



UNALASKA FISH & GAME LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

16 August 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:**

5:30 pm, by Chairman Frank Kelty

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Frank Kelty

Steve Gregory

Jennifer Shockley

Shari Coleman

Dustan Dickerson

Melissa Good

Augie Kochuten

Jeff Hancock

**ABSENT:**

Roger Rowland

Mike Holman

Don Goodfellow

Tim Mahoney

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Miranda Westphal, ADF&G Unalaska Office Supervising biologist; Justin Leon, ADF&G UNALASKA; Tyler Polum, ADF&G Kodiak; Ethan Nichols, ADF&G Unalaska.

Media: Jim Paulin, Report Alaska: Laura, Kraegel, KUCB.

Federal Subsistence: Rebecca Skinner, Coral Chernoff, Anton Chelikoff Pat Holmes.



Additional guests:, Suzi Golodoff, Abi Woodbridge, Caleb Livingston, Rebecca Duffy, Laresa Syverson, Pat Holmes, Mark Westphal , Walter Tellman, Vince Tutiakoff, Tom Robinson.

#### **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

Shockley: Add Removal of committee member for cause for New Business/ Executive Session.

#### **APPROVE AGENDA:**

Motion to adopt agenda, with addition made by Coleman, seconded by Good.

#### **APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:**

Discussion re Gregory's first name erroneously listed as Dave in prior meeting minutes.

Motion to approve minutes for June 4, 2016 made by Gregory, seconded by Good

Minutes approved by voice vote.

#### **ADF&G UPDATE:**

##### **Westphal & Leon:**

- Eastern & Western Golden King Crab open; data confidential
- State water Pacific Cod open; data confidential
- Aleutian Islands Rockfish open; data confidential
- Aleutian Islands Sablefish open; 17 vessels participating, 35,000 pounds landed

##### **Polum:**

- Review of sport fish signage posted to date and plans to send more with next State vessel passing through Kodiak.





- Discussion re multilingual signage and possibility of erecting bulletin board with info in multiple languages - this has worked well in Kodiak.

## **LEGISLATIVE:**

N/A

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Local salmon sport-fishing:**

- Kelty: ACR has been submitted for changes to fishing setback (from 100 to 250 yards) at Summer Bay and Morris Cove.
- Shockley: review of enforcement efforts by UDPS & NOAA officers.
- Golodoff: Proper release of snagged fish? Polum and Shockley discuss subjective assessment of "proper," plans to do PSA later in week on this topic.
- Woodbridge: Need to clean up Iliuliuk River, Summer Bay and Morris Cove watersheds.
- Holmes: Peer pressure, media and radio good ways to encourage stewardship
- Mark Westphal: Detailed concerns about impact of larger setback on salmon sport fishermen with no alternative places to fish. Are there ways to determine if fishing efforts at Summer Bay really impacts the sockeye stock? Polum explains weirs were used for four years after Kuroshima grounding but stream and aerial surveys provide only a snapshot in time of run and aren't necessarily representative of overall run health. Also, Aleutian Island salmon data covers such a large area that it doesn't help with detail of individual streams. Dickerson asks about possibility of installing cameras at Summer Bay; Kochuten responds that picnickers don't want to be watched. Mr. Westphal suggests every other day closures.
- Woodbridge: Believes 250 yard setback is too far, should only be 100 yards. Kelty reminds that current proposal was already rejected as emergency measure by ADF&G staff. Westphal concerned that 250 yards doesn't take Summer Bay geography into account. Holmes says setbacks can be put at any agreed-upon distance. Gregory urges having data to support changes in regulations, doesn't want to draw arbitrary



battle lines between conservation and harvest. Kelty supports getting a used weir but recognizes might be difficult to man it.

