

**On-Time Advisory Committee Comment List
Alaska Peninsula, Chignik, Aleutian Islands-Bering
Sea Pacific Cod Meeting
November 30–December 1, 2015**

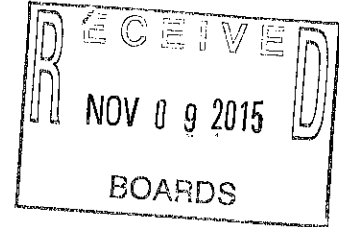
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UNALASKA/DUTCH HARBOR FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

P.O. BOX 162 UNALASKA, AK 99685

October 28, 2015

Tom Kluberton, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries
Alaska Department of
Fish and Game Board Support
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Subject: Comments from the Unalaska/Dutch Harbor Advisory Committee meeting held on August 29, 2015 in Unalaska, AK for Proposals included in the Alaska Board Fisheries Alaska Peninsula, Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands/Chignik Pacific Cod meeting November 30, 2015 in Anchorage AK.

Proposal 14 – 5 AAC 28.647 – Aleutian Islands District Pacific Cod Management Plan; and 5 AAC 28.648 Dutch Harbor Sub-district Pacific Cod Management Plan. This proposal was proposed by ADF&G and is in response to the NPFMC 2014 separation of the Aleutian Islands and Bering Sea subareas in order to calculate two separate Pacific Cod GHs based on the federal ABC in each area.

Discussion: the Unalaska/Dutch Harbor Advisory committee felt that this issue was somewhat a housekeeping issue. Motion to support Proposal 14 made by Good and seconded by Shockley. Motion passed 10/0.

Proposal 15 – 5 AAC 28.648 Dutch Harbor Sub-district Pacific Cod Management Plan. This proposal would expand the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state waters Pacific Cod fishery boundaries and increase the state waters GH from 3% to 9% of the federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands ABC.

Discussion: the Unalaska/Dutch Harbor Advisory Committee focused concerns on such a sizeable increase in quota, which would go from 18 million pounds to 56 million pounds, in only the second year of this fishery, especially considering that the entire quota is harvested in a very small area. There was also discussion considering that within three miles is the most important nearshore area for Steller sea lions. Increasing the boundary to 170° W long for the state water fishery still leaves outside of three miles, federal waters, closed due to Steller sea lion restrictions. It was also pointed out that there is a lack of observer

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coverage in the under 58' fixed gear fleet. The trawl association representative pointed out the negative impacts to the trawl sector, and to the other large boat sectors, of an increase in the state water fishery.

He also pointed out that the trawlers and others have been supporting Bering Sea communities for over 35 years by delivering cod to local shoreplants, buying fuel, groceries and supporting many local businesses. It was discussed that if the state-water GHL isn't taken there is no mechanism in place to roll back unharvested cod back to the federal water fishery. Local fishermen on the AC are concerned of an increase in fishery participants with an increase in quota. It is possible that new vessels would come from other communities in Alaska and from other states, putting the local small boat fleet at a major disadvantage. In addition, local fisherman would face shorter seasons. Limited entry may have to be considered for this fishery in the future.

Committee members did not support such a large increase in the GHL but did support the expanded area out to 170° W long., which would spread out the fleet. An amended motion was made by Good and seconded by Shockley. The motion would allow for the increase in the area boundaries to 170° West long., but no increase in GHL percentage. The motion as amended passed 10/0.

Proposal 16 – 5 AAC 28.648 Dutch Harbor Sub district Pacific Cod Management Plan. Increase the GHL for Dutch Harbor subdistrict state-waters Pacific Cod fishery from 3% to a maximum of 7% using a stair-step approach from removals from the Bering Sea Pacific Cod ABC amount. Motion to support made by Shockley and seconded by Good.

~~Discussion: Similar to the discussion on Proposal 15, increases in GHL could bring more vessels into the fishery, impacting the local small boat fleet and the larger vessel cod harvesters, who have been delivering to local communities for years. Increases to the GHL inside of state waters may be frowned on by NMFS for potential impacts to Steller sea lions. It was mentioned that items such as trip limits, day light fishing, limited entry and other mechanisms could be put in place including a way to roll back unharvested state-water GHL cod back to the federal water fishery. It was also pointed out that all of the CDQ program cod allocation is harvested and processed by the Freezer Longline catcher-processor fleet to the disadvantage of the 58' < under fleet. Some of the local AC members wanted to support a small increase to the GHL. Discussions lead to an amended motion being made by Mahoney and seconded by Dickerson that would increase the GHL by 4% with no stair-step approach. The amended motion failed 4/5. The main motion to support Proposal 16 also failed 3/6.~~

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Proposal 17 – 5 AAC 28.648 Dutch Harbor Sub district Pacific Cod Management Plan. Increase the vessel size limit from 58 feet to 125 feet overall length for the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific Cod fishery. Motion to support made by Gregory and seconded by Holman.

