

# On-Time Advisory Committee Comment List

## Southeast and Yakutat Finfish

### February 23–March 3, 2015

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Nov. 24, 2014

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME: Pelican ADFG AC

Location (City, town, village): Pelican, AK

Members Present: Michael Allard, Ray Allard, William Combs, James Phillips, Patricia Phillips

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Members Absent \_\_\_\_\_

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Members Excused \_\_\_\_\_

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QUORUM PRESENT: YES  NO

ADF&G Staff Present: \_\_\_\_\_

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Time meeting called to order 6:00 p.m. AM  / PM

Old Business and New Business: -- Use additional pages

Time Meeting Adjourned 7:30 p.m. AM  / PM

Signature:

James E. Phillips  
Committee Secretary



VOTER RECORD/COMMENTS

Advisory Committee: Pelican ADFG AC

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Proposal No. 131 Yes 0 No: 5 All against

Summary of Discussion about this proposal:

Proposal No. 159 Yes 5 No: 0 All in favor

Summary of Discussion:

First runs would go by until an actual harvest is conducted on resource. Hard to know where actual subsistence districts are. Bag limit – support proportionately higher bag limit for residents and a lower bag limit for nonresidents. The charter sportfish industry is growing and negatively affecting the salmon stocks. Local residents need the salmon for their sustenance. Local residents rely on fish to meet their subsistence needs.

Sport caught catch and release mortality is significantly higher than estimated.

Recommendation: Non-residents use punch cards – if the punch card is not turned in then the punch card holder loses the opportunity to fish the next season.

Proposal No. 130 Yes 0 No: 5 All against.

Summary of Discussion:

If the State of Alaska isn't going to manage the spiny dogfish fishery, then why have a proposal for it?

Cannot keep or utilize the spiny dogfish now because of there being no State management plan.

It would be great to have a fishery with already established gear methods.

If there is going to be the creation of a fishery then create it for all gear groups.

Proposal No. 131 Yes 0 No: 5 All against.

Summary of Discussion:

- Make it optional
- There is gear conflict potential
- Lost gear concerns
- Limits the size of fish caught
- This is a Federal fishery
- Need a better definition of area – Is this the 140° line?
- Fought hard to close east of 140° to pots
- Need better clarification of what the proposer wants done with this proposal



Proposal No. 194                      Yes 5   No: 0   All in favor

Summary of Discussion:

- For over 30 years the marker was at 1<sup>st</sup> Island; the marker is now at Soloma Point. There have been no studies to know when the cohos come in to Lisianski Inlet. Do the cohos mingle in the inlet for a while before going up the streams/rivers?
- The ADFG spotter plane should not notify fishermen of fish movements
- Coho Salmon are important to local subsistence and local sport fishermen
- There are no restrictions on seine net depth – fish at 40 fathoms are probably cohos
- New modern seine skiffs are used to pull very long and deep nets

Proposal No. 195                      Yes 5   No: 0   All in favor

Summary of Discussion:

- Intercepting at the choke point where Lisianski Straits meets Lisianski Inlet meets
- Indiscriminate catch – could be coho bound for Lisianski Inlet streams
- Escapement concerns when seiners fish set after set after set
- According to ADFG records, seiners are getting a lot of sockeye in July
- There are Lisianski Inlet bound sockeye
- Local subsistence fishermen have caught sockeye in Lisianski River

Proposal No. 196                      Yes 5   No: 0   All in favor

Summary of Discussion:

- Fishermen should keep salmon onboard that were harvested from other statistical areas separate for reporting and sampling purposes.
- To determine where else seiners are keeping their salmon from
- To determine harvest patterns of incidentally harvested cohos and chum salmon so ADFG has full and accurate reporting of returns
- Narrow harvest patterns to actual areas caught
- Support what the proponent's issue is
- Mainly interested in finding out the interception of Lisianski stream stocks of salmon

Proposal No. 197                      Yes 5   No: 0   All in favor

Summary of Discussion:

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- To determine where else seiners are keeping their salmon from
- To determine harvest patterns of incidentally harvested cohos and chum salmon so ADFG has full and accurate reporting of returns
- Narrow harvest patterns to actual areas caught
- Support what the proponent's issue is
- Mainly interested in finding out the interception of Lisianski stream stocks of salmon



Proposal No. 220                      Yes 5   No: 0   All in favor

Summary of Discussion:

Limited in the amount of area that is fished already. Support salmon fishing from Point Mamby to Ocean Cape because the number of fishing days in winter season is limited by weather. The proposal lets local Yakutat fishermen fish more; weather dictates the amount of fishing they get.

Proposal No. 221                      Yes 0   No: 5   All against

Summary of Discussion:

Expanding beyond the surf line would have everybody else in other areas wanting to expand out to the 3 mile line.

Proposal No. 232                      Yes      No:                         No action taken

Summary of Discussion:

- You almost got to be a lawyer to read state regulations
- The proposal does not clarify if this is 1 spool, 2 spool, or 3 spool gurdies
- Need better clarification; need more information

No action until next meeting.

Proposal No. 233                      Yes 0   No: 5   All against

Summary of Discussion:

- Reword definition of downriggers to exclude power driven downriggers
- Power driven downriggers requires a power troll permit
- Should not be able to use the downrigger outside of the winter fishery
- Let them use hand troll gear

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.



**Upper Lynn Canal ADF&G Advisory Committee**  
**Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 2014**  
**Haines, Alaska**

I. Call to Order: 5:07 pm : by [Tim McDonough]

II. Roll Call:

<b>Members</b>	<b>Present/ Absent/ Teleconference</b>
Dean Risley (DR) / At large seat	*
Jamie King (JK) / Officer	P
John Katzeek (JKa) / At Large seat	P
John Tronrude (JT) / Skagway seat	T
Johnnie Gamble (JG) / Klukwan seat	A
Kip Kermoian (KK) / At Large	P
Luke Rauscher (LR) / Skagway seat	T
Randy Jackson (RJ) / At large seat	A
Terry Pardee (TP) / At large seat	A
Tim McDonough (T.M) / Officer	P

Members Present: 7

Members Absent:3

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: = 6

Quorum Present: Yes

List of User Groups Present: Commercial fishermen, local subsistence users, hunters, and guides

Approximate Number of people in attendance: 5 +1 in Skagway

Skagway Members were unable to attend via teleconference for the duration of the meeting only until 6:45 due to the space they were using was needed. However all members and the one guest were given the opportunity to comment on any proposals not yet covered before the hung up.

