermold, Brandt, Carmichael, Strieby, Dykema, Joseph, Sullivan, Shadura II, Van Devere.

Brandt moved to approve the agenda, Joseph seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Proposals: 103 -106, 125, 135 -138

See attached.

Meeting adjourned 10:30PM.



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Time: 6:30PM

Roll Call: Co Chair Ermold, Brandt, Carmichael, Strieby, Dykema, Joseph, Sullivan, Shadura II, Van Devere, Hamrick, Roberts, Maher, Erkeneff.

Shadura II moved to approve minutes and comments from the 12/30/13, 1/02/14, 1/08/14 and 1/13/14 meetings, Maher seconded. Motion passes 12/0/0 unanimous.

Proposals: 280, 172, 282, 285-291, 318, 168-171, 207-210, 286

See attached.

Preston Williams author of 286 spoke to his proposal.

Next meetings January 20 & 22.



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Proposal #	Description	AC Vote For – Against – Abstain Amendment Committee Discussion
103 1/13/14 8	5 AAC 21.363. Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to drop inriver goals from list of escapement goals, prioritize achieving the lower end over exceeding the upper end of an escapement goal, and require the department to utilize all prescriptive elements found in codified plans before going outside of codified plans to achieve established escapement goals.	0/7/1 failed Oppose – Does not allow flexibility for the Department to manage.
104 1/13/14 8	5 AAC 21.363. Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan. Repeal the <i>Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan</i>	0/8/0 failed Repealing removes direction for the Department.
105 1/13/14 8	5 AAC 21.363. Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to establish a harvest allocation between commercial set and drift gillnet fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet.	2/6/0 failed Support – Gives the Department guidelines, fair opportunity for both users to harvest sockeye. Oppose – Restricts the Department in managing abundance when restrictions are in place. Ultimate result could be allocative.
106 1/13/14 8	5 AAC 21.363. Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan. Repeal management plan and replace with a flexible management plan .	8/0/0 No Action based on action taken on 160.
125 1/13/14 8	5 AAC 21.330. Gear. Allow selective harvest modules (SHM), under certain specifications and operations, to be used to commercially harvest salmon in the Upper Subdistrict of the Central District.	4/2/2 support Support – Applaud his efforts, something in regulation to encourage new ideas, not sure it s time to put it in regulation until it is proven to work. Oppose – It being in regulation as a legal gear type at this time. Abstain – Respect the concept but do not want to see it in regulation until it is proven to work.
135 1/13/14 8	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Modify management plan to remove provisions 5 AAC 21.353(a)(2)(A), (B), and (C) in the management plan, as follows.	1/6/1 failed Support – Improves opportunity to harvest fish. Oppose – Redirecting the line, not enough information on Northern bound stocks. Abstain – Would support this if the Northern District setnetters where allowed to receive more time. Oppose the redirecting the line.
136 1/13/14 8	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Modify management plan to change dates of drift fishery to June 19-September 1 and run-strength trigger points for late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon; remove area restrictions in July; and modify provisions affecting additional fishing periods.	1/6/1 failed Support – The current plan is not working. Oppose – Takes the preamble out, changes a restricted area, takes out restrictions. Abstain – Agree with both supporting and opposing statements.
137 1/13/14 8	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Modify management plan to remove area restrictions and change expanded corridor area.	2/6/0 failed Support – Opens up the discussion on the current plan. Oppose – Unspecified changes.



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138 1/13/14 8	5 AAC 21.353. Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan. Restrict drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof sections from June 19-August 10.	0/8/0 failed Oppose – Limits the Departments ability to manage.
148 1/2/14 11	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to include a biological escapement goal (BEG) of 160,000-340,000 sockeye salmon and clarify intent of provision regarding meeting lower end of optimum escapement goal (OEG) over exceeding upper end of OEG.	11/0/0 unanimous support Clarifies management of Kasilof plan, BEG.
149 1/2/14 11	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Direct the department to manage late-run Kasilof River sockeye salmon to achieve a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 160,000-340,000; remove the optimum escapement goal (OEG) of 160,000-390,000; and remove some provisions in the management plan.	3/8/0 failed Support – Clarifies goal, takes away erroneous restrictions that may not be appropriate. Oppose – Gets rid of Windows, unclear asking BOF to do something they cannot do.
150 1/2/14 11	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Modify management, including changing effective dates and reference for Kasilof River sockeye salmon from optimal escapement goal (OEG) to biological escapement goal (BEG).	11/0/0 No action based on 148.
151 1/2/14 11	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan after July 15 such that the trigger point for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon run strength is changed from 2,300,000 to 2,000,000 and the 24-hour restriction on additional fishing time is removed.	5/4/2 support Support – Clarifies regulation allows managers to manage for abundance, allocates more gear on boats. Oppose – Opposes windows but supports gear regulation change. Abstain – Pieces that support and parts that oppose.
152 1/2/14 11	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to allow department to manage Kasilof River sockeye salmon primarily for commercial uses based on abundance and meet a spawning escapement goal of 150,000-250,000 sockeye salmon.	11/0/0 No action based on 148.
153 1/2/14 11	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to allow set gillnets to be operated and restrict drift gillnets within 1,200 feet of the mean high tide mark in Kasilof River Special Harvest Area.	2/8/1 failed Support – Gives more opportunity. Oppose – Allocative. Clarify the areas that each gear user can utilize with markers for a more orderly fishery.
154 1/2/14 11	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to open the set gillnet fishery in the South K-Beach statistical area (244-10) when the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area is opened.	Amended 11/0/0 unanimous support Stay within 600 ft. of the mean high tide mark in the traditional fishery. As amended 5/5/1 Failed. Support – Provides additional opportunity when fish are in abundance. Oppose – Opening an area during conservation. Abstain – Issues, but understand the need.