Discussion: There was no support for Proposal 17 as the Dutch Harbor state-water fishery was intended to be a small boat fishery. The motion to support failed 0/9.

Proposal 18 – 5 AAC 28.647 Aleutian Islands District Pacific Cod Management Plan. Align Aleutian Islands District state waters Pacific Cod season opening and closing dates with recent changes to federal Pacific Cod management. Motion to support made by Good and seconded by Gregory.

Discussion: This was viewed as a housekeeping proposal by ADFG. There were some questions by the longline representative on what triggered the opening and closing dates during the various seasons. Motion to support was approved 8-0.

NOTE: Mahoney briefly left meeting during discussion of this proposal so was unable to vote.

Proposal 19 – 5 AAC 28.647 Aleutian Islands District Pacific Cod Management Plan. Modify vessel size limit for longline vessels in the Aleutian Islands District after September 1 to December 31. If the federal water fishery is closed, this would allow no restriction on the size of vessels using longline gear in the state waters in the Pacific Cod B season based on remaining GHF in the state water fishery. Motion to support was made by Gregory and seconded by Shockley.

Discussion: Committee members were concerned of potential increase in Halibut bycatch if this was allowed for the longline catcher processors to work the state-water B season fishery. It was brought up that in the future there might be an operating shoreside plant that would benefit catcher-vessels that may want to fish during the B season in that area to the benefit of Adak and possibly Atka. Longline harvest representative reminded the committee of the many years of continued stranding of millions of pounds of almost all of the B season state water cod in the Adak area. Motion to support failed 3/6.

Proposal 20 - 5 AAC 28.647 Aleutian Islands District Pacific Cod Management Plan. Define waters between 175 W Long to 178 W Long as the Adak District in the Aleutian Islands District state waters Pacific Cod fishery.



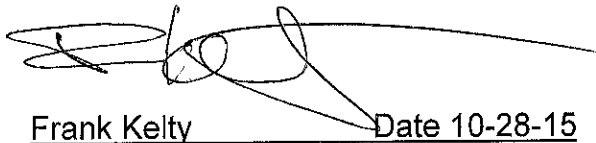
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Discussion: This was proposed by ADF&G and was viewed as a housekeeping type issue. Motion to support made by Shockley and seconded by Good. Motion passed 9/0.

Proposal 21 - - 5 AAC 28.647 Aleutian Islands District Pacific Cod Management Plan; and 5 AAC 28.648 Dutch Harbor Sub district Pacific Cod Management Plan. Update state waters Pacific Cod management plans of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands with current federal references to Steller sea lion protection measures. Motion to support made by Good and seconded by Shockley.

Discussion: This was another proposal by ADFG and was viewed as a housekeeping issue to clarify regulations as it pertains to Sea Lion protection areas. Motion to support made by Good and seconded by Shockley. Motion passed 9/0.


Frank Kelty Date 10-28-15

Unalaska/Dutch Harbor AC Chairman



UNALASKA FISH & GAME LOCAL ADISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 29, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

11:12 AM in the Unalaska Library Conference Room by Chairman Frank Kelty

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Don Goodfellow
Tim Mahoney
Steven Gregory
Jennifer Shockley
Frank Kelty
Mike Holman
Dustan Dickerson
Melissa Good

ABSENT:

Roger Rowland
Kristian Laxfoss
Margaret "Augie" Kochuten

GUESTS PRESENT: Miranda Westphal (ADF&G), Kristin Milani (NMFS), Shari Coleman, Jim Paulin, Ethan Mahoney, Jeff Hancock, John Ryan, Dan Martin, trawl captain

Additional guests appeared telephonically: Heather Fitch ADFG , Donn Tracy ADFG, Gerry Merrigan Freezer Longliners, Ruth Christenson Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers, Brent Paine United Catcher Boats, Matt Keyes ADFG, and Charles Russell ADFG.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

None.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Agenda was reviewed and adopted with no changes or additions.

APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes for February 28, 2015 had been approved previously so they were committee review.

ADF&G UPDATE:

Update prepared by ADF&G Staff.

ADF&G Miranda Westphal:

1. Brown King crab - landings confidential
2. Sablefish – 7 participants, landings confidential
3. Aleutian Island Pacific Cod – no participation yet
4. Black Rockfish– confidential

NOAA – Krista Milani

1. No update. Fixed gear Pacific Cod season opens 9/1/15

LEGISLATIVE:

1. Kristian Laxfoss submitted letter of resignation from the committee. Shockley moved to accept it and Goodfellow seconded the motion. It carried 8/0.
2. Nominations, Elections for Committee Seats
 - a. Seat I – Goodfellow
 - b. Seat J – Mahoney



- c. Seat K – Kochuten
- d. Seat E – open (vacated by Laxfoss).
- 3. Jeff Hancock and Shari Coleman were nominated for seat E. Coleman received 8 votes and Hancock 2. Coleman filled seat E.
- 4. Hancock was nominated to fill the 1-year alternative seat. Motion passed 11-0
- 5. Committee officers were elected as follows: unanimously 11-0
 - a. Chairman – Frank Kelty
 - b. Vice-Chair – Steven Gregory
 - c. Secretary – Jennifer Shockley

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 1. ACR Proposals for the Board of Fisheries work session meeting October 21-22 2015 in Anchorage, AK

ACR - 5 AAC 5AAC: 35.506 (i) (2)

Allow the increased retention from 5% to 40% of Tanner Crab in the Bristol Bay Red King Crab fishery
Motion to support by Shockley seconded by Goodfellow.

Discussion: ADFG staff no comment, as ADFG staff comments have not been completed. Committee discussion on this proposal showed strong support by all committee members except for one member. The majority felt that changing the percentage of incidentally retained Tanner crab from 5% to 40% in the Bristol Bay Red King Crab fishery would help in reducing unnecessary discards and increased handling mortality of Tanner crab in the Bristol Bay Red Crab fishery. The committee felt that an increase in incidentally retained Tanner crab was also justified by the increase in Eastern Subdistrict Bairdi allocation which would lead to an increase in retention of Tanner Crab. The committee felt that an increase in retention would not become a major problem due to the fact that king crab gear is rigged very differently than Tanner crab pots and it is very easy for Tanner crab to escape from king crab rig gear. The one concern we heard was the impact on processors of unloading and processing of mixed crab species. Motion to support ACR - 5 AAC 5AAC: 35.506 (i) (2) from Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers passed 9-1

ACR - 5 AAC 5AAC: 35.506 (i) (2) Allow the increased retention from 5% to 40% of Snow Crab in the Tanner Crab fishery west of 166° W long. : Motion to support by Shockley seconded by Good

Discussion: ADFG staff no comment, as ADFG staff comments were not completed. Unalaska AC Committee had no problem with this ACR. Discussion on this proposal: it had strong support by all committee members who felt that changing the percentage of incidentally harvested snow crab from 5% to 40% in the Western Subdistrict Tanner crab fishery west of 166° W long. would be a great help in reducing unnecessary discards and increased handling mortality during that fishery. The committee also felt that an increase from 5% to 40% was justified in assisting harvesters to harvest the snow crab allocation, which is currently much larger than the Western Subdistrict Tanner crab fishery. Another factor considered was that the Tanner crab fishery takes place during the winter months and closes on March 31st that area west of 166° W long., during a time of extremely cold temperatures and wind chill factors on the fishing grounds that can cause increase snow crab mortality.
Motion to support ACR - 5 AAC: 35.506 (j) from Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers Passed 10-0.

ACR - 5 AAC 5AAC: 39. 670(c) (3) (D) Allow a vessel in a rationalized crab fishery to deploy crab pot gear for another rationalized target fishery if all of the following criteria are met 1.gear conversion and setting occurs only at the conclusion of the final trip for the previously targeted species prior to offload; 2. Re-rigged and baited gear is hauled within 14 days after setting; 3. Hauling of re-rigged and



baited gear does not occur prior to registering for the new target fishery. Motion to support by Good seconded by Shockley

Discussion: ADFG staff no comment, as ADFG staff comments were not completed. The majority of the board had no problem supporting this ACR. The AC saw this as an economic saving to the harvesters of time, fuel, and extra pot handling. This allows them to go right into another rationalized fishery without having to spend the time and effort removing their gear from the grounds and it increases operating efficiencies. The only member in opposition was worried about Alaska Dept. of Public Safety take of this ACR.