\*- Dean Risley was unable to attend, however Ryan Cook who has been newly elected for 2015 “sat in” for Dean.

III. Approval of Agenda: 7/0 approved

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: from: 12/ 04 /2014\_\_



V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Comm. Fish: Scott Kelly (Juneau comm. Fish) via teleconference , Randy Bachman

Sport Fish: Rich Chappell

Wildlife: Stephanie Sell via Teleconference

Other: Wildlife trooper

VI. Guests Present:

VII. Old Business:

Ryan Cook nominated and elected to Vice President seat 7/0

VIII. New Business:

BOG Proposals see attached documents

BOF Proposals see attached documents



Brief discussion concerning a proposal to move the BOG to every 3 yrs was had and most members had no issue with this other than a concern that three yrs may be too long a time period if an action was needed to made, however all members agreed staggering BOF and BOG would be better for local ACs.

Next meeting will be held Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015. Tim will help arrange meeting and coordinate speakers.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By:  Jamie King   
Minutes Approved By:  Tim McDonough   
Date:  12/16/2014



**Southeast and Yakutat Finfish, Jan. 23–March 3, 2015**

**Alaska Board of Fisheries**

**Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form**

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
		Number Support	Number Oppose
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
<b>BOF</b>	<b>114</b>		<b>Establish a management plan for herring spawning aggregates that have been below threshold.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	Unnecessary proposal, Members also felt this proposal could potentially lead to exploitation of herring populations that remain significantly reduced from historical levels. Members also felt the potential negative impact to King Salmon due to loss of prey out weights the benefit of these smaller opportunities the fisheries might provide to the commercial fleet.
<b>BOF</b>	<b>115</b>		<b>Establish a management plan for herring spawning aggregates that have been below threshold.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	Same as 114
<b>BOF</b>	<b>116</b>		<b>Require a commercial herring fishery to occur when herring biomass is above minimum threshold.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	7	Same as 114
<b>BOF</b>	<b>157</b>		<b>Reduce the king salmon size limit from 28 inches or greater in length to 26 inches or greater in length in the Southeast Alaska Area.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	5	Unnecessary and could potential negatively impact king salmon populations.
<b>BOF</b>	<b>187</b>		<b>Allow commercial salmon drift gillnet gear in Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area.</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	3	2	
<b>BOF</b>	<b>191</b>		<b>Modify accounting of commercial sockeye salmon purse seine harvest limit in Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area.</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	0	Members felt that this proposal would correct a situation that causes ADF&G to receive inaccurate data concerning these sockeye harvests
<b>BOF</b>	<b>192</b>		<b>In Districts 12 and 14 require reporting of commercially caught sockeye salmon that are not sold.</b>



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	0	Same as 191
<b>BOF</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>Clarify boundary between sections 15-A and 15-C at Sherman Rock.</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	0	Good to clarify existing regulations
<b>BOF</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>Restrict commercial salmon fishing with troll gear in Section 15-C beginning July 1.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	1	3	1- Member abstained. Members felt regulation was unnecessary and clearly proposed to benefit one user group over another.

Old Business:

**Adjournment:**

Minutes Recorded By: Jamie Ross  
Minutes Approved By: Tim McDonough  
Date: December 16, 2014



## AC MEETING MINUTES

Friday, December 19, 2014

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:10p

By Chairman: Casey Mapes

**ROLL CALL:** Casey Mapes, Larry Bemis, Bob Fraker, Reggie Krkovich, Nate Endicott, Sheri Nelson, Jonathan Pavlik and Jeremiah Pavlik

**ABSENT:** Scott Chadwick, Jesse Pavlik, Dave Stone, Herb Holcomb, Jeff Fraker and Loren Clark

**ATTENDEES:** Fish & Game, Gordy Woods and Ryan Scott. Harold Robbins, Sport fisherman, Rhonda Coston, CBY, Jim Capra, NPS, Jimmy Jensen, Fisherman and Trooper Brett Ledford.

Quorum Established:

### **ELECTIONS:**

2014 Expired seats:

**3-Three year seats:** Scott Chadwick, Sport fish, Casey Mapes, Trolling/Hunting and Jeff Fraker, Trapping.

**3-Two year seats:** Sheri Nelson, Subsistence, Jonathan Pavlik, Commercial fish, Loren Clark, Commercial fish.

**5-One year seats:** Jeremiah Pavlik, Commercial fish, Bob Fraker, Sport fish, Jesse Pavlik, Commercial fish, Nate Endicott, Commercial fish and Dave Stone, Sport fish.

**Seat expires in 2015:** Reggie Krkovich, Sport fish, Herb Holcomb, Hunting/Fishing and Larry Bemis, Hunting/Trapping.

Motion to vote in and reinstate all former board members: Scott Chadwick, Casey Mapes, Sheri Nelson, Loren Clark, Jonathan Pavlik, Jeremiah James, Bob Fraker, Jesse Pavlik, Nate Endicott and Dave Stone. No new nominations.

Motion: Reggie/Bob F. Support. All Ayes. 0 Nays.

Chair/Three year: Casey Mapes M/Sheri M/Reggie Support. All Ayes.

Vice/Three year: Scott Chadwick M/Casey M/Nate. Support. All Ayes.

Secretary/Two year: Sheri Nelson M/Bob M/Reggie. Support. All Ayes.

Board of Fish & Game: Introduction of Ryan Scott.

Discussion: Board of Fish Meeting, January 9-13, 2013

Larry will attend meeting for three days through the weekend.

Changes in the Board of Fish, new Acting Fish Commissioner, Neil Barton retirement, very little turnover on board. Moose season observations, bear, wolf, goat and surveys.



Reggie Krkovick: Excuses himself from meeting. He votes affirmative on all votes to be made at this meeting.

**P 22:** Hunting season and bag limits for moose. Motion to support. Manby Shore move back 2 weeks, to August 15-December 1. This will provide increased hunting opportunity and decrease pressure on the Situk/Anklin.

Motion: Bob/Jeremiah Support. All Ayes. 0 Nays.

**P 24:** Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Motion to support. Will allow for a hunt if numbers increase. Keep as is.

Motion: Nate/Jeremiah Support. All Ayes. 0 Nays.

**P 84:** Fishing seasons for Registration Area D. Motion to approve. Reduce pots. King Crab 100-40 pots. Allow for a test fishery.

Motion: Jonathan/Jeremiah Support. All Ayes. 0 Nays.