### **Local salmon subsistence fishing:**

- Kelty: Subsistence fishing on Front Beach is a volatile issue, wants public input on the matter and opinions brought forward on the proposal put forth by committee member Holman who proposed weekly three-day closure for subsistence fishing. Hancock voices concern that the Holman proposal favors residents with 9-5 weekday jobs.
- Discussion re jurisdiction of current subsistence regulations do they include Unalaska Bay, Reese Bay, Beaver Inlet watersheds.
- Good: need to consider that escapement is not the only concern, habitat for spawning salmon has been degraded and what good are limitations on fishermen if there's no good spawning habitat for escaped fish to use? Sentiment echoed by Gregory, re silting of Unalaska Lake. Coleman notes that community is concerned and is asking this committee to do something - even if we don't have data perhaps we should consider anecdotal evidence and accept that this will impose limitations on some groups. Gregory agrees but cautions about going too far. Syverson notes that it's not just numbers but also size and health of fish that are of concern. This year's fish were small. Livingston notes that there have been no candlefish so far this year, and urges getting a serious count before making a serious decision.
- Hancock & Livingston: discussion how fish from Front Beach are recorded on subsistence permits and whether designating fish caught there could be used for data collection in future years? Could any data be gathered from previous years' permits?
- Golodoff: 40-year resident, fishes Front Beach, has seen a big increase in fishing pressure there in recent years. Day limits don't make sense because of weather; net length limits don't make sense - people will just fish harder, longer. Instead need to limit total number of fish taken from Front Beach. Praises residents of Front Beach who put self-imposed limits on their fishing effort there this year. Kochuten notes that some people have no other options; Golodoff willing to limit herself because she values salmon resource for the future and not just now. Good likes Golodoff's idea, also recommends minimum distance between nets. Tellman likes Golodoff's idea, reiterates that effort has been high and return low for last few years.
- Tutiakoff likes Golodoff's plan. Recommends going through Lisa Fox of ADF&G Kodiak to make an administrative change to regulations rather than waiting through 3-





year Board cycle. Notes that Board proposal would probably have to lump all Unalaska Bay limits rather than limit it to just one location. Kelty believes Board would reject proposal without supporting data. Miranda Westphal & Polum explain that permit limits are allocative and can't be changed by ADF&G.

- Robinson: Where's the enforcement? Combat fishing has taken over this community. Wants enforcement to ensure escapement goals are met. We need to find agreement on what we mean by sustainability.
- Woodbridge: Bring it back to the fish - common problem is habitat degradation, mostly silting. City ordinances re fill/dumping are abysmal need to organize group to address habitat issue. Gregory concurs - community has changed, more paved roads and sidewalks, more drainage and less filtration into the watersheds. We are all at fault and need to make sustained effort to resolve issue. Believes quality of life survey should show clean water and good salmon habitat at the top.
- Syverson: Qawalangin Tribe is trying to start environmental monitoring program; Robin Waldron or Nikita Robinson might know if planned projects could include weirs or fish counts.
- Holmes: could also consider community fishing, fishing by proxy for elders who can no longer catch their own fish, or can't fish other than Front Beach. Notes that small fish could be a result of poor lake quality.
- Motion to submit ACR to limit number of sockeye salmon taken from Front Beach to 10 fish per household member listed on permit made by Gregory, seconded by Shockley.
  - Good: Hard to go back once we reduce limits.
  - Livingston: Really don't like this.
  - Dickerson: How will you tell one fish from another, to determine where it was caught?
  - Roll call vote; Coleman against, Kochuten abstain. Motion passes 6-1-1
  - Brief discussion re due date for ACR



## **Review of Statewide King and Tanner Crab Proposals**

- Tabled until next meeting per Kelty, due to time constraints.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Removal of committee member for cause**

- Motion to go into executive session made by Good, seconded by Gregory: motion was withdrawn. The issue was tabled until next meeting due to the member not in attendance.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

## **VOICE OF THE MEMBERSHIP**

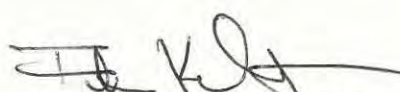

Unalaska City Council, Unalaska School Board meetings upcoming in October.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

Next meeting tentatively set for late September or early October 2016.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn, made by Good, seconded by Gregory. Motion passed by voice vote.  
Meeting adjourned 7:33 pm.