Motion to support ACR - 5 AAC: 39.670 (c) (3) (D) from Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers Passed 9-1.

RECESS – 12:00 CALLED BACK IN SESSION – 12:07

Item 2. Review and comment on Pacific Cod Proposals for Alaska Peninsula /Chignik/Aleutian Islands/Bering Sea Pacific Cod for Board of Fisheries meeting November 30-December 1, 2015 in Anchorage, Alaska

Proposal 10 - 5AAC 28.577 South Alaska Peninsula Pacific Cod Management Plan. Not addressed by the Unalaska AC.

Proposal 11 – 5AAC 28.577 South Alaska Peninsula Pacific Cod Management Plan. Not addressed by the Unalaska AC.

Proposal 12 - 5AAC 28.577 South Alaska Peninsula Pacific Cod Management Plan. Not addressed by the Unalaska AC

Proposal 13 – 5 AAC 28.521 Groundfish pot storage requirements for South Alaska Peninsula Area – Not addressed by Unalaska AC.

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12:46 Don Goodfellow excused from meeting due to other commitments.

Proposal 16 – 5 AAC 28.648 Dutch Harbor Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan. Increase the GH for Dutch Harbor subdistrict state waters Pacific Cod fishery from 3% to 7% of the federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands ABC. Motion to support made by Shockley and seconded by Good. Discussions lead to an amended motion being made by Mahoney and seconded by Dickerson that would increase the GH by 4%. The amendment to the motion failed 4/5 the main motion failed 3/6.

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Cod fishery. Motion to support made by Gregory and seconded by Holman. There was no support for this motion as the Dutch Harbor state water fishery was intended to be a small boat fishery Motion failed 0/9.

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NOTE: Mahoney briefly left meeting during discussion of this proposal so was unable to vote.

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RECESS – 1:31 PM

CALLED BACK IN SESSION – 1:45 PM

Item 3. Review and comment on Proposals for Alaska Peninsula /Chignik/Aleutian Island Finfish for the Board of Fisheries meeting February 23-March 1, 2016 in Anchorage, Alaska

Proposal 188 – 5 AAC 12.320 South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Post June Management Plan. Establish open commercial salmon fishing periods in the Unalaska District that coincide with the last two open fishing periods in July in the Shumagin Islands Section. Discussion by committee included the concern that the season would open without surveys being conducted by ADF&G staff. Motion to support made by Good and seconded by Mahoney. Motion failed 0/9.

Proposals 189 through 194 were not addressed by the Unalaska AC.

Proposal 195 – 5 AAC 28.640 Aleutian Islands District and Western District of the South Alaska Peninsula Area Sablefish Management Plan. Update logbook requirements for Aleutian Islands state waters sablefish fishery. This was proposed by ADF&G and was viewed by the Unalaska AC as a housekeeping issue. Motion to support made by Good and seconded by Shockley. Motion passed 9/0.

Proposal 196 – 5 AAC 27.655 Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Herring Fishery. Change the date fishermen using purse seine gear can access the Dutch Harbor food and bait fishery gillnet allocation from July 25th to July 20th. Discussion centered on local entry level gillnet fishermen that may want to fish herring in the Unalaska Bay area, are still interested in this fishery, and may need up to the July 25th date to harvest the gillnet allocation before it is rolled over to the seine fleet. Motion to support made by Mahoney and seconded by Good. Motion failed 1/8.



Proposal 199 – 5 AAC 65.020 Bag Limits, possession limits, annual limits, and size limits for Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area. Amend the freshwater bag limit provisions for salmon species (other than King Salmon). Discussion by AC members indicated a concern about local stocks being exploited and possibly over harvested. Motion to support made by Good and seconded by Gregory. Motion failed 3/5
NOTE: Mahoney was excused from the meeting at 2:26 PM before vote occurred.

Proposal 201 - 5 AAC 65.020 Bag Limits, possession limits, annual limits, and size limits for Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area. Reduce the possession limit for Coho salmon in Illiuliuk Creek. This was proposed by ADF&G to reduce current possession limits from 4 Coho down to 2 Coho. AC discussion showed great concern about the stock of Coho in Illiuliuk Creek and the amount of sportfish effort on these stocks. An amended proposal was made by Gregory and seconded by Good to reduce bag limits down to 1 Coho per day and possession limits to 1 Coho. The amendment passed 8/0. The main motion as amended passed 8-0

Item 4. Discussion on local area salmon issues, and other items.