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155 1/2/14 11	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan to change effective dates and require 36-hour closure periods ("windows") take place after July 1.	8/3/0 support Support – Provides opportunity when Kasilof sockeye are in abundance before the 1 st , directs management to manage the Kasilof River in July through the peak. Oppose – Don't want to lose windows.
156 1/2/14 11	5 AAC 21.365. Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan. Establish an additional 24-hour window in the Kasilof area prior to July 7, limit extra fishing periods in the Kasilof area after July 7 when the Kenai area is closed, and limit use of the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area.	5/6/0 failed Support – Gives a break in KRSWA. Oppose – Opposite of 155, more restrictive.
157 12/19/13 10	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to remove references to Northern District coho, late-run Kenai River king, Kenai River coho salmon stocks; add language that states the department shall manage common property fisheries for a reasonable opportunity to harvest salmon resources; and change plan to manage late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon for a sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 750,000-900,000.	3/6/1 failed Shadura II amendment, adopt (b)(3), delete (a) & (b)(1). 1/8/1 failed Support – Support as written. Oppose – Doesn't address the plan, don't like OEG. Abstain – No comment
158 12/19/13 10	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to remove references to Northern District coho, late-run Kenai River king, Kenai River coho salmon stocks and add language that states the department shall manage common property fisheries for a reasonable opportunity to harvest salmon resources.	10/0/0 No action based on 157.
159 12/19/13 10	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan to change optimum escapement goal (OEG), inriver goals, and run-strength trigger points for late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon; and modify restrictions on the sport fishery when run strength is below 2,000,000 sockeye salmon.	2/6/2 failed Support- Goals are too high puts MSY in jeopardy, DIDSON sonar numbers are counting differently. Oppose – Escapement goals shouldn't be lowered, do not like lower bag limits. Abstain – Like lower goals, do not like lower bag limits.
160 12/19/13 10	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to establish a single optimum escapement goal (OEG) for late-run sockeye salmon and direct the department to manage for this OEG.	6/3/1 support Support – One goal simplifies management for abundance. Oppose – do not want to lose windows, windows are predictable. Abstain – not enough checks and balances.
161 12/19/13 10	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to change the upper end of the three inriver goals (tiers) for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon to 1,500,000.	10/0/0 No Action , too vague
162 12/19/13 10	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to manage late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon for an escapement goal of 550,000-750,000 sockeye salmon.	10/0/0 No Action based on 160.

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163 12/19/13 10	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Modify management plan to achieve late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon sustainable escapement goal (SEG) of 700,000-1,200,000 instead of the optimum escapement goal (OEG) of 700,000-1,400,000; modify the inriver goal; and remove some provisions in the plan.	10/0/0 No Action based on 160.
164 12/19/13 10	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to re-establish commercial priority for sockeye salmon in Upper Cook Inlet.	10/0/0 No Action, It already exists in the preamble.
165 12/19/13 10	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to allow the 24-hour closure period (or "window") to be scheduled at any time during the week, and change the 36-hour closure period to 24 hours and allow it to be scheduled between 7:00 p.m. Thursday and 11:59 p.m. Sunday.	6/4/0 support Crawford amended 12:01AM to 11:59PM floating 24 hour closure per week only, Delete 2. As amended, 6/4/0 Support – Like set times on 24 hour floating window. Oppose – Want no time restrains on 24 hour floating window.
166 12/19/13 10	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to allow the 24-hour window, when the commercial set gillnet fishery is closed in the Upper Subdistrict, to be scheduled between the regular Monday and Thursday fishing periods.	10/0/0 No action based on 165.
167 12/19/13 10	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Remove 24- and 36-hour closure periods ("windows") in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery after July 31.	4/6/0 failed Support – No justification, unintended consequences. Oppose – Impact of Kings & Coho.
168 1/15/14 12	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Liberalize the Kenai River sockeye salmon bag and possession limit when the run is forecasted to exceed 2.3 million fish.	0/12/0 failed Oppose – Support the Department comments, concerns for spawning sockeye stocks in the upper river drainages.
169 1/15/14 12	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Increase Kenai River sockeye salmon bag and possession limit to six fish when commercial fishing is opened by emergency order (EO) after July 1.	0/11/1 failed Oppose – EO are not also issued in regards to large abundance of fish in the Kenai River, concerns for spawning sockeye stocks in the upper river drainages. Abstain – Frustrated that liberalization of bag limits are usually after the bulk of the run has went by.
170 1/15/14 12	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Increase possession limit for Kenai River sockeye salmon from three to six fish.	12/0/0 No action based on action taken on 168 & 169.

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171 1/15/14 12	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Amend management plan to require fishing closures ("windows") to Kenai River inriver sport fish and personal use fisheries when there are closure periods for the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery.	0/12/0 failed Oppose – Impractical, impossible to manage, confuses user.
172 1/15/14 12	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Close the Kenai River personal use fishery when it is announced the sockeye salmon optimal escapement goal (OEG) may not be met.	3/9/0 failed Support – Feels it would meet the minimum escapement when the lower end may not be met. Oppose – Too vague.
207 1/15/14 12	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Establish an optimal escapement goal (OEG) of 20,000-40,000 Kenai River late-run king salmon.	5/5/2 failed Support – Worried about future runs. Oppose – Support the Departments desire to gather more information/data. Abstain – Wants to see data before making a decision.
208 1/15/14 12	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Establish a biological escapement goal (BEG) of 17,800-35,700 Kenai River late-run king salmon.	12/0/0 No action based on action taken on 207.
209 1/15/14 12	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Establish paired restrictions in sport, personal use, and commercial fisheries to meet sustainable escapement goal (SEG) and modify sport fishing liberalizations when goal is projected to be exceeded.	4/6/2 failed Support – Believe in pared restrictions, outlines sharing of the burden better. Oppose – Inriver restrictions should not trigger commercial fishing restrictions, unfair to setnetters who already have restrictive regulations in place. Abstain – Everybody should share the burden, need more information.
210 1/15/14 1	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Modify <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> to remove preamble language, establish a biological escapement goal (BEG) of 12,000-28,000 king salmon, increase emergency order (EO) hours for commercial fishing, and delete habitat and EO provisions.	0/10/1 failed Oppose – Preamble an important part of guiding inseason management for the Department. Abstain – Confused.
218 1/15/14 12	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan. Use the southern Anchor River marker instead of the Bluff Point marker when restricting the marine king salmon fishery to protect Kenai River king salmon.	0/12/0 failed Oppose – Oppose any area being open during closures for king conservation.
229 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 57.106. Description of Kenai River Drainage Area Sections. Modify description of the Lower Section of the Kenai River to denote the mouth of the Kenai River.	6/0/0 unanimous support Clarification of regulation - Boundaries