**P 90:** Lawful gear Registration Area D. Motion to approve.

Reduce commercial Tanner crab pot limit in Area D. 100-40 pots. Add a test fishery. **Hopefully, will allow for a small fishery to what's out there.**

Motion: Nate/Bob Supported. Unanimous.

**P 157:** Reduce the king salmon size limit from 28 inches or greater in length to 26 inches or greater in length in SE Alaska.

MOTION TO OPPOSE. Motion: Sheri/Bob Supported. Unanimous.

**P 161:** Allow for single hook only sport angling in all fresh waters of the Yakutat Area, Cape Fairweather to Cape Suckling, from January 1 to December 31.

Motion to Support: Bob/Larry Supported. Unanimous.

**P 162:** Prohibit multiple hooks and barbed hooks in all fresh waters of the Yakutat Management Area.

Motion to Support: Bob/Sheri 7-Ayes. 1-Nay. Jeremiah

**P 163:** Change bag and size limit. By ADF&G. Reason: too much pressure on a small system and too much of a public nuisance with parking.

Motion to Support: Bob/Nate Supported. Unanimous.

Trooper Ledford pointed out that on the drainage side of the road a boundary would need to be in place.

Motion by: Nate Endicott Seconded by: Larry Bemis to discuss in a boundary in committee. Should be salt-water low tide line across lagoon entrance.

Supported. Unanimous.

**P 164:** Proposal to restrict angling in Village Lagoon and accompanying lakes to youth under the age 18 only.

Motion: Nate/Bob Supported. Unanimous.



**P 211:** Remove the sunset clause from Yakutat Area commercial salmon set gillnet permit-stacking regulation.

Motion: Nate/Jeremiah Supported. Unanimous.  
Was only lightly used. But worked very well with no conflicts.

**P 212:** Allow the owner of two commercial salmon set gillnet permits to fish both permits throughout the Yakutat Area.

Motion: Nate/Jeremiah Supported. Unanimous.

**P 214:** Remove depth restrictions form commercial salmon set gillnet gear. Unlimited.

Motion: Jeremiah/Nate 6-Supported. 1-Larry Opposed.

**P 215:** Allow commercial salmon set gillnets up to 60 meshes deep after July 1 in Yakutat Bay only.

Motion: Nate/Jonathan Supported. Unanimous.

**P 216: Clarify gillnet specifications in the East River in September. 8", 20** fathoms strict, move to first Sunday to Monday.

Motion: Jeremiah/Nate Supported. Unanimous.

**P 217:** Establish an opening date for the Tsiu River commercial salmon fishery. Tisu River will be on the third Sunday in August.

Motion: Jonathan/Nate Supported. Unanimous.

**P 218:** Redefine closed water in the Lost River.

Motion to redefine: Bob/Jeremiah Supported. Unanimous.

**P 219:** Establish new salmon statistical area in Yakutat Bay. Need to add language in committee to clarify, East of the line would be open area.

Motion: Nate/Jeremiah Support. Unanimous.

**P 220:** Modify the winter boundary line for the commercial salmon troll fishery. Move to the next click out.

Motion: Bob/Nate Support. Unanimous.

**P 221:** Expand the winter commercial salmon troll fishery in the Yakutat Area by adding Icy Bay Stat area.

Motion: Nate/Jeremiah Support. Unanimous.

Call to close meeting.

Motion: Casey/Larry Supported. Unanimous.

Adjourned: 9:03p



Minutes prepared by: Sheri Nelson



## Icy Straits Advisory Committee Meeting    January 13, 2015

6:05pm Meeting called to order

Quorum Present; B Miller, K Skaflestad, R Austin, R Shupe, C Skaflestad-Chair and D Bolton-vice-chair/secretary.

Members of community present; John Murray, George Dalton, Stan Savland and Andy Savland.

M/S/C        To accept minutes of meeting on 1-5-15.

M/S/C        To try deal with proposal's that affect our area.

M/S        To accept Proposal 78 – 5AAC 32.150. Closed waters in Registration Area A. Close waters to Game Creek and Garteeni Creek near Hoonah to Commercial Dungeness crab fishing to improve subsistence fishery, to close off waters within a mile radius of the entrance to Game Creek and Garteeni Creek.

M/S/C        To amend Proposal 78 – To close waters in line from Cannery Point to Game Point, to Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishing. To make a definable line for crabbers and enforcement.

6 – Votes to support the amendment.

M/S/C        To accept Proposal 78, as amended.

6- Votes to support Proposal 78 as amended.

M/S/F        To support Proposal 75 – 5 AAC 32.150. Closed waters in Registration Area A. After discussing the contents of this proposal, we felt this was too large an area to close. When put to vote, there was no votes cast for or against.

At 6:30pm Jeff Feldpausch of Sitka Tribe of Alaska called into the meeting via landline. To present information on proposal's effecting the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery.

Jeff presented information on the following proposals, 114, 118, 121, 125, 117, 119 and 122.

At 7:05pm Jeff completed his presentation, he was thanked by the committee for his participation. Jeff then ended the phone call.

M/S/C        For a 5 minute recess. Meeting recessed at 7:07pm

Meeting called back to order at 7:12pm.

M/S/C        Motion to ask ADFG why Port Fredrick is still closed to personal use King crab. What biological data supports it and can this committee asks for this data to be sent to the Chair of this committee.                    6 – Votes to support this motion.



M/S/C To accept Proposal 114 – 5 AAC 27.190. Herring Management Plan for Southeastern Alaska. (7) Shall allow spawning biomass to exceed minimum biomass thresholds for five (5) consecutive years before fishing can occur.

6 – Votes to support this proposal. As this would allow a wider age range within the biomass before fishing could occur.

M/S/C To accept Proposal 117 – 5 AAC 01.716. Customary and traditional subsistence uses of fish stocks and amount necessary for subsistence uses.

6 – Votes to NOT support this proposal. This committee feels that the ANS level should remain at it's current level.

M/S/F To support Proposal 118 – 5AAC 27.195. Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery.

2 – Votes to support, 3 votes to not support. Motion failed.

M/S/C To accept Proposal 119 – 5 AAC 27.150. Waters closed to herring fishing in Southeastern Alaska Area. Remove the area locally known as the “core area” from the closed waters of district 13 in Sitka Sound as follows: 5 AAC 27.150. (a) would end at (6). (7) District 13, in the waters north and west of the Eliason harbor.....etc. would be deleted from regulation as a closed area.