Local Salmon fishing at ‘Summer’s Bay’ – The committee read an email from Abi Woodbridge that detailed her concerns and observations at Summers Bay this past June/July 2015. The AC discussed their concerns about the increased number of people fishing at Summer’s Bay and possible ways to reduce the impact on the sockeye stocks. Donn Tracy indicated that it would be difficult to issue an emergency order without some type of scientific data that showed a significant impact. This issue will be addressed again at the December Unalaska AC meeting.

Jeff Hancock called the AC’s attention to a local issue involving a foot trail being placed in at the Manson Saltry and encouraged public input.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Next meeting is expected to be held sometime in mid-December 2015 to review state finfish proposals.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:04 PM

 
Frank Kelty, Chairman Date Approved 10/23/15 Mike Holman, Secretary Date Approved 10/23/15



November 4, 2015

NOTICE OF RESOLUTION BY THE CHIGNIK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(RESOLUTION NO. 2015-001)

To all whom it may concern including the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G):

1. The Chignik Advisory Committee (AC) hereby serves notice that it most strongly supports the transfer of Area L salmon management from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Westward Region to the department's Central Region. The basis for such is grounded on a multitude of biological, social-economic, and cultural reasons including those specified in the recent Governor's petition calling for the same.

and

2. The Chignik AC also requests that ADF&G manage Chignik's two sockeye runs beginning in 2016 for a minimum escapement of female sockeye salmon in the early run (Black Lake fish) and likewise in the late run (Chignik Lake fish). The Chignik AC findings and those reported by world class fisheries scientist are that best management practices and common logic conforms to ensuring that salmon escapements are managed for an appropriate (minimum) number of females. The targeting of a generic escapement goal, absent of defined criteria for ensuring a specific female component, is unacceptable knowing that in some years too few females return and an overabundance of one-ocean fish and other age males may occur (e.g. 2015) and that salmon reproduction potential is grounded on female fecundity and their abundance.

Lastly, notice is given that the above two requests align with the Alaska Sustainable Fisheries Policy.

Approved Chignik AC Committee Chairman:



Date: 11/4/15



False Pass Fish and Game Advisory Committee
November 3, 2015 Meeting
Pacific Cod Comments

I. Call to Order: 1:16 Time by Tom Hoblet

II. Roll Call:

Tom Hoblet (Chair)
Travis Hoblet
William Shellikoff Jr
Ken Smith (Teleconference) (Co-Chair)
Christopher Emrich (Secretary)

Members Present: Tom Hoblet (Chair)
Travis Hoblet
William Shellikoff Jr
Ken Smith (Teleconference) (Co-Chair)
Christopher Emrich (Secretary)

Members Absent: Ivan Hoblet (Alternate)
Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 3

Members Present: 5

Members Absent: 1 (Alternate)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3

List of User Groups Present:

III. Approval of Agenda: William Shellikoff Jr. Motioned, Ken Smith 2nd

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: 5/22/15, Approved with correction on spelling; William Shellikoff Jr Motioned, Ken Smith 2nd

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Taryn Oconner-Brito
Mack Keyes
Mark Stichert
Bob Murphy
Jeff Wadsley



VI. Guests Present: Ernie Weiss (AEB)
Liza Mack (AEB)
Buck Laukitis

VII. Old Business: Mack Keyes- Still drafting staff comment, nothing at this time. Mark Stichert, final comments for the Pacific Cod will be ready for the public, I can comment on them in this meeting but they will be ready for the public in the next week or two. Bob Murphy, still working on staff comment for the proposals for the North Peninsula Salmon, Proposals 22, 23 and 24 will read at the Bristol Bay Meeting, but be deliberated at the Area M meeting, 3 proposals that are between management areas, but will be deliberated at the Area M meeting. Tom- these proposals are new? Bob- Yes they are changes to management areas from the Alaska Peninsula management to the Bristol Bay Management area, but these will be deliberated on, again, at the Area M meeting. Ernie Weiss-I am expecting Buck Laukitis to call in, he has a proposal for the P-Cod Meeting, that he was interested in advocating, I am more interested in what you guys have to say, and follow your lead. Tom- Ernie, has there been other meeting from other area advisory meetings? Ernie- King Cove, not until sometime before the February meeting, and I am not sure what Sand Point was going to do. Do not think the other AC meeting are having a meeting before the P-Cod Meeting, besides you guys. Tom Hoblet-Doesn't King Cove have proposals in, and not meeting before the P-Cod Nov/Dec meeting? Ernie- that is what Grant told me, he is back in DC now. Liza Mack- Ernie is correct there are not any plans to have a meeting in King Cove before the P Cod Meeting. I am here to follow your lead, I am still learning.