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230 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Add a reference to an ADF&G regulatory marker at the outlet of Skilak Lake.	6/0/0 unanimous support Shadura II amendment, 2 nd by VanDevere, to include GPS coordinates in addition to markers. Main Motion with amendment 6/0/0 unanimous support Housekeeping, clarification of boundaries.
231 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King salmon Management Plan methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Remove a small section of water in the Moose River open to king salmon fishing.	6/0/0 unanimous support Simplifies regulation
232 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Modify the boundary for prohibiting sport fishing from a boat around the Moose River.	6/0/0 unanimous support Clarification of boundaries goes hand in hand with 231.
233 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing within the Soldotna Centennial Campground boat launch lagoon.	6/0/0 unanimous support Provides for an orderly fishery.
234 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 57.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Establish a new Kenai River riparian habitat area closed to fishing July 1–August 15.	6/0/0 unanimous support This area was closed by the owner of the property previously.



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235 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 56.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Kenai Peninsula Area; 5 AAC 57.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 59.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area; 5 AAC 60.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Knik Arm Drainages Area; 5 AAC 61.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the Susitna River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 62.180. Riparian Habitat Fishery Management Plan for the West Cook Inlet Area; and 5 AAC 77.5XX. New Section. Require the department to conduct habitat assessments on Upper Cook Inlet rivers related to sport and personal use fisheries.	Shadura II moved to take no action. 2/4/0 motion failed. 2/3/1 failed Support – Triennial review of habitat, 56.180, keep an eye on habitat. Oppose – too vague. Abstain – already in regulation, but agree that it needs to be done.
236 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 21.360. Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan. Require submission of findings and proposals if the Kenai River riparian habitat assessment demonstrates a loss of riparian habitat.	6/0/0 unanimous support No action
237 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Add an additional drift boat-only day (Thursdays) on the Kenai River.	3/3/0 failed Support – Step down plan for King Salmon, less harassment to spawning fish. Oppose – No biological support, additional cost to users that want to use the river, limited bathroom facilities.
238 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Add an additional drift boat-only day (Thursdays) on the Kenai River.	3/3/0 failed See 237 comments
239 12/16/13 6	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Add an additional drift boat-only day on the Kenai River.	3/3/0 failed See 237 comment
240 12/16/13 8:15PM 7	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing from a vessel on Mondays in the Kenai River downstream of Skilak Lake during May, June, and July.	0/7/0 failed Department already has EO authority to restrict fishing days.

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241 12/16/13 7	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit fishing from a vessel on the Kenai River from 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. during May, June, and July.	0/7/0 failed No biological reason to restrict access to the river. Restricts the local community to access.
242 12/16/13 7	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Restrict outboard motor use on the Kenai River to 10 horsepower or less.	4/3/0 support Support – Need to start protecting the spawning beds. Oppose – Regulations already in place, no biological reason. No bathroom facilities.
243 12/16/13 7	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Beginning in 2015, prohibit outboard motor exhaust from being discharged into the waters of the Kenai River.	0/5/2 failed Opposed – Technology is not readily available. Abstain – Brings up a good point regarding noise pollution within the river. Don't agree that exhaust is the only problem.
244 12/16/13 7	5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Close Hidden Lake Creek and Jean Lake Creek to salmon fishing.	7/0/0 unanimous support Housekeeping proposal.
245 12/16/13 7	5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing for salmon in Russian River upstream of the power line.	0/7/0 failed No biological reason, increases crowding in open area, restricted fishery.
246 12/16/13 7	5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit barbed hooks when sport fishing in the Middle Section of the Kenai River drainage, including Russian River.	1/3/3 failed Support – doesn't injure the fish as bad. Oppose – No biological reason. Abstain – Not enough information.
247 12/16/13 7	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow snagging of sockeye salmon in the Kenai River.	0/6/1 failed Oppose – Potential for abuse. Abstain – Conflict of interest.
248 12/30/13 12	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.170. Kenai River Coho Salmon Management Plan. Start the three coho salmon bag limit on the Kenai River two weeks earlier on August 15.	0/11/1 failed Oppose – Not enough information, leave regulations as they read. Abstain – Take them if there is a harvestable surplus.

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249 12/30/13 12	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Prohibit use of eggs for bait in the Kasilof River king salmon sport fishery.	3/9/0 failed Support – Conservation measure; protects female kings from being targeted for their eggs. Oppose – No need to have a regulation, Department has EO authority.
250 12/30/13 12	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Prohibit retention of female king salmon greater than 33 inches in length in the Kasilof River sport fishery.	12/0/0 No action based on 249.
251 12/30/13 12	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Reduce king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish on the Kasilof River.	0/11/1 failed Oppose – Department has EO authority in times of conservation. Abstain – Technicality on the Department authority.
252 12/30/13 12	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Open rainbow trout fishing year-round in the Kenai River downstream of an ADF&G marker located upstream of the Lower Killey River, and increase rainbow trout spawning closure area below the Upper Killey River by approximately three-quarters of a river mile.	11/0/1 support Support – Clears up the protection of rainbow spawning beds and allows access to other fish not on the spawning grounds. Abstain – Not sure understand.
253 12/30/13 12	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Open rainbow trout fishing year-round in the Kenai River downstream of an ADF&G marker, designating the upper end of the Killey River king salmon sanctuary, and increase the rainbow trout spawning closure area located above the Upper Killey River.	12/0/0 No action based on 252.