 11/30/2016  11/30/2016  
Frank Kelty, Chairman, Date Approved Jennifer Shockley, Secretary Date Approved





## UNALASKA FISH & GAME LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

30 November, 2016

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

6:01 pm, by Chairman Frank Kelty

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Frank Kelty

Steve Gregory

Jennifer Shockley

Shari Coleman

Dustan Dickerson

Melissa Good

Mike Holman

Jeff Hancock

Tim Mahoney

#### **ABSENT:**

Roger Rowland

Augie Kochuten

Don Goodfellow

#### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

Mark Stichert, ADF&G, Regional Shellfish Coordinator – telephonically; Ethan Nichols, ADF&G; Colton LKU, ADF&G, SW/AI Commercial Salmon - telephonically.

Media: Jim Paulin, Report Alaska; Laura Kraegel, KUCB.

Additional guests: Taryn O'Connor-Brito - telephonically, Hal Lewis, Laresa Syverson

#### **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**



Shockley & Dickerson: add Removal of Committee Member for Cause to New Business; can be done in open session.

### **APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:**

Motion to approve minutes for August 16, 2016 made by Good, seconded by Dickerson.

Minutes approved with no comments.

### **ADF&G UPDATE:**

#### **Nichols:**

- Eastern & Western Golden King open: three boats operating each fishery data confidential. 47% taken in Western fishery.
- Bristol Bay Red King 100% taken
- Eastern AI Tanner below threshold for mature males; no quota for upcoming season
- AI Dungeness no harvest to date
- AI Rockfish no harvest to date

Discussion by committee members: Good, Dickerson, Nichols and Stichert re. local tanner crab survey. Due to State budget cuts, it's likely that this survey will not occur in our area every year, but could occur every other year.

Discussion among Stichert, Nichols and committee member Kelty, on how the Bristol Bay Red King season compared to last. Nichols reports that CPUE is up considerably from last year.

Discussion among committee members Kelty, Lewis and ADFG Stichert on how surveys are conducted. Surveys are not just to determine crab but also for cod and other finfish quotas. Survey is likely to expand both north and west next year to address movement of crab out of current survey area.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Update from 10/18-10/20/16 Board of Fisheries Work Session in Soldotna (Kelty):**

- ACR-2 (250-yard set-back at Summer Bay) failed 1-6





- ACR-3 (limit Sockeye taken from Front Beach) passed 7-0, amidst concern about lack of data for this fishery.
- ACR-5 (Bait herring opening date) failed 2-5
- ACR-8 (AI Golden King closure date) failed 0-7

## OLD BUSINESS

### **Proposal 280 (limit Sockeye taken from Front Beach):**

Discussion: Per Colton, staff ADF&G commercial salmon. ADFG has no comments; proposal looks good. Kelty plans to ask City Council to support weir for Iliuliuk River. Comments by Gregory on how data will be used and how useful it will be without a habitat study to determine what Iliuliuk Lake can actually support. No public comments.

Motion to support made by Good, seconded by Holman. Voice vote, motion passes 10-0.

## OLD BUSINESS

### **Review of Statewide King & Tanner Crab Proposals for 03/20-03/24/17 meeting:**

- Prop 242: Housekeeping so that language reflects actual practice. No comments from AC or public.
- Prop 243: Housekeeping to standardize sport and commercial size limits for Tanner in the AP and AI areas. Discussion among Good and on whether subsistence size limits will also change. Stichert recommends that AC make proposal for same. Discussion among Dickerson, Lewis and Stichert on reducing the size limit for the local Tanner crab fishery and whether lowered size limits would increase likelihood of the local commercial Tanner crab fishery opening. Stichert explains that not all areas of a fishery are alike so size limits can't be applied across the board.
- Prop 248: Artifact from derby fishing days when prospecting was a problem, now basically a redundant regulation. Discussion between Holman and Stichert about whether this is even being enforced anymore (not likely).
- Prop 250: Bycatch retention of *opilio* in *bairdi* fishery. Discussion among Good, Kelty, Nichols and Stichert about decreasing handling mortality by retaining rather than discarding; at what point can/will processors change production lines to run bycatch and what happens if bycatch isn't processed. Stichert comments on how changes in gear/size/bycatch regulations might change genetics of a given population by changing which individuals escape.