VIII. New Business: Tom Hoblet- Since our last P-Cod meeting 3 years ago, Mark do you have the numbers of what was caught inside State waters, in the last 3 years, since we put the proposal in to increase the quota? Mark- Parallel and state waters? Tom-Yes. Mark- 2013 total harvest in parallel and state waters was 25 Million Pounds, or 40.3% of the Western Gulf ABC, in 2014 the harvest was 33.7 million pounds or 46.7% of the Western Gulf ABC, I don't have the 2015, because they are still fishing. I would anticipate they would be in line with these numbers, In the last 10 years, it is right at 45% of the Western Gulf ABC. Low is 37% in 2007 and the high is 54% in 2011. Seems to be in line with your request of proposals 10 and 11.



**ALASKA PENINSULA / CHIGNIK / ALEUTIAN ISLANDS-
BERING SEA PACIFIC COD
NOVEMBER 30–DECEMBER 1, 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
BOF	1	Add purse seine gear as an additional gear type to share the 10 percent mechanical jigging machine and hand troll (jig) gear allocation in the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			
BOF	2	Allow bycatch retention of Pacific cod in the Chignik Area salmon seine fishery. (This proposal will be heard at the Pacific cod meeting and heard and deliberated on at the Alaska Peninsula / Chignik / Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			
BOF	3	Apportion the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod allocation for pot vessels by vessel length.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			
BOF	4	Establish daily pot gear fishing periods for the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			



BOF	5	Change date that gear limits may be removed in the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			
BOF	6	Include a change in designation of Chignik Area from a superexclusive registration area to a nonexclusive registration area after October 30 in the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			
BOF	7	Change pot storage regulations for the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod pot gear fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			
BOF	8	Limit the number of pots in the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Chignik Area to 60 per vessel.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			
BOF	9	Reduce waters closed for the protection of Steller sea lions during the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Chignik Area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			
BOF	10	Increase the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level from 30 percent to 35 percent of the Western Gulf of Alaska acceptable biological catch.	



<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			5 votes for no action- False Pass Advisory is in favor of proposal 11, which is a 10% increase, rather than the 5% proposed in this proposal
BOF	11	Increase the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level from 30 percent to 40 percent of the Western Gulf of Alaska acceptable biological catch.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	0	Unanimous support-This proposal would put the ABC in line with what it has been in the last 10 years, and would prefer to keep the revenue to state, borough and local economies, by allocation more ABC to the State waters from the Federal waters
BOF	12	Apportion the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod allocation for pot vessels by vessel length.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	5	This proposal would limit smaller vessels. If the vessel length were increased from 55-58' boats, and increase of 10% ABC as in proposition 11, this proposal might be supported
BOF	13	Resolve conflict in pot storage regulations for the South Alaska Peninsula state-waters Pacific cod pot gear fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	0	Allowing 3 pots stored inside 25 fathoms shallow waters, not baited, non-tagged, opened, would allow for a more efficient fishery, as the season is short and the run is long, if pots are/were lost.
BOF	14	Calculate guideline harvest levels for Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands state-waters Pacific cod fisheries based on federal acceptable biological catch for subareas of the federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	0	As this is not directly in our fishing area, we would not have a % breakdown, and defer that to the State Fish & Game to figure
BOF	15	Expand the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery boundaries and increase the state-waters fishery guideline harvest level from three percent to nine percent of the federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands acceptable biological catch.	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	0	It will help the local fish processor, and fishermen, and communities; this may help the opportunity for the smaller boats, it will spread the fleet out, the smaller quota has been caught in short order the last few years
BOF	16	Increase guideline harvest level for the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery from three percent to seven percent of the federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands acceptable biological catch.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	0	It will help the local fish processor, and fishermen, and communities; this may help the opportunity for the smaller boats, it will spread the fleet out, the smaller quota has been caught in short order the last few years
BOF	17	Increase the vessel size limit from 58 to 125 feet overall length for the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	5	We don't want to set the precedent for inside 3 miles. Local boats are under 58', want to keep it that way
BOF	18	Align Aleutian Islands District state-waters Pacific cod season opening and closing dates with recent changes to federal Pacific cod management.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	0	It would help the State manage the fishery efficiently/smoothly/successfully
BOF	19	Modify vessel size limit for longline vessels in the Aleutian Islands District state-waters Pacific cod B season based on remaining guideline harvest level.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			
BOF	20	Define waters between 175° W long to 178° W long as the Adak District in the Aleutian Islands District state-waters Pacific cod fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	0	Makes the regulations less complicated