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254 12/30/13 12	5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow fishing for trout on the Kenai River below Moose River using bait beginning June 1 and restrict gear.	0/12/0 failed Oppose – Not enforceable.
255 12/30/13 12	5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area and 5 AAC 57.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Middle Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Move Hidden Lake Creek and Hidden Lake special provisions from the Lower Section management area to the Middle Section management area.	12/0/0 unanimous support Support – Corrects an error in regulation.
256 12/30/13	5 AAC 57.123. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Upper Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area. Reduce spawning closure period on Crescent Lake/Crescent Creek.	12/0/0 unanimous support Support – Additional fishing opportunity, simplifies regulation.
257 12/30/13 12	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Create a spawning closure period on Bench Lake and Bench Creek for Arctic grayling.	12/0/0 unanimous support Support – Allows protection on spawning Grayling, consistent with other closures of resident species.
258 12/30/13 12	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Remove liberal gear limits of five lines allowed while fishing through ice on Stormy Lake for northern pike.	12/0/0 unanimous support Support – No reason for regulation Pike are non-existent.

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259 12/30/13 12	5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan; 5 AAC 57.121. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Lower Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 57.160. Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. From May 1 to July 31, limit hours allowed for boat anglers; limit guides to 10 starts per week; and clarify department emergency order (EO) authority.	1/10/1 failed Support – Proposer Oppose – Takes away opportunity for private anglers, adds more pressure on days that anglers can fish. Abstain – Proposal has some merits.
260 1/8/14 9	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow guided fishing on the Kenai River seven days per week, but guides can only operate during five days of their choosing.	9/0/0 No action based on 259.
261 1/8/14 10	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow five anglers to fish from a registered guide vessel on the Kenai River during the month on July.	0/10/0 failed Oppose – enforcement issues, creates potential for more harvest of kings.
262 1/8/14 10	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit sport fishing from a registered guide vessel downstream from the outlet of Kenai Lake on Sundays and Mondays.	0/10/0 failed Oppose – Negligible impact.
263 1/8/14 10	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow fishing for coho salmon from a guided vessel in the Kenai River on Labor Day.	4/6/0 failed Support – Gives opportunity for families and residents that don't have a boat for a guide to take them. Oppose – Takes away from the private angler.
264 1/8/14	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow anglers on the Kenai River to fish for coho salmon from a registered guide vessel on Mondays beginning September 1.	4/6/0 failed Support – Gives more opportunity. Oppose – Takes away from the private angler.
265 1/8/14	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Allow Kenai River anglers upstream of the inlet of Skilak Lake inlet to fish for coho salmon from a registered guide vessel on Mondays beginning August 1.	0/10/0 failed Oppose – Restricted bag limit in this area, additional pressure on spawning grounds.

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266 1/8/14 10	5 AAC 56.140. Kasilof River guiding and guided fishing requirements and 5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Prohibit a registered guide who guides on the Kenai River from guiding on the Kasilof River when the Kenai River is closed to guided fishing on Sundays and Mondays.	2/7/1 failed Support – Relieves pressure. Oppose – Department has the ability to pare restrictions. Abstain – Relieves pressure, but a person should be allowed to make a living.
267 1/8/14 10	5 AAC 57.140. Kenai River guiding and guided fishing requirements in the Kenai River Drainage Area. Limit the number of guides on the Kenai River to 200.	0/10/0 failed Oppose – Unconstitutional, legislative action.
268 1/8/14 10	5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section and 5 AAC 21.XXX. New Section. Placeholder proposal to allow stakeholders, department, and board to discuss proposed regulatory action based on results of 2012 Kenai River Freshwater Logbook data.	3/4/3 failed Support – Need more timely information on king harvest inseason. Oppose – Unclear as written. Abstain – See the need to have the discussion, Department only uses a creel sample inseason.
269 1/8/14 9	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Management Plan. Update sockeye salmon numbers within the personal use salmon management plan to align with the <i>Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan</i> .	9/0/0 unanimous support Support – Corrects an error in regulation.
270 1/8/14 9	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Clarify when a person is required to record their harvest within Upper Cook Inlet personal use salmon fisheries regulations.	9/0/0 unanimous support Support – Clarifies definition of fishing site.
271 1/8/14 9	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Direct department to provide permit holder information to enforcement officials if permit holder fails to return their permit.	7/2/0 support Support – Re-enforces what is already being done. Oppose – System not working as is, Department already provides information to Alaska Wildlife Troopers.
272 1/8/14 9	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Require a person to show proof of residency prior to a permit being issued and require personal use fishery to be closed if more than five percent of permits are not returned.	0/9/0 failed Oppose – Shouldn't affect the people that are following the system, disagree with 5%.
273 1/8/14 9	5 AAC 77.015. Personal use fishing permits and reports and display of personal use fish and 5 AAC 77.525. Personal use salmon fishery. Exempt a person obtaining a personal use dipnet permit for Cook Inlet from requirement that the person is the holder of a valid resident sport fish license or is a resident exempt from licensing under AS 16.05.400.	0/9/0 failed Oppose – Low income families have a means in place to purchase sport fish licenses, proof of residency must be provided at time of purchase.
274 1/8/14 9	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Require online permitting for personal use permits, establish penalties for violations, and reduce household limit to 15 per head of household and 5 for each additional member.	8/1/0 no action failed. 2/6/1 failed Support – New limits are reasonable. Oppose – as written.

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275 1/8/14 9	5 AAC 77.525. Personal use salmon fishery. Limit the number of Cook Inlet personal use permits that can be issued to 30,000 permits.	0/8/1 failed Oppose – Limits access to surplus harvest of a resource. Abstain – Fishery is out of hand but not sure this proper method to take.
276 1/8/14 9	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Open Kenai River personal use fishery after 350,000 sockeye salmon escapement has been reached.	3/5/1 failed Support – Shares the burden Oppose – Doesn't change anything, increases crowding. Abstain – Merits to both sides.
277 1/8/14 9	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Open Kenai River personal use fishery after escapement has been met.	9/0/0 No action based on 276.
278 1/8/14 9	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Prohibit emergency order (EO) authority liberalizing personal use salmon fishery to 24 hours per day, but allow for increased harvest limits.	0/9/0 failed Oppose – Inseason liberalization.
279 1/8/14 9	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Modify existing Kenai River personal use fishery hours from 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., to 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m..	0/9/0 failed Oppose – Limits access for local residents, increases crowding
280 1/15/14 12	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Reduce Kenai River personal use fishing season, establish paired restrictions with commercial fishery to achieve inriver goal, and prohibit retention of king salmon.	8/4/0 No action based on 283.
281 1/8/14 9	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Kenai River personal use fishery.	4/3/2 support Support – King conservation measure, shares the burden, targeted sockeye fishery. Oppose – Department has EO authority to close to retention of kings. Abstain – King conservation, the Department has EO authority.
282 1/15/14 12	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Extend the Kenai River personal use fishery into August.	0/12/0 failed Oppose – increase in limits and extensions.
283 1/8/14 9	5 AAC 77.525. Personal use salmon fishery. Reduce household limits for Kenai River personal use fishery based upon Kenai River sockeye salmon run size.	9/0/0 amended unanimous support Delete (d). 9/0/0 as amended Support – Shares the burden of relative run strengths.
284 1/8/14 9	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Establish harvest allocations for the Kenai River personal use fishery based upon Kenai River sockeye salmon run size.	9/0/0 No action based on 283.
285 1/15/14 12	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Prohibit dipnetting from boats in the Kenai River personal use fishery.	0/12/0 failed Oppose – Increases more crowding on the banks/shores, gives opportunity to people that want to dipnet from a boat, will not solve safety problem.