6 – Votes to NOT support this proposal. This committee feels that this core area needs to remain closed as a safe haven for herring to spawn.

M/S/C To accept Proposal 121 – 5 AAC 27.150. Waters closed to herring fishing in Southeastern Alaska Area. Expand commercial herring fishery closed waters of District 13 in Sitka Sound.

4 – Votes to support this proposal. These Four vote's felt that expansion of the closed area was a necessary for the ANS to be met.

2 – Votes to NOT support this proposal. These two votes felt that expansion of the closed area was large an area.

M/S/F To accept Proposal 120 - 5 AAC 27.150. Waters closed to herring fishing in Southeastern Alaska Area.

0 – Votes to support this proposal.

2 – Votes to NOT support this proposal. Motion Failed



M/S/C To accept Proposal 122 – 5 AAC 27.160. Quotas and guideline harvest levels for Southeastern Alaska Area. Lower the spawning biomass threshold for Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery from 25,000 to 20,000 tons.

6 – Votes to NOT support this proposal. This committee felt that the threshold should remain at 25,000 tons. That rolling the threshold back to 20,000 tons would be a step in the wrong direction of preserving the fishery.

M/S/C To accept Proposal 125 – 5 AAC 27.160. Quotas and guideline harvest levels for Southeastern Alaska Area. Reduce the harvest rate and establish a maximum guideline harvest level of 10 percent of the biomass.

5 – Votes to support this proposal. These 5 votes felt that 10 percent harvest of a biomass is within the means of control of ADFG.

1 – Vote to NOT support this proposal. This one vote felt that the current harvest level is good.

M/S/C To accept Proposal 148 – 5 AAC 01.XXX. New Section. Allow for designation of community subsistence harvesters for Hoonah residents, as follows: Would allow for a community harvester(s) to be designated to fish within the Icy Straits are described in 5 AAC 01.716(a)(4). The community harvester would be able to harvest the limits of multiple subsistence salmon permits in their possession, within specified limitations similar to those currently provided for in 5 AAC 01.760(e) Redoubt Bay and Lake Sockeye salmon fisheries management plan.

4 – Votes to support this proposal. These Four votes felt that this proposal is sound for the reasons given.

1 – Vote to not support this proposal. This One vote felt that this proposal was not sound.

M/S/C To accept Proposal 233 – 5 AAC 29.120. Gear specifications and operation. Allow downriggers as legal commercial salmon hand troll gear for the entire year.

6 – Votes to support this proposal. This committee felt that this proposal is good for those hand trollers that wish to use down riggers the entire year, not just during winter troll. That allowing down riggers for the entire year, would also make it easier for enforcement, as enforcement wouldn't have to make sure of cutoff date and start date of winter troll.

M/S/C To accept Proposal 157 – 5 AAC 47.020. General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area; 5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual and size limits and methods and means for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area; 5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area; and 5 AAC 47.025. Southeast



Alaska King Salmon management plan. Reduce the king salmon size limit from 28 inches or greater in length to 26 inches or greater in length in the Southeast Alaska water.

6 – Votes to NOT support this proposal. This committee felt that keeping the size limit at 28 inches or greater is best.

M/S/C To support Proposal 156 – 5 AAC 47.030. Methods, means and general provisions – finfish. Allow the use of bow and arrow to take salmon in the Southeast Alaska Area by certified bow angles.

6 – Votes to NOT support this proposal. This committee felt that this proposal was reasonable, but is best left to broad of game to decide.

M/S/C To accept Proposal 161 – 5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual and size limits and methods for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area. Prohibit multiple hooks in all fresh waters in the Yakutat Management area, as follows; allow for single hook only sport angling in all fresh waters of the Yakutat area, Cape Fairweather to Cape Sucking, from January 1 to December 31.

6 – Votes to support this proposal. This committee felt that this proposal was sound for the reasons given by the Yakutat Advisory Committee.

M/S/C To accept Proposal 162 – 5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area. Prohibit multiple hooks and barbed hooks in all fresh waters of the Yakutat management area, as follows; proposal to restrict sport fishing in all fresh waters of the Yakutat area; Cape Fairweather to Cape Suckling, to single barbless hook only, with the exception of two single barbless hooks maybe used in tandem when bait is allowed.

6 – Votes to support this proposal. This committee felt that this proposal was sound for the reasons given by the Yakutat Advisory Committee.

M/S/C To support Proposal 163 – 5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska area. Reduce the Yakutat Village Lagoon coho bag and possession limits to two fish greater than 16 inches in length.

6 – Votes to support this proposal. This committee felt that this proposal was sound, for the purpose of conservation.

M/S/C To accept Proposal's 194, 195, 196 and 197 – This proposal's deal with closing portion of Lisianski Inlet to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear and redrawing the lines for commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear in the Lisianski Inlet area.



6 – Votes to NOT support these proposals. This committee felt that these proposals to close portion of Lisianski to seine fishing was not sound for reason given, as one of the seine captains was present at meeting and stated that 99% of catch in that area is PINKS.

M/S/C To accept Proposal 193 – 5 AAC 33.366. Northern Southeast seine fishery management plan. Restrict and prohibit commercial salmon seining of District 12 and 14, as follows; (c) The department may allow the operation of purse seines in district 12, sub districts 12, 13, 14, 16 and 17, and district 14, sub district 27, no more than one 15 hour opening every seven days. The department must open these sub districts concurrently whenever they are opened and concurrently with openings in other districts in the region. (d) The department may not allow the operation of purse seines in district 12, sub district 15, or in district 14, sub districts 21 and 23.

6 – Votes to NOT support this proposal. This committee felt that this proposal is too restrictive at only 15 hours every seven days.

M/S/C To accept Proposal's 199 – Closed waters to operation of commercial purse seine within the possessory boundary of Angoon.

200 – Closed water within the Admiralty Monument proclamation boundary to commercial fishing for salmon with purse seine gear.

6 – Votes to NOT support these proposals. This committee felt that these proposals are too restrictive and that ADFG can choose not to open these areas to purse seining during the season.

M/S/C To accept Proposal 201 – 5 AAC 33.350. Closed waters. Close certain waters of Chichagof Island and Admiralty Island to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear, as follows; The area within two nautical miles of Chichagof Island between points two nautical miles south of Basket Bay and the area within two nautical miles of Admiralty Island south of Parker Point and north of Point Samuel are closed to purse seining.

6 – Votes NOT to support this proposal. This committee felt that ADFG can choose not to open this area to purse seining during the season.