BOF	21	Update state-waters Pacific cod management plans of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands with current federal references for Steller sea lion protection.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	0	

Old Business: Taryn Oconner-Brito- There are a few changes, the minutes have to approved when they get them and need; at another meeting or by 1 individual that is appointed to approve minutes. You cannot email the minutes for approval and if more than 1 person approves them, that needs to be noted and reported in the minutes. Minutes with comments for the Bristol Bay meeting need to be received by November 19th. Tom-Minutes will be approved by Travis Hoblet. Taryn- The board will approve funding for 1 individual to come to the board of fisheries meeting the 30th – 1st . Tom- Chris Emrich will attend. Next meeting to be announced by the Chairman.

Adjournment: 4:30 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Chris Emrich
Minutes Approved By: Travis Hoblet
Date: 11/9/15



Kodiak Advisory Committee

November 18, 2015

ADF&G-Kodiak

I. Call to Order: 2:14p by Paul Chervenak, Chairman

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Paul Chervenak, Peter Hannah, Oliver Holm, Ron Kavanaugh, Rolan Ruoss, Kip Thomet, Mellissa Berns (Conrad Peterson), Tuck Bonney

Members Absent: Julie Kavanaugh, Lou Dochterman, Andrew Finke, Nathan Rose (A), Ronnie Lind, Dale Reft(A), Curt Waters

Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: Processor, Big Game Guide/Outfitter, South End Set net, Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon, Transporter/Sport Fish Charter, West Side Salmon Gillnet, Old Harbor Community

III. Approval of Agenda: Motion (Thomet) 2nd (Holm) Passes 8-0

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: February 23, 2015

Motion (Thomet) 2nd (Holm) Passes 8-0

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V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Taryn Oconnor-Brito

Wayne Donaldson, Nathaniel Nichols

VI. Guests Present:

VII. Old Business: Discussion of vacant seats and seats expiring so as to send out notification to interested parties before our January election meeting

VIII. New Business:

Discussion of proposals-Chignik Pacific Cod, S AK Peninsula Pacific Cod and Bering Sea-Aleutian Is Pacific Cod

Selection of Committee member to represent KAC at BOG (Motion passes 8-0 to send Julie Kavanaugh)

Set next meeting date for January 26th at 1:00p

Motion for Paul Chervenak to approve minutes (due to submission deadline) passes 8-0

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BOF	1	<p>Add purse seine gear as an additi onal gear type to share the 10 perce nt mecha nical jigging machi ne and hand troll (jig) gear allocat ion in the Chigni k Area state- water s Pacific cod fisher y.</p>	<p>Concerns with the harvest being added to the jig quota and resulting step-up provision changing allocation</p> <p>Concerned with a large by catch issue, especially with salmon</p> <p>Looks like it would be a "test" fishery of sorts, with no historical experience seining for cod - they could get a commissioner's permit to "test" this fishery</p>
oppose	0	8	

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BOF	2	<p>Allow bycatch retention of Pacific cod in the Chignik Area salmon seine fishery. (This proposal will be heard at the Pacific cod meeting and heard and deliberated on at the Alaska Peninsula / Chignik / Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting.)</p>	<p>This would be a good use of the resource as there is deadloss with seine caught cod while salmon fishing ...though there isn't much caught historically</p> <p>However:</p> <p>Concerned with where the allocation would come from</p> <p>Would probably be poor quality and small fish, hard if even possible to sell...no market value</p> <p>Would be an expense and tracking problem to keep track of catch</p>
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Oppose	0	8	Click here to enter text
BOF	3	Appor tion the Chigni k Area state- water s Pacific cod allocat ion for pot vessel s by vessel length	<p>Allocation issue-This would be a change in historical catch as traditionally the large boats are catching close to 95%</p> <p>There are only 2-3 small boats traditionally fishing and have only once caught over 9%, so there asking for quite a large increase</p> <p>Small boats might not catch this allotment, leaving fish on the table</p>
Oppose	0	8	Click here to enter text