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286 1/15/14 12	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Establish a no-wake zone and maximum speed limit on the Kenai River between river mile 3 and 4.5 during the personal use fishery.	12/0/0 support No action based that the BOF has no authority.
287 1/15/14 12	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Reduce allowable mesh size to 2-inch mesh in Cook Inlet personal use dipnet fisheries.	0/12/0 failed Oppose – Will not affect catching kings needs to be addressed at a Statewide meeting.
288 1/15/14 12	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Prohibit release of salmon caught in Cook Inlet personal use fisheries.	0/12/0 failed Oppose – Offers no protection of salmon with a conservation concern.
289 1/15/14 12	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Require fish waste from the Kenai River personal use fishery to be ground up to three-quarters inch.	12/0/0 No action based on Department comments, no authority.
290 1/15/14 12	5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Change dates for the Kasilof River personal use (PU) set gillnet fishery from June 15-24 to June 20-30, and close the PU set gillnet fishery and require release of all king salmon in the PU dipnet fishery when sport fish restrictions are placed on king salmon in the Kenai or Kasilof rivers.	Amendment 12/0/0 support Amended – Strike June 20 & June 30 (leave dates as is), change added language to: if inseason sport fish management restrictions are placed on either the Kenai or Kasilof for King salmon conservation reasons the personal use set gillnet fishery in the Central District will be closed for retention of King salmon 28” or greater and will be required to be released unharmed. 12/0/0 support as amended.
291 1/15/14 12	5 AAC 77.527. Personal use smelt fishery. Extend fishing season for personal use smelt fishery from April 1 through June 15.	12/0/0 support Support – abundance of smelt.

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Chairman Johnstone and Alaska Board of Fisheries Members,

This letter is written public comment by the Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee as unanimously agreed to at our January 8, 2014 meeting. The Committee make up is 15 regular members and 2 alternate members (one listed regular member has recently resigned due to a family health issue). Interests represented on the Committee include: Trapping - 10 members, sport fishing - 17 members, subsistence - 9 members, hunting - 17 members, photography - 9 members, guiding - 3 members (1 fishing, 2 hunting), photography - 9 members, personal use - 14 members, Outdoors person - 13 members, Association / Corporation - 2 members, Conservationist - 5 members.

Priority Items Addressed in this comment include:

1. Drift Gillnet Fishery Management.
2. King salmon / Coho salmon importance to Mat-Su users with Committee support of important proposals.
3. Importance of escapement goals and Committee requests for goals for specific stocks.
4. Personal Use / Subsistence importance to Mat-Su Valley users and lack of local opportunity.

Drift Gillnet Fishery Management -- AC supports prop. 138, 139, 142, 143, 144, 147

Escapement & Unreasonable Harvest Opportunity Problems:

Despite stated intent in the current management plan 5AAC 21.353 -- the plan allows too much shore-to-shore drift gillnet fishing in the Central District to (1) ensure adequate escapement of salmon into Northern District drainages, and (2) therefore, does not provide reasonable opportunity for sport and guided sport users to harvest Northern District coho salmon over their entire run. In addition, maximizing shore-to shore drift gillnetting (as allowed in the current plan) also creates unreasonable harvest opportunity for Northern District subsistence, personal use, and commercial set net fisheries. Each of these user groups has submitted proposals for the 2014 Upper Cook Inlet Meeting requesting reasonable harvest opportunity.

Public Support for Changing Plan:

Board Members please note: proposals to adjust this management plan in ways that would more adequately provide for meeting established salmon escapement goals and for escapement needs of specific salmon stocks without established escapement goals have been submitted by: this Advisory Committee, Matanuska-Susitna Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission, South Central Alaska Dipnetters Association, Alaska Outdoor Council, and four individuals.

Stock of Concern -- Sustainable Fishery?

Starting in 2008 the Board of Fisheries designated Susitna Sockeye Salmon as a Stock of Yield Concern as measured by sockeye salmon harvest in the Northern District Setnet fishery. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) developed an action plan to address this issue that essentially said, "Keep regulations the way they are while we study the issue." ADF&G has been studying the issue for six years now, but after the first year of study, the Department lowered the total minimum escapement goal for Susitna Sockeye Salmon, and changed measurement of the goal to post season assessment at three far upstream weir locations. In the six years since Susitna Sockeye Salmon has been declared a Stock of Yield Concern, ADF&G has failed to attain at least one component of the Susitna sockeye salmon goal every year. In addition, Northern District setnet sockeye salmon harvests have remained dismal, while mixed-stock shore-to-shore drift sockeye harvests soar in the Central District. Specific BOF actions need to be taken to address this issue, including establishment of a standard by which all users, ADF&G, and the public can see consistent attainment of all 3 components of the Susitna sockeye salmon goal and sufficient Northern District commercial sockeye harvest to a standard where this stock can be delisted. We want the State of Alaska to be known as a place where sustainable salmon fisheries occur, and where specific salmon stocks at Stock of Concern levels are identified quickly and managed for in a timely manner to provide a better opportunity for those stocks to return to former abundance and yield levels.