M/S/C To have the Chair represent the Icy Strait AC at the January Meeting in Wrangell.

5 – Votes to support the Chair going to the meeting.

M/S To adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm

Next meeting date to be announced by the Chair.



Respectively Submitted by; Vice Chair/Secretary Don Bolton



Juneau-Douglas Advisory Committee  
January 5, 2015 6:00 p.m.  
Egan Hall University of Alaska

- I. Call to Order: 6:05pm by Ed Buyarski, Chair
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present:  
Ed Buyarski-Sport fish/Hunting/Personal Use(Chairman)  
Atlin Daughtery-Hunting Guide(Vice Chair)  
Jesse Ross-Trapping(Secretary)  
Mike Peterson-Alternate  
Henry Webb-Commercial Fishing  
Jason Kohlhase-Processor  
Richard Yamada-Charter Fishing-Saltwater(was via teleconference for most of 174 discussion only)  
Michael Bethers-Sport fishing/Hunting/Personal Use  
Chris Miller-Commercial Fishing  
Thatcher Brouwer-Commercial Fishing  
Terry White-Charter Fishing-Saltwater  
  
Members Absent:  
Kevin Maier-Sport Fish- Freshwater  
Kristine Trott-Non consumptive personal Use  
  
Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 8
- III. Approval of Agenda:  
Unanimous
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date:  
Unanimous Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:  
Scott Forbes, Dave Love, Dave Harris, Ed Jones, Brian Frenette, Frances Leach, Flip Pryer
- VI. Guests Present:  
Bob Millard -Public  
Dan Pardes-public/gillnetter  
Ron Somerville-public  
Larry Edfelt-public  
Bill Heard-Public  
Tom Gemmell-public  
Jim Becker-public
- VII. Old Business:  

<p><b>Change BOG from a 2 year cycle to a 3 year cycle:</b> 8 support 2 oppose Motion made and seconded to discuss issue Jesse- afraid to see Alaskan's voice in game management get pushed aside for monetary reasons and have greenie biologists making decisions not in Alaskans best interests. Supporting a 2 year cycle aligns with ADFG's mission statement. 3 year does not. Mike P-money cuts and EO's are in place already, ok with 3 year cycle. Henry W-everyone in state needs to feel budget hits. Atlin-big issues at hand like sheep permits, should be decided in 2 year cycle.</p>
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VIII. New Business:  
Discussion of Proposals

*This space may be used to record minutes*

Southeast and Yakutat Finfish, Jan. 23–March 3, 2015 Alaska Board of Fisheries			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
<b>BOF</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>Establish 50 fish harvest limit for personal use sablefish fishery.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	8	2	Dave Harris-gave history, fishery has harvest reports in place, fishery existed since 89, largely unrestricted, permit required,, sablefish are on decline, fishery needs regulation Jason K-needs regulation Henry W-needs regulation, too open of a fishery Mike P- amend 136 as follows, "hook and line gear is legal with a hook limit of 350 hooks per permit" <b>Amended "A" to read as follows "25 fish per household" 9 support 1 oppose</b>
<b>BOF</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>Reduce the king salmon size limit from 28 inches or greater in length to 26 inches or greater in length in the Southeast Alaska Area.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	10	Ed Jones-Everything is based on 28 inch fish, would cause trouble for all models used by the department Henry Webb- what's mortality rate for shakers? 20 percent Thatcher B-same number of fish but catch rates will go up.
<b>BOF</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>Modify the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan by eliminating inseason reductions to the annual limit.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	1	8	1 abstain Brian F- issue is about ratcheting down the catch ."inside" vs "outside" Mike B- guys are getting at need for inside management vs outside management.
<b>BOF</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>Establish nonresident annual limits for coho, sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	8	2 abstain. Mike B--to ADFG bios...what difference will this make? Negligible Jesse-not valid, ADFG already has EO and other mechanisms in place
<b>BOF</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>Establish an effective date of April 1 for the District 11 sport fishery for king salmon and rescind the closure in upper Taku Inlet.</b>	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	0	<p>Brian F-this eliminates confusion, simplifies the regulation of two rod vs one rod, season dates</p> <p>EO is in place should numbers warrant it</p>
<b>BOF</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>Open freshwaters along the Juneau road system to sport fishing for hatchery-produced king salmon.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	0	<p>Brian F-Intent is to put into regulation what is an annual EO that the dept. uses</p> <p>Mike B-need for language to read "currently open to sport fishing" after" e.. (1)"</p> <p>Mike P-amend to read all drainages currently open to sport fishing motion made and seconded and passed</p>
<b>BOF</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>Establish a Taku River king salmon management plan.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			<p>Mike Bethers gave some background info to this proposal.</p> <p>Ed Jones talked about the Stock of concern for King Salmon. ADFG is watching the numbers very closely, but not a Stock of concern. Allocative ,not a conservation concern.</p> <p>Taku met escapement this year, Chilkat missed escapement three times, Unik River as well.</p> <p>"Forecast is high, and that is the error"</p> <p>J Kohlhase questioned ADFG bio-asked about numbers of fish in spring troll fishery.</p> <p>Mike Bethers talked about us/Canadians backing down two years ago based on forecast.</p> <p>Mike Bethers-need for more conservative approach than the department is using</p> <p>public comment--Bob Millard, sees a problem with the model, would like to see more conservative approach/Ron Summerville TS doesn't want to see the poor salmon runs...not an allocation issue.</p> <p>There is no plan for Taku...need for plan now.</p> <p>Larry Edfelt-need a plan, not a disaster plan</p> <p>Bob Hurd-70s-80s ADFG closed Juneau local waters....closure worked. This plan is a stage for same thing that's needed.</p> <p>Ed Jones--spoke to shaker king mortality.</p> <p>Tom Gemmell question to Ed Jones/ Taku Stikine and Unik are indicators in SE/no sign of a turnaround. Going downhill.</p> <p>what is it going to take to get a Taku King Salmon Management Plan?</p> <p>Ed Jones--escapement goals vs return,</p> <p>A good plan is needed</p> <p>Jason Kohlhase-its allocative, need more inclusiveness, seems to be exclusive. Likes idea but not as written.</p> <p>Ron-need to send a message to BOF that something needs to be done.</p> <p>Ed B.-need a committee formed to draft a letter to BOF. Thatcher, Atlin and Mike B.</p> <p>Motion to draft a letter, motion to take no action on 174.unanimous consent</p>
<b>BOF</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>Evaluate potential changes to enhanced salmon allocations.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	8	<p>2 abstain.</p> <p>Flip Pryor-allocation for three commercial groups, adopted in 94, plan is in place</p> <p>Gillnet fishery has over allocation; seiners are under, trollers never, in regards to chum salmon.</p>
<b>BOF</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>Allow the use of single filament mesh in a commercial salmon drift gillnet in the Southeastern Alaska Area.</b>	