- Prop 251: Adds two weeks to western *bairdi* fishery. Discussion among Kelty, Good, Lewis and Stichert on impact on later molting season of western crabs. Mating/molting is mostly dependent on water temperature so mating/molting is likely to occur earlier with warmer waters conditions. Any possibility of in-season research projects? Lewis wants to know if crab fisheries are going to disappear because of global warming. Stichert agrees that acidification and warming of the ocean are concerning and believes he'd be quite popular if he were able to answer Lewis' question.
- Prop 252/253: Increases efficiency and safety of crabbers by not forcing them to return to port between fisheries. Discussion among Good, Lewis and Stichert about increased safety by not running with full pot loads; use of cameras to ensure that crabbers are meeting requirements? Stichert says this possibility already under discussion at federal level and may be possible to collect more data this way.
- Prop 254: Identification/determination of hybrid Tanner crab in targeted Tanner crab fishery. Discussion among Stichert and Dickerson on what observer data shows about increase/decrease in hybrid numbers. Hybrids are increasing per data but not known if this is because population is increasing, or whether recognition is simply better. Returning hybrids to ocean could increase hybrid population since they do reproduce.
- Prop 255: Gives more flexibility to crabbers on *opilio* bycatch retention in eastern *bairdi* fishery.
- Prop 256: Allows retention of *bairdi* in Red King fishery.
- Prop 257/258: 166° line is somewhat arbitrary and doesn't necessarily reflect limits of currently identified stocks in Bering Sea Tanner fisheries.
- Prop 258: 163° line is somewhat arbitrary and doesn't necessarily reflect limits of currently identified stocks in Bering Sea Tanner fisheries.
- Prop 259: Housekeeping to clarify gear regulations.
- Prop 260: Accept ADF&G guide to identify *bairdi* and *opilio* crab.
- Prop 261: ADF&G proposal in response to other bycatch retention proposals restricts percentage of bycatch retention.
- Prop 262: Adak area is hoping to develop local, small-boat Tanner crab fishery. This language mimics that for other localized, small-boat fisheries but, per Stichert, survey data is needed before trying to implement something like this.
- Prop 263: Decreases observer coverage in Golden King fishery. Discussion among Good and Stichert that there's no survey to help with management - ALL data in this fishery comes from observer data. Reduced observer coverage would be financially beneficial to participants.





- Prop 264: Derby fishing artifact, no longer necessary in current system.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Proposal 278 - Bering Sea Tanner Crab**

- Discussion: Proposal changes the calculation for determining threshold in eastern but not western Tanner fishery. 166° line doesn't represent any real stock boundary - stocks moves back and forth across this line and fishing on one side of this line can impact stocks on the other side. Kelty questions use of new boats for surveys. Stichert: The boats, crew, gear and methodology have been the same for several years now and nobody questioned their data when quotas were increased a few years ago. Kelty: this is a \$50M fishery, represents \$2M to Unalaska. Stichert: female abundance declines before male and this decline likely to be more significant next year. Never had a season with stocks this low. Very few small crabs are being seen; this is a low productivity cycle for all crab and now is the time to conserve. Good: concerned about tossing data out that we have already collected and are currently using.
- Motion to support made by Holman, seconded by Gregory. Roll call vote, motion passes 6-4.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Chairman travel to Kodiak in January 2017 approved by State**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Removal of committee member for cause**

- Discussion: Shockley explains concern about lack of participation by Kochuten who missed five meetings in a row during the last 18 months. Would like to see her position held by a community member who has interest in participating in AC process and representing our community. Bylaws specify that member who has missed three meetings in a row can be removed. Holman: any absences excused? Unknown, not recorded. Gregory: How is excused absence defined? Hancock: Members can still participate telephonically even if not in town for meeting. Gregory concerned about "Pandora's box" regarding how to define excused absences.
- Motion to address removal of Kochuten for unexcused absences totaling more than three made by Holman, seconded by Good.