Large Valuable Sport Coho Fishery Decimated

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Under recent Upper Cook Inlet drift fishery management, Little Susitna River coho salmon, identified in a past ADF&G management report as, providing the second largest freshwater coho salmon sport fishery in Alaska, failed to reach the minimum spawning escapement goal in 4 of the past 5 years. In 2011 and 2012 coho salmon sport fishing in Little Susitna River was first restricted and then entirely closed by ADF&G emergency orders. To Matanuska Valley AC members 2011 and 2012 seem to be two incidents where coho salmon intent language in the Central District Drift Fishery Management Plan may have been sidestepped by the ADF&G manager, or at least, the plan may allow too much management discretion in commercial harvests of Northern District / Northern Management Area bound coho salmon during times of Department documented low coho salmon abundances. We hope the Board will recognize the great economic importance of Little Susitna River and Knik Arm coho salmon sport fisheries in relation to the relatively small number of salmon harvested by thousands of users. ADF&G did manage the drift fishery on a more conservative basis in 2013, and even though the Little Susitna River coho salmon goal was attained, the Advisory Committee requests Board Members carefully consider Little Susitna River coho salmon for a Stock of Concern designation. It is unacceptable and extremely allocative for ADF&G commercial management to dictate attaining the Little Susitna River coho salmon escapement goal in only one year out of five. Specific language within the plan allowing shore-to-shore drift gillnetting or any drift gillnetting beyond Board established terminal harvest zones (like the Expanded Kasilof and Expanded Kenai Sections) should be based on a reasonable likelihood of attaining average mid-point escapement levels for Northern District sockeye and coho salmon stocks and also providing reasonable harvest opportunities for all Northern District / Northern Management Area user groups throughout each 3-year board cycle.

Matanuska Valley AC recommendations for Drift Fishery Management Plan:

- **Establish more discrete stock management-- based on Bristol Bay model -- Alaska's most valuable salmon fishery.
- **Based on Kasilof and Kenai sockeye abundance: increase drift gillnet opportunity in discrete harvest zones -- Expanded Kasilof and / or Expanded Kenai Sections.
- **Establish a Conservation Corridor west of the discrete harvest zones allowing larger numbers of Northern bound salmon stocks to migrate through the Central District.
- **Base any drift gillnetting west of discrete harvest zone(s) on a reasonable likelihood of attaining average mid-point spawning escapements of Northern sockeye and coho stocks and providing reasonable harvest opportunity for all Northern user groups.
- **Establish achievement benchmark(s) for delisting Stock of Concern Susitna Sockeye

Northern King & Coho Salmon -- AC supports proposals 292, 293, 294, 296 / 297

We support changes in northern salmon management plans that recognize the greater economic importance of king and coho salmon in providing reasonable sport fishing opportunity for thousands of northern users in comparison to the importance of providing commercial king and coho harvest opportunity (especially during times of resource shortage) for less than 100 Northern District commercial permit holders. Proposal 292 offers paired king salmon conservation restrictions and closures between sport and commercial users, while Proposal 293 offers paired coho salmon conservation restrictions and closures that should only occur starting on or after August 6 (the normal opening day for bait fishing on Little Susitna River).

Proposal 294 seeks to provide more timely abundance based management for Northern District sockeye and coho salmon stocks by adding Fish Creek sockeye and coho salmon, and Little Susitna River coho salmon as benchmarks to be used in the management of Northern District commercial salmon fisheries. Weir counts on both Fish Creek and Little Susitna River measure significant populations of salmon at locations with earlier run timing and would therefore improve inseason management capability. ADF&G established and BOF adopted escapement ranges are already in place for each of these salmon stocks. Fish Creek is also the only site where personal use dip net fishing is allowed in the Northern District -- but because of lack of sufficient sockeye salmon escapement no personal use fishing was allowed at this site in both 2012 and 2013.

Proposals 296 / 297 seek to establish a Deshka River king salmon management plan with identified step-down measures that could be used inseason in an effort to provide a full season of king salmon sport fishing on the Deshka River and upstream tributaries of the Susitna River. Deshka River has the largest early-run king salmon spawning escapement goal in all of Upper Cook Inlet (13,000- 28,00 by weir count), yet despite a history of dramatic peaks and valleys in king salmon production no formal king salmon management plan has ever been adopted to maintain this population at an optimal inseason level and provide maximum benefit from this important king salmon fishery. In addition, Susitna River tributary streams upstream from Deshka River are road accessible and, in the past, have provided some of the most important king salmon sport fisheries and sport harvests in the entire Northern Cook Inlet Management Area. During both 2012 and 2013 ADF&G managed all Northern Cook Inlet Management Area wild king salmon sport fisheries (that had not been previously closed) by preseason emergency order. During 2012 ADF&G issued additional emergency orders closing all Northern wild

king salmon sport and commercial fisheries in season. During 2013 preseason-issued emergency regulations restricted both sport and commercial fisheries even more than the previous year, with all king salmon sport harvest prohibited on every road-accessible Susitna River tributaries upstream of Deshka River for the entire season. Deshka River, Little Susitna River, and remote Yentna River tributaries provided the only opportunities for wild king salmon sport harvest in the Northern Cook Inlet Management Area, with sport king salmon harvest prohibited in 13 of the 17 streams with established king salmon spawning escapement goals ranges.

At a December 2013 Mat-Su Valley public meeting with ADF&G staff, when asked how ADF&G intended to manage Northern king salmon fishing during the upcoming 2014 season, an ADF&G biologist stated, that if the BOF adopted no new regulation changes at the Upper Cook Inlet meeting, then ADF&G intended to manage in a conservative manner, by emergency order similar to the way the Department managed in 2013. The biologist also mentioned ADF&G's preseason outlook for the Deshka River return called for a total return of slightly less than 20,000 kings, while the 2013 preseason outlook had called for a return of slightly more than 26,000 Deshka River king salmon.