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BOF	4	Establi sh daily pot gear fishing period s for the Chigni k Area state- water s Pacific cod fisher y.	This would probably slow the fishery down, which would add great expense, especially in enforcement, if it would even be enforceable
Oppose	0	8	Click here to enter text ✓

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BOF	5	Change date that gear limits may be removed in the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery.	<p>This is not mandatory, but gives the Dept another tool to help fully utilize the available resource</p> <p>Historically there is a small amount of effort as catch/unit is down this time of year</p> <p>ADF&G has only reached GHG twice, so there is resource not being utilized</p>
Support	8	0	Click here to enter text

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BOF	6	<p>Includ e a chang e in design ation of Chigni k Area from a super exclus ive registr ation area to a nonex clusiv e registr ation area after Octob er 30 in the Chigni k Area state- water s Pacific cod fisher y.</p>	<p>No requirement for Dept to do this, gives them another tool to fully utilize resource-only caught GHJ in 2 of the last 16 yrs</p> <p>Would align Chignik management with current Kodiak and S AK Peninsula management</p> <p>Traditionally, not much effort</p> <p>Cons-would allow Chignik boats to fish Kodiak waters</p>
Support	8	0	Click here to enter text

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BOF	7	Change pot storage regulations for the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod pot gear fishery.	<p>This proposal was amended to:</p> <p>“Allow storage of extra pots in shallow water during the season and up to 14 days after the season”</p> <p>We are against current regulation to allow shallow water storage all year as it is a hazard to other fisheries and leads to more lost gear</p> <p>We acknowledge the use of shallow water storage during the season due to the speed of current seasons and close availability of extra replacement pots</p>
Support as Amended	8	0	Click here to enter text

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BOF	8	Limit the number of pots in the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Chignik Area to 60 per vessel	<p>Current system is pretty fluid, changing would make it much more complicated/problematic</p> <p>May lead to allocation issues</p> <p>Would probably lead to additional costs and enforcement issues</p> <p>Hard to say what it would change as fish move in and out of State waters</p>
Oppose	0	8	Click here to enter text
BOF	9	Reduce waters closed for the protection of Steller sea lions	These waters were agreed to - NMFS will reinstate a consultation if this passes, which could dramatically lesson available waters
Oppose	0	8	Click here to enter text

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BOF	10	Increase the South	
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BOF	11	Increase the South	
No Action	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text
BOF	12	Apportion the South Alaska Penins	
No Action	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text

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BOF	13	Resolve conflict in pot storage regulations for the South Alaska Peninsula state-waters Pacific cod pot gear fishery.	<p>This proposal was amended to:</p> <p>“Allow storage of extra pots in shallow water during the season and up to 14 days after the season”</p> <p>We are against current regulation to allow shallow water storage all year as it is a hazard to other fisheries and leads to more lost gear</p> <p>We acknowledge the use of shallow water storage during the season due to the speed of current seasons and close availability of extra replacement pots</p>
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BOF	14	Calculate guideline harvest levels for Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands state-water Pacific cod fisheries based on federal acceptable	<p>We encourage the board to align the GHL's with the sub area ABC's and figure %</p> <p>We had one person abstain -sighting lack of information</p>
Support	7	0	Click here to enter text

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BOF	15	state- water s Pacific cod fisher y	
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BOF	16	Increa se guidel ine harves t level for	
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BOF	17	Increase the vessel size limit from 58 to 125 feet overall length for the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery.	This is a fully utilized fishery already
Oppose	0	8	Click here to enter text

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BOF	18	Align Aleutian Islands District state-waters Pacific cod season opening and closing dates with recent changes to federal Pacific cod management.	We support the Department and feel this does need to be clarified
Support	8	0	Click here to enter text

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BOF	19	Modify vessel size limit for longline vessels in the Aleutian Islands District state-waters Pacific cod B season	<p>There has been no use from under 60' vessels for the B season and thus an under utilization of the resource</p>
Support	8	0	Click here to enter text

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BOF	20	Define waters between 175° W long to 178° W long as the Adak District in the Aleutian Island	Housekeeping proposal-we support the department
Support	8	0	Click here to enter text

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BOF	21	Update state-waters Pacific cod management plans of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands with	We support with the Department's correction for Ship Rock
Support	8	0	Click here to enter text

Old Business: Enter old business here

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 4:34p

Minutes Recorded By: Paul Chervenak

Minutes Approved By: Paul Chervenak

Date: November 19th, 2015

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