- Hancock reviews bylaws from AC manual. Discussion on Kochuten's own characterization of her level of interest in the AC as low. Dickerson proposes allowing her opportunity to resign so other community member can take her place. Good: Can Frank send her a letter asking her to resign? Gregory supports this idea as well. Kelty agrees to contact Kochuten and question her willingness/interest to continue serving. O'Connor-Brito recommends looking at 060 Uniform Rules of Operation, Membership regarding procedure to fill vacancies and reasons for which vacancies might be announced.
- Motion to table issue until Kochuten has been informed of issue by Kelty, made by Holman, seconded by Gregory. Roll call vote, motion passes 9-1.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

- Next meeting tentatively set for early February 2017. Discussion on best day/time for meetings. General support for weekday evenings.
- Discussion: O'Connor-Brito: Minutes of this meeting need to be approved, signed before January 10th, 2017 Kodiak meeting. Forbidden to approve minutes by email; can only be approved by regular meeting, teleconference or motion to allow Chair to approve minutes.
- Motion: Motion for Kelty to approve 11/26/16 meeting minutes made by Good, seconded by Shockley. Voice vote, motion passes.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

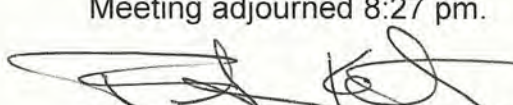

Laresa Syverson would be interested in serving on AC.

### **VOICE OF THE MEMBERSHIP**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Good, seconded by Gregory. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned 8:27 pm.

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Frank Kelty, Chairman Date 12/26/16 Jennifer Shockley, Secretary Date 12/26/16





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February 26, 2017

John Jensen, Chairman  
Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Alaska Department of  
Fish and Game Board Support  
P.O. Box 115526  
Juneau, AK 99811-5526

**Subject:** Comments from the Unalaska/Dutch Harbor Advisory Committee from a meeting held on February 20, 2017 in Unalaska, AK on Board of Fisheries Statewide Crab Proposals to be heard at the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Crab meeting in Anchorage, Alaska March 20-24, 2017.

**Proposal #242 5AAC34.917 Saint Matthew Island section blue king crab harvest strategy. Correct and error in regulation to accurately specify the percentage of mature male blue king crab used in setting the total allowable catch as follows:**

Motion to support Proposal 242: made by Goodfellow, seconded by Mahoney,

Discussion, Housekeeping measure ADFG proposal, no opposition.

Motion passes 6-0

**Proposals #243 through #249 No Action by Unalaska AC**

**Proposal #250 5AAC 35.506. Area J Registration Allow full retention of legal male *C. opilio* Tanner crab incidentally harvested by vessels targeting *C. bairdi* Tanner crab in in the Bering Sea District west of 166° West long., as follows:**

Note: Committee member Melissa Good has arrived at the meeting 7 committee members in attendance.

Motion to support #250 by Mahoney second by Goodfellow

Discussion: Majority of the committee felt, that this proposal would reduce handling mortality; and it wouldn't be a large percentage bycatch due to crab



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rigged differently so most opilio would escape threw the pot tunnels or escape rings in the pots. Opposition felt this could lead to high grading on large opilio, catch accounting difficulty for ADFG. If no percentage in place, possibility of a harvester targeting bairdi could take large amounts of opilio instead of the target specie.

Motion passed 4-3

**Proposals #251 5 AAC 35.510 Fishing seasons for Registration Area J. Change season closer date from March 31 to April 15 for C. Bairdi tanner crab in waters W 166° Long as follows:**

Motion to support Good second by Goodfellow

Discussion focused on crab molting issues, a major concern for ADFG the committee shared the concern.

Motion to support failed 1-6

**Proposal #252 & #253 taken together, 5 AAC 39.645 and 5 AAC 39.670 Shellfish Observer Program. Allow a vessel carrying an onboard observer to rig, bait, and set gear for a new crab fishery before fully exiting the crab fishery for which the observer was briefed as follows:**

Motion to support by Shockley second by Goodfellow

Discussion the committee felt this was one of the benefits of the crab rationalization program, and would be a cost saving and would have positive economic benefits for the crab fleet, no opposition.