ADF&G's estimated sport king salmon harvest from the Northern Cook Inlet Management Area set a new 25-year record low every year from 2009 - 2012. That is 4 consecutive years with a 25-year record low sport harvest, in addition, since sport regulations were even more restrictive in 2013, and since ADF&G's best available science calls for an even lower Deshka River king salmon return in 2014 and similar restrictive regulations, these years should count as two additional years with anticipated sport harvests in the same low range or lower. Therefore, Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee requests BOF members formally determine if Northern Cook Inlet Management Area conglomerate king salmon stock fits the criteria for a Stock of Yield Concern, as measured by the management area sport harvest.

Part of this request for a Deshka River king salmon management plan is to create a more stable and predictable king salmon regulation package. Without a management plan 2014 could be the third year in a row, where ADF&G emergency order regulations supersede those printed in the sport fishery regulation booklet. In 2012 and 2013 emergency king salmon regulations were not issued by ADF&G until May and mid-April respectively, yet by January sport fishing guide services are already fielding requests about fishing regulations for the upcoming season, tackle shop owners are ordering new inventory that may or may not be usable based on regulations, and businesses are attempting to sell overnight or longer lodging based on the availability of the approaching summer's sport fishing opportunities. Having a management plan in place that provides more regulation clarity benefits all people and businesses dependent upon stable and predictable sport fisheries -- these are the primary users regulations sport fishing are meant to serve. Unintentional fisheries violations would be less likely to occur if sport anglers knew what they might expect in regulation changes based on king salmon abundance triggers. Fishing trips and harvest opportunities could be planned more efficiently and cancellations could be less likely to occur. Finally, having written regulation scenarios in place allows a better public process in proposing regulation changes that can improve public acceptance or public benefit for regulations. The Deshka River / Northern Cook Inlet Management Area king salmon sport fishery has been a hugely popular fishery and large economic driver for the local area and should have an established management plan.

Consistent Stream Mouth Conservation -- AC supports Proposal 79, 131, 132

Most important salmon producing streams in Upper Cook Inlet have a consistent one statute mile area from the stream mouth where commercial fishing is not allowed. This is especially true of streams producing sockeye salmon, and the AC would like to see the same stream mouth conservation zones around important coho and king salmon producing systems in the Northern District and Northern Cook Inlet Management Area. In light of recent declines in king salmon and coho salmon returns to Northern drainages this becomes even more important of an issue, especially considering the cumulative effect of harvests as these stocks migrate through the inlet.

Salmon Escapement Goals -- AC proposes 300, 301, 313, 315, 321

Escapement goals provide a standard by which salmon management may be judged, some current goals for important Upper Cook Inlet stocks primarily provide post-season assessment like all 3 components of the Susitna sockeye salmon goal. Escapement goals and their recent attainment history are extremely useful in determining when a harvestable surplus or abundance shortage exists. Stocks with established escapement goals receive more active management than stocks without goals. That is why we've proposed escapement goals for the following salmon stocks that have a history of ADF&G monitoring, but no established goals to determine stock surplus or lack of abundance:

300 Deshka River coho salmon -- The Susitna River drainage is the largest coho salmon producer in all of Upper Cook Inlet, yet there is not a single coho salmon spawning escapement goal anywhere on the Susitna River system. Deshka River is known as the best coho producing clearwater tributary of the Susitna River mainstem, and provides a significant coho salmon sport fishery with easy boat access from Deshka Landing. ADF&G has a weir in place with a considerable history of coho salmon counts upon which a goal could be based.

301 Kashwitna River king salmon -- Kashwitna River is the largest Eastside Susitna River tributary located along the Parks Highway between Willow and Talkeetna. Kashwitna River also has a Fish & Game owned campground and boat launch

located near the river mouth. The boat launch is the only public powerboat accessible launch accessing the Susitna River between Deshka Landing and Talkeetna (a distance of approximately 40 river miles). Kashwitna River has supported both a king salmon and coho salmon focused sport fishery. ADF&G has been conducting king salmon index counts of the clearer Kashwitna River north fork since 1977. The Department and BOF have considered several king salmon proposals for this fishery without benefit of an escapement goal in the recent past.

313 Little Susitna River sockeye salmon -- This salmon stock is counted through the ADF&G weir once again been re-located to a lower river location where it becomes more useful for inseason management. While there may not be adequate years of escapement to develop a sockeye salmon goal at this time --- the past two years have shown an alarming trend where a sockeye escapement that used to measure in the thousands of fish now measures in the low hundreds passing the weir. Weir funding and collection of sockeye salmon escapement data is in place.

315 Little Susitna River chum salmon -- There is currently no chum salmon goal for any Northern District stream drainage, even though the Susitna River is acknowledged by ADF&G as the largest chum salmon producing system in Upper Cook Inlet. Little Susitna River has a smaller, but still significant chum salmon run whose escapement is once again measured annually through the ADF&G weir on the lower river. With down turns in king salmon and coho salmon returns chum salmon play an increasingly important role in maintaining sport fishing use on the Little Susitna River.

321 Moose Creek king salmon -- ADF&G has been doing annual king salmon escapement counts on Moose Creek in the Matanuska River drainage for over 30 years. There have been multiple proposals before the BOF to create a Moose Creek king salmon fishery, however, no goal exists upon which to determine harvestable surplus or lack thereof. The Chickaloon tribe has been conducting fisheries passage, habitat, and king salmon enhancement efforts on Moose Creek using federal grants.

Personal Use / Subsistence Opportunity -- AC supports Proposal 307, 308

Because of low salmon returns to Fish Creek in 2012 and 2013 there was no personal use dip net opportunity in the Mat-Su Valley either year. Therefore, most Mat-Su personal use salmon harvesters traveled to the Copper River or the Kenai Peninsula to participate in this type fishery. There is also one remote subsistence fishery located on the Yentna River that may qualify as the most restrictive subsistence fishery in terms of both regulation and average annual harvest in all of Alaska. We support the common use of a public resource (based on salmon abundance) and would like to see Mat-Su Valley have opportunities equal to other parts of Alaska -- but not at the expense of achieving salmon spawning escapements.

The Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee welcomes questions and hopes to participate fully in the subcommittee process.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Ehmann, Chair
Mat Valley Fish and Game AC

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Members present:

Jehnifer Ehmann, Andy Couch (arrived 8:03pm), Steve Bartelli, Mike Buirge, Steve Darilek, Tony Jones, Israel Payton, Max Sager, David Young.

Members absent:

Dan Montgomery- Excused, Bill Folsom – Excused, Jeff Tuttle – Excused, Keith Westfall – Excused, Dane Crowley – Excused, Mel Grove, Eric Beckman, Gerrit Dykstra.

Meeting called to order at 7: 35pm p.m. by Jehnifer Ehmann

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest and Department Staff Present:

Todd Rinaldi ADF&G, Sam Ivey ADF&G, Terry Nininger, Rod Arno, Neil DeWitt.

Persons to be heard:

Rod Arno presented AC members with a copy of Sec 16.05.251 Regulations of the Board of Fisheries page 1. Article 2 Salmon Fishery 5AAC 39.220. Policy for the management of mixed stock salmon fisheries page 2.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Draft minutes from 10-9-13 not available.

Motion to accept the agenda:

Motion made by Steve Bartelli; 2nd by Steve Darilek

Amendments to agenda:

Motion to add Todd Rinaldi from the department to top of the agenda. 2nd Max Sager.

Discussion of Targeted Moose Hunt AM415 (formerly known as Hot Spot Hunt):

Todd Rinaldi – Explained changes that are going to occur to the hunt this year.

Tim Peltier – Explained orientation process that hunters will go through once selected but prior to hunting.

Moose Hunting --- winter hunt has been taking resident moose, and depleting local population according to Max Sager. Max would like to see areas not hunting all the time.

Steve Darilek local smaller more controlled moose hunt areas. Perhaps a special class to participate in this hunt.

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Todd Rinaldi with ADF&G asked what else others have been hearing about the local hotspot hunts. Mentioned the positive of harvesting moose that now will not be killed by motor vehicles. He also mentioned that perhaps the AC should take a role in coming up with solutions that could make the hunt better.

Max mentioned preferring to see more antlerless moose permits during the fall rather than during the winter. He also mentioned the problem of permitted hunters hunting on private property without permission -- something that this hunt seems to invite as to where it is scheduled to occur.

Steve Bartelli asked about perhaps double fines for trespassing in this type situation -- Unless land is posted -- then people can not be sited for shooting on private property according to Tim Peltier.

Jehnifer suggested that this item be noticed for a future meeting. AC members and members of the public could also let interested people know about such a future meeting.

Meeting took a short break.

Israel talked about joint board meeting: Joint Boards gave a work session to the AC's and public. Board members want to see more comment from ACs on their local area(s). Keep testimony on priority of Committee. Refresh Board members request description on what proposals you are dealing with say -- specifics -- why it is a good or poor proposal. When there is a split amongst AC members what were positions of each side of the split vote.

Israel mentioned that only Anchorage AC and Matanuska Valley AC were the only ACs supporting counting sport harvests as subsistence for hunting purposes. Proposal opposed by joint board.

Committee members commented that they appreciated Israel attending the joint board meeting on behalf of the AC.

Neal Dewitt mentioned that he had vote numbers from the Joint Board meeting on final results for proposals.

Jehnifer mentioned Fisheries subcommittee met Oct. 16 and 23 to discuss some of the fisheries proposals.

Proposal 292 -- subcommittee supported adopting a change to the Northern District King Salmon Management motion supported 9-0-0.

Proposal 293 ties restrictions to the sport fishery back to changes to the commercial fisheries. motions supported 9-0-0.

294 would adopt use of Fish Creek and Little Susitna River weir counts for use in ADF&G management. Supported 9-0-0.



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295 Opposed 0-9-0.

296 passed 9-0-0.

297 passed 9-0-0.

298 This proposal does not have shared burden of conservation between sport and commercial users. Motion failed 1-8-0.

299 No action --- not regulation change proposed 9-0-0 take no action. R

300 - Requests Board establish a Deshka River coho salmon goal. A question was asked why ADF&G views managing Deshka River coho different than managing Deshka River king salmon since both at times have delayed run timing during periods of warm water which occur in both king salmon and coho salmon seasons. ADF&G answer is that excessively warm water occurs more frequently during coho season --- and other indexes may at times be better for management. Deshka River is a huge producer of coho salmon. AC comment is even if there are challenges to better management -- better management should still be the goal. Motion passed 8-0-1.

301 Requests Board establish a Kashwitna River king salmon goal. Motion passed 9-0-0.

302, 303, 304 motion failed 0-9-0.

305 would close salmon fishing in fish Creek. Motion failed. 0-9-0.

306 passed 9-0-0.

307 Andy mentioned that subsistence or personal use harvest opportunities are extremely limited in the Mat-Su Valley. Subsistence use has a priority and personal use does not. Approximately 50% of people who participate in this fishery reside in a non subsistence area. This fishery is so limited that currently there are only two wheels on the Yentna River according to Israel Payton. Motion passed 9-0-0.

Proposal 308 would expand the open area of the subsistence fishery and allow the use of dip net harvests in the fishery. Members are conflicted in that they would like to allow all Alaskans an opportunity to participate in a subsistence fishery --- at the same time AC members recognize that Susitna River sockeye salmon are a stock of concern and there is trouble achieving the 3 Susitna River goals. What does it mean if subsistence is a priority, yet because of the current restrictions to the fishery only XXX salmo are harvested per year. In the Copper River subsistence fishery it should be noted that each wheel permit is allowed to harvest up to 500 salmon. Rod Arno -- said the big issue with this is that subsistence has a priority and a liberalization would likely necessitate adjusting management regulations. One member mentioned that there are management problems. Motion passed 8-1-0.

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AC comments: Max mentioned that if a member is subject to being cut from the AC due to attendance he would suggest that Neil DeWitt be considered for appointment by the chair to that seat.

Jehnifer mentioned that attendance is getting to be an issue, with

Fisheries subcommittee meeting November 13 regular meeting November 20 -- 7 p.m. at MTA.

Andy Couch mentioned that fish is on the calendar for a Board meeting.

Steve Darilek mentioned that the AC is short on fisheries

Meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.