<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	1 abstain. Use of monofilament, Dave Harris,--gave history, no difference but each area is unique to color of water, seabird mortality is a concern as viability decreases Jim B--"ghost net" issue in the 70's when this was a proposal
<b>BOF</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>Allow the commissioner to open a season during which a trip limit is in effect for king salmon in the commercial summer salmon troll fishery.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	3	4	3 abstain. Dave Harris-gave history, quota is small, Fair likelihood of going over limit, how many boats Very challenging to monitor. Thatcher B-supports to get last little bit of allocated fish and would work with ADFG to ensure limit Henry W-herring has similar situation
<b>BOF</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>Remove sunset clause from District 12 and 14 Enhanced Chum Salmon Troll Fishery Management Plan.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	3	4	3 abstain Dave Harris-trollers targeting king salmon and now chum salmon, 2012, gave history of fishery Mike P--does this need any amending?? Dave-no Chris M-Any stock concerns...no
<b>BOF</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>Close the commercial troll fishery for coho salmon from August 1–10.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	1	7	2 abstain Dave Harris-gave history escapement goals have been met or exceeded Harvest surveys found 314 coho from,530 coho with sport gear Mike P--seems to be draconian for Angoon to ask to shut down the whole troll fishery Atlin--was traditional to close down for 2 weeks Dave H- federal versus state management Tom Gemmell-run timing for fish is critical, fish are already in the creek. 3000' off Admiralty island and all territorial waters to be closed to commercial fishing Henry W- this is ridiculous to ask for exclusive allocation
<b>BOF</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>Restrict commercial salmon fishing with troll gear in Section 15-C beginning July 1.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	4	3	3 abstain Dave Harris-gave history of fishery, could create issues with boats of different fisheries Jim Becker-USAG doesn't want troll fishery to grow in this area, like Amalga and Breadline Would be a mess of boats/chaos and create fisherman wars Thatcher B-trollers have historically been under allocated, why stop an issue that isn't Jim B-keep fisheries separate, there are other fisheries better suited for trollers.

Old Business: See BOG notes.

Adjournment: 9:55 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Jesse Ross

Minutes Approved By: Ed Buyarski

Date: January 7, 2015



January 26, 2015

Dear Board of Fish Committee Members:

The Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee reviewed proposal 174 and voted to take no action on the proposal after a long discussion about king salmon management on the Taku and Chilkat Rivers. During the course of the discussion the committee heard from members of the public, and Fish and Game department staff on the issue and agreed to draft a letter to the Board of Fish on the topic of Chilkat and Taku River king salmon management.

The biological escapement range for the Taku king salmon stock is 19,000 to 36,000 large spawners and recent escapements have been 19,249 in 2012, 18,002 in 2013 and 23,532 in 2014. The escapement range for the Chilkat king salmon stock is 1,750 to 3,500 large spawners and recent escapements have been 1,721 in 2012, 1,706 in 2013 and 1,290 in 2014.

Management of the Taku is complicated as it is the largest transboundary river in Southeast. Taku River kings show up in the harvests only as mature fish. There is currently no management plan in place for the Taku River king salmon. The Chilkat River is not a transboundary river and the Chilkat River king salmon tend to rear in inside waters prior to migrating to outside coastal waters to complete rearing. There is a management plan for the Chilkat River, but it has not been implemented in recent years.

Some members of the public and advisory committee voiced concerns that returns to the Taku and Chilkat Rivers have been at the lower end of the escapement range or below the minimum escapement goal in recent years. Amongst those who voiced concerns, there is a belief that action should be taken to increase returns to the Taku and Chilkat Rivers. One possible tool to improve run size is a management plan for the Taku river and a modification of the Chilkat River management plan.

During the advisory committee meeting it was suggested that user groups should come together to discuss management of king salmon on the Taku and Chilkat Rivers and possibly work with department staff to draft a management plan for the Taku River and modify the management plan for the Chilkat River.

As a result of our discussion of proposal 174, we respectfully request the Board of Fish creates a public working group or Board of Fish Committee comprised of all users, Fish and Game staff and at least one Canadian representative. We would like the working group or committee to be tasked with discussing king salmon management on the Taku and Chilkat and potentially drafting a management plan for the Taku River and modifying the management plan for the Chilkat River.

Sincerely,

Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee



**Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee**  
**December 18, 2014**  
**Wrangell Fire Hall**  
**Southeast and Yakutat Finfish, Feb. 23–March 3, 2015**  
**Alaska Board of Fisheries**

- I. Call to Order: Seven PM by Chris Guggenbickler
  
- II. Roll Call: Members Present: (12)  
Chris Guggenbickler, Chairperson  
David Rak, Secretary  
Marlin Benedict, member  
Bill Knecht, member  
Janice Churchill, member  
John Yeager, member  
Tony Guggenbickler, member  
Brian Merritt, member  
Robert Rooney, member  
Jason Rooney, member  
Winston J. Davies, member  
Scott McAuliffe, alternate  
  
Members Absent: (5)  
Brennon Eagle, Vice-Chair  
Tom Sims, member  
Otto Florschutz, member  
Alan Reeves, member  
Mike Bauer, alternate  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Eight  
List of User Groups Present: NA
  
- III. Approval of Agenda: Board of Fish Finfish Proposals
  
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
  
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:  
Tom Kowalske (DFG) Wrangell  
Troy Thynes (DFG) Petersburg  
Patrick Fowler (DFG) Petersburg
  
- VI. Guests Present: Dan Rudy, Wrangell Sentinel; Katarina Sostaric KSTK Radio; Dennis Reed
- VII. Old Business: No old business
  1. New Business: Chris reported on the recent SSRAA Meeting Report and other business.