Motion to support passed 7-0

**Proposal #254 5 AAC35.521 Identification of Bering Sea Tanner crab. Amend the description of a hybrid Tanner crab so that hybrid designation is dependent upon the target Tanner crab fishery for which the vessel is registered as follows:**

Motion to support by Goodfellow second by Hancock

Discussion, majority felt that it is very hard for harvesters and processors to make and accurate designation of this crab, the department wants the hybrid





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crab harvested and taken out of the fishery to slow down cross breeding between the species this is a good way to do it. It would also reduce vessel citations. Opposed agreed with ADFG concerns on catch accounting of the different species and high grading.

Motion to support passed 4-3

**Proposal #255 5 AAC 35.506 Area J registration. Allow full retention of incidentally taken legal male *C. opilio* Tanner crab when a vessel is participating in the *C. bairdi* Tanner crab fishery east of 166°W long, as follows:**

Motion to support by Good second by Goodfellow

Discussion, Majority felt that this would reduce handling mortality and wouldn't be a large percentage of crab taken as crab pots are rig differently so most *opilio* would escape. More *opilio* are showing up east of 166° W long and is increasing the possibility of handling mortality, doing this is one of the benefits of a rationalized IFQ crab fishery. Opposed felt could lead to high grading on large *opilio*, catch accounting difficulty for ADFG. If no percentage in place, could lead to a harvester targeting *bairdi* and they could harvest large amounts of *opilio* instead of the target specie.

Motion to support passed 5-2

**Proposal #256 5AAC 35.506 Area J Registration. Allow full retention of legal male *bairdi* Tanner crab incidentally harvested by vessels targeting Bristol Bay Red King crab as follows: 5AAC 35.506 (i) (2) should be amended to read east of 166°W as incidental harvest while the vessel operator is registered for the Bristol Bay Red King Crab fishery; a vessel operator that is registered to fish for Bristol Bay Red King crab may also retain all legal male *C. bairdi* Tanner crab taken incidentally during normal Bristol Bay Red King crab commercial operations.**

Motion to support, Goodfellow, second by Mahoney

Discussion, the majority felt that this may not be a good idea, with the uncertainty that ADFG has with the *Bairdi* fishery now. ADFG main concern is having no percentage limit in place for this fishery. They felt that this was not a good idea and would be open to a percentage of bycatch but not wide open. The case was



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made once again, that if this was enacted it would save on mortality in the handling of bairdi Tanner and you have a large stock of legal male crab on the increase now.

Motion to support failed 1-6

**Proposal #257 5 AAC 35.510 Fishing seasons for Registration Area J. Extend the Bering Sea District Eastern Boundary for retention of C. Opilio Tanner crab from 166°W.long, to 165°W long, as follows:**

Motion to support by Mahoney seconded by Good

Discussion, committee felt that this was a good proposal to move the boundary to the east by one degree, information from harvesters is more Opilio are being seen further east. This will open some new ground for this fishery and hopefully will be of some economic benefit to the harvesters.

Motion to support passed 7-0

**Proposal #258 5 AAC 35.506 Area J registration. Extend the Bering Sea District eastern boundary for retention of C Bairdi Tanner crab 163°W long, as follows:**

Discussion, ADFG has concerns of the impacts of King Crab bycatch if the directed biardi Tanner crab fishery moves further east into a sensitive Bristol Bay Red King crab area. Committee members were all in opposition of this proposal.

Motion to support failed 0-7

**Proposal #259 5 ACC 34.925 Lawful gear for Registration Area Q. Specify that escape rings and mesh are placed on a vertical plane or side of the pot in the Saint Matthew Blue King crab fishery as follows:**

Motion to support by Coleman seconded by Mahoney

Discussion, housekeeping proposal by ADFG committee was in support.

Motion to support passed 7-0

**Proposal #260 5 AAC 35.521 Identification of Bering Sea Tanner crab. Adopt by reference the ADFG Chionoecetes Crab quick Reference Guide for C. bairdi and C. opilio Tanner Crab as follows:**





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Motion to support Shockley seconded by Hancock

Discussion, ADFG guide for identification of a Hybrid Tanner crab a housekeeping issue for ADFG that will be used by harvesters and processors.