**Southeast and Yakutat Finfish, Feb. 23–March 3, 2015**  
**Alaska Board of Fisheries**

**Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form**

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
		Number Support	Number Oppose
			<b>Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal</b>
<b>BOF</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>Create a commercial fishery for spiny dogfish in Southeast Alaska using pot gear.</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	2	The Wrangell AC supports the development of a directed fishery if there are too many dogfish. The AC generally favors decreasing the amount of dogfish in the water. Pots for dogfish should not be allowed in areas that would conflict with gillnet and seine fisheries. It was noted that currently there is no commercial fishery for dogfish, and there have been requests for the past two board cycles. Persons wishing to take dogfish could apply for a Commissioners Permit for an experimental fishery. Currently dogfish cannot be retained and sold as bycatch. (Dogfish cannot be placed in the same hold with other fish due to excretion from their skin.) In the past a fishery near Yakutat did allow dogfish bycatch, but no take was reported on the fish tickets. Some dogfish can be retained in the power and hand troll fishery in SEAK. If the proposal passes, the management cost for a new fishery should be small. Some members are against even one more hook in the water.
<b>BOF</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>Allow pots in commercial sablefish fishery.</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	11	1	It is assumed the proposal would open up new areas for the pot fishery. If the pot fishery is allowed in SEAK, it should be allowed only in Clarence Strait, not Chatham Strait or outside waters. A quota is needed for black cod harvest and then the decision for the gear type: pots vs long line. Small boats that long line fish would not be able to run pots which generally requires larger boats.
<b>BOF</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>Establish 50 fish harvest limit for personal use sablefish fishery.</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	11	1	The Wrangell AC feels this is a reasonable proposal if it is OK with Federal Subsistence. Currently there is no limit. Favorable elements include: allowing 4 permits per vessel; and commercial vessels can be hired for the fishery.
<b>BOF</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>Require groundfish fishermen using dinglebar, mechanical jig, or hand troll gear to report the specific location of fishing operation by latitude and longitude in logbooks and clarify the reporting of amount of hooks fished to be consistent with that information requested in the logbook.</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	11	1	The Wrangell AC supports the proposal for research as a tool that would improve management of the lingcod fishery. Department managers need good and accurate information to better manage lingcod. The information in the ADG&G data base could be available to other fisheries as well.



BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
		Number Support	Number Oppose
BOF	139		Define mechanical jigging gear separate from dinglebar troll gear and establish limits on hooks to be used.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	12	0	The Wrangell AC supports this proposal because as there is a difference in between the gear it would help to differentiate between them in the regulations.
BOF	140		Increase minimum commercial lingcod size limit to 30 inches from tip of snout, or 22.75 inches from front of dorsal fin, to tip of tail.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			The proposed change would result in not much difference to the fishery because small cod are not kept.
BOF	141		Allow commercial salmon fishermen using troll gear in Sitka Sound to retain up to two lingcod per trip for personal use.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Proposal is for the Community of Sitka. Trollers are not allowed to keep fish within the LAMP. The proposed change could result in increased harvest, which could result in conservation issues.
BOF	142		Repeal Sitka Sound Special Use area lingcod regulations.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Proposal is for the Community of Sitka. The proposal would make the Department regulations match the current more restrictive practices being used.
BOF	143		Require all anglers releasing nonpelagic rockfish to release them at depth, and require at least one deep water release mechanism on board vessels used by sport anglers.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	3	9	The Wrangell AC is divided over this proposal. Commercial charter fishing boats are already required to have the release mechanism on board and use it for the rock fish. The proposal would put all fishers on an equal basis and conserve many rockfish. There are concerns for the release mechanism for rental fishing boats. There was a major concern that families that are bottom fishing would be required to have the release mechanism on board in case they catch a rockfish. All sport fishers would be required to have a release mechanism on board their boat.
BOF	144		Repeal mandatory retention requirements for nonpelagic rockfish.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	12	The Wrangell AC believes the proper use of the deep water release mechanism would allow most rockfish caught to live after being released. There is no need for a regulation requiring persons to keep (and kill) 100% of the rockfish caught. Note: It appears the Members thought they were voting on keeping and killing all the rockfish caught, which the Committee opposes.



BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	113		<b>Prohibit fishing, around Cache Island, for bottomfish, crab, and shrimp by all users. This proposal is also scheduled for consideration during the Southeast and Yakutat Crab, Shrimp, and Miscellaneous Shellfish meeting.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	11	The Wrangell AC considered this proposal during its meeting on 12/11/2014. The Wrangell AC opposes localized area closures by regulation. The Department already has the authority to close areas if needed for resource conservation. The AC opposes this allocative proposal to a gear group.
BOF	148		<b>Allow for designation of community subsistence harvesters for Hoonah residents.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	12	The Wrangell AC opposes this proposal because it would open a quasi-commercial harvest for a few individuals.
BOF	155		<b>Allow party fishing in Southeast Alaska saltwater fisheries.</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	12	0	The Wrangell AC supports this proposal because it would allow for a boat limit; replacing per person limits. This could result in more fish kept but less fish mortality due to release by a person who has limited out or wants a bigger fish. Adults could allow their kids to have a positive fishing experience because they can allow young people to fight and land more fish.
BOF	156		<b>Allow the use of bow and arrow to take salmon in the Southeast Alaska Area by certified bow anglers.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	12	0	The Wrangell AC feels the proposal as written is too loose and amends it to restrict the use of a bow and arrow to saltwater only, and there must be a line attached to the arrows. The Wrangell AC supports the proposal as amended.
BOF	157		<b>Reduce the king salmon size limit from 28 inches or greater in length to 26 inches or greater in length in the Southeast Alaska Area.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	12	The Wrangell AC opposes this proposal because it is not in favor of keeping smaller fish. Decreasing the limit to 26 inches would increase the efficiency of the fishery, but the number of king salmon available is set by Treaty. Is the size of a king salmon at the same age decreasing? May be best to keep the size limit unchanged.
BOF	158		<b>Modify the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan by eliminating inseason reductions to the annual limit.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	12	The Wrangell AC opposes this proposal because regulations should not be changed to build a lodge business around, and the AC is not in favor of a SE wide change in the Plan. The AC feels the lodge businesses need to adapt to changes in the regulations made for king salmon conservation. There will be highs and lows in the fishery. All fishers need to accept that and adapt. The king salmon charter fishery should not be a "meat fishery". The fishery cannot have a constant bag limit.



BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
		Number Support	Number Oppose
BOF	159	Establish nonresident annual limits for coho, sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	11	1	The Wrangell AC supports this proposal because they believe an annual limit needs to be put on nonresidents for all species of salmon in salt water.
BOF	160	Establish nonresident annual limits for coho, sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	12	0	The Wrangell AC supports this proposal as it is the similar to proposal 159, for fresh water. Annual limits are needed on nonresidents for all species of salmon in fresh water.
BOF	166	Establish an effective date of April 1 for the District 11 sport fishery for king salmon and rescind the closure in upper Taku Inlet.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	12	The Wrangell AC opposes liberalizing bag limits to take fish in this District. This should be left to the Department to regulate. The upper Taku is not in the Wrangell area, but regulatory actions are necessary in that area.
BOF	172	Repeal Ketchikan Creek harvest regulations applying to adipose fin-clipped steelhead.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			When SSRAA takes over the facility at Deer Mountain the need to be regulated/ for the regulation would be unnecessary.
BOF	175	Evaluate potential changes to enhanced salmon allocations.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Proposal would modify the Management Plan. Action is opposed by the RPT who do not favor opening up the allocation plan. Issue has been taken up by the joint RPT in Petersburg who opposed the proposal.
BOF	176	Establish new enhanced salmon allocations by gear type.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Proposal would modify the Management Plan. Action is opposed by the RPT who do not favor opening up the allocation plan. Issue has been taken up by the joint RPT in Petersburg who opposed the proposal.



BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
		Number Support	Number Oppose
BOF	183	<b>Modify commercial salmon fishery purse seine and drift gillnet fishing time ratios in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No Action</b>			Prefer to support the USAG and SEAS agreements/proposals.
BOF	185	<b>Change fishing ratios and sunset date in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No Action</b>			Proposal will be pulled by the JRPT.
BOF	186	<b>Modify commercial salmon fishery purse seine and drift gillnet fishing time ratios in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area.</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	12	0	The Wrangell AC supports the USAG and SEAS agreements and proposals. The proposed action is needed to maintain the agreed upon harvest ratio.
BOF	187	<b>Allow commercial salmon drift gillnet gear in Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No Action</b>			Support the USAG and SAS agreements/proposals
BOF	190	<b>Modify accounting of commercial sockeye salmon purse seine harvest limit in Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No Action</b>			Proposal is part of the USAG and SEAS agreement. Support the USAG and SAS agreements/proposals.
BOF	198	<b>Establish closed waters around sockeye salmon streams in the Angoon area.</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	2	The Wrangell AC supports this proposal because it starts the process of keeping commercial fishing available and making fish available to Angoon. Areas have been closed by EO. Proposal would close by regulation. No new closed waters. It is important that the action is a biological decision, not a political one



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<b>BOF</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>Prohibit commercial fishing for salmon with purse seine gear within the possessory boundary of Angoon for five years.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Oppose</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	12	The Wrangell AC opposes this proposal because it is too far reaching and questions if there are statistics to back up the proposal. Three years ago it was determined the RAC for Angoon needs to develop a working relationship with the Department by 2015. Cooperation has not been observed. A determination of the individual household needs for Angoon has not been answered.
<b>BOF</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>Close waters within the Admiralty Monument proclamation boundary to commercial fishing for salmon with purse seine gear.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Oppose</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	12	The Wrangell AC opposes this proposal as it opposed proposal 199. The proposal is too far reaching. Three years ago it was determined the RAC for Angoon needs to develop a working relationship with the Department by 2015. Cooperation has not been observed. A determination of the individual household needs for Angoon has not been answered
<b>BOF</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>Close certain waters of Chichagof Island and Admiralty Island to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear.</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	2	The Wrangell AC supports this proposal because it starts the process of keeping commercial fishing available and making fish available to Angoon. Areas have been closed by EO. Proposal would close by regulation. No new closed waters. It is important that the action is a biological decision, not a political one.

Marlin Benedict and John Yeager leave the meeting approximately 10 PM.

<b>BOF</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>Increase commercial drift gillnet salmon fishing opportunity in Section 6-D.</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Support</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	3 & one person abstains	The Wrangell AC was split on this proposal. This is an effort between the net groups to allow opportunity for gillnetters to have increased pink opportunity (as they are below their historic harvest levels) without displacing current seine opportunity.
<b>BOF</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>Establish a drift gillnet mesh size restriction in District 8 when the directed king salmon fishery is closed.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Oppose</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	10	The Wrangell AC opposes this allocative proposal. The proposer talks about "fairness" between user groups, in 2014 for instance there was no directed king fishery for gillnet. Gillnetters had no early openings to access Stikine kings, yet the bag limit for sport was 3 kings/day based on treaty abundance of Columbia river kings, not Stikine kings. Also commercial trollers were allowed hatchery access openings where Stikine kings are incidental harvest. ADF&G managers will close areas near the Stikine to gillnet in years when there is a conservation concern. Also past data shows most Stikine kings have traveled through the fishery prior to the opening of the traditional gillnet fishery.



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BOF	209	<b>Allow drift gillnets with mesh size of four and seven-eighths inches or less to have a depth of up to 120 meshes.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Oppose</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	1	9	The Wrangell AC opposes this proposal because the majority of the fleet is not in favor of smaller mesh and deeper nets. Proposal would double the depth with no change in length. Deeper nets catch humpies.
BOF	210	<b>Allow the use of single filament mesh in a commercial salmon drift gillnet in the Southeastern Alaska Area.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No Action</b>			Monofilament has its own problems with balling and tangling up.
BOF	222	<b>Correct regulatory language to clarify a contribution rate of Alaska hatchery-produced salmon for the spring salmon troll fisheries.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No Action</b>			Would like clarification that Alaska hatchery fish are to be used.
BOF	223	<b>Change the king salmon harvest percentage for the initial opening in the summer salmon troll fishery from 70 percent to 60 percent.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Oppose</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	10	The Wrangell AC opposes this proposal because it is a bad deal. There is a chance that in some years the quota would not be caught.
BOF	228	<b>Close the commercial troll fishery for coho salmon from August 1–10.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Oppose</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	10	Proposal 228 is similar to proposal 199. The Wrangell AC opposes these proposals because they are too far reaching and questions if there are statistics to back up the proposal. Three years ago it was determined the RAC for Angoon needs to develop a working relationship with the Department by 2015. Cooperation has not been observed. A determination of the individual household needs for Angoon has not been answered.
BOF	231	<b>Reduce the area open to commercial salmon fishing with troll gear in Naha Bay during the summer.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Oppose</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	10	The Wrangell AC opposes this proposal because it is not necessary for fishery conservation, and would set up a "private" preserve.



Adjournment: Approximately 1030 PM

Minutes Recorded By: David Rak  
Minutes Approved By: Chris Guggenbickler  
Date: January 31, 2015