Motion to support passed 7-0

**Proposal #261 5 AAC 35.506 Area J registration. Allow *C. opilio* Tanner crab bycatch up to 5% retention in the Bering Sea District *C. bairdi* Tanner crab fishery east of 166°W long, as follows:**

Motion to support by Good and seconded by Goodfellow

Discussion, this proposal came from ADFG at the 5% level there was no support by the committee; a motion was made to amend for a retention amount of up to 25% of *opilio* in the *C. bairdi* Tanner crab fishery. Most of the committee felt 5% was too low and would put a burden on processors of having to change operation methods for such small amounts of crab and this proposal would decrease handling mortality. Amendment passed 5-2

Motion to supported amended main motion passed 5-2

**Proposal # 262 5 AAC 35.505 Description of Registration Area J Districts; 5 ACC 35.506 Area J registration; 5 ACC 535.50X Western Aleutian Tanner crab harvest strategy; Registration Area J 5 ACC 35.558 Reporting requirements for Registration Area J and 5 ACC 35.590 Vessel length restrictions. Develop a management plan for the Western Aleutian Tanner crab fishery as follows:**

Motion to support by Good and seconded Shockley

Discussion, this proposal would setup a small boat Tanner crab fishery for vessels 60' ft. and under when the size of the resource justifies a fishery. The committee thought that adding language to the proposal that would allow a Commissioner permit to be issued would assist in getting surveys done that would be needed by ADFG to have a small fishery opened. We had amendment made, and seconded to add Commissioner Permit authority back into the proposal that amendment passed 7-0.

Motion to supported amended main motion passed 7-0



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**Proposal #263 5 AAC 39.645 Shellfish onboard observer program. Reduce onboard observer coverage rates and change observer deployment periods in the Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery as follows:**

Motion to support by Shockley seconded by Hancock.

Discussion, no support at all for this proposal, this fishery has any surveys being done, except for a recent industry funded survey. Very little is known about this species except information gathered from the observers. Committee felt now is not the time to reduce observer coverage.

Motion to support failed 0-7

**Proposal #264 5 AAC 34.625. Lawful gear for Registration Area O. repeals provisions allowing concurrent harvest of red king crab and golden king crab in Registration Area O as follows:**

Motion to support by Good seconded by Goodfellow

Discussion, this is an ADFG proposal. This proposal repeals regulations in Area O the Dutch Harbor area; this proposal would not allow vessels to harvest IFQ and non IFQ crab Red King Crab and Golden King Crab simultaneously. The committee was in favor of the repeal of this regulation.

Motion to support passed 7-0

**Proposal # 280 5 ACC 01.380 Subsistence fishing permits. Decrease the number of sockeye salmon that may be retained in the subsistence salmon fishery on Front Beach in the Unalaska Bay District to no more than 10 fish, as follows:**

Motion to support by Goodfellow seconded by Mahoney.

Discussion, Unalaska AC proposal and all committee members present in support.

Motion to support passed 7-0



Frank Kelty, Chairman Unalaska AC





excerpt for March 2017 Statewide Crab meeting

*This was AC5 in the Nov. 2015  
Pacific Cod meeting*

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) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Holm) Passes 8-0

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

Motion (Thomet) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Holm) Passes 8-0



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 out 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 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00p

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

*This space may be used to record minutes*





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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   | <a href="#">Click here to enter text</a>   |
| BOF    | 9 | Reduce waters closed for the protection of Steller sea lions                                      | <p>These waters were agreed to - NMFS will reinstate a consultation if this passes, which could dramatically lesson available waters</p>   |
| Oppose | 0 | 8   | <a href="#">Click here to enter text</a>   |



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| BOF     | 21 | Update state-water s Pacific cod mana geme nt plans of the Bering Sea and Aleuti an Island s 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Click here to enter Name of AC.





*This was AC1 in the 2016 AYK meeting*

**November 17:**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7pm by Vice-Chair Glen Watson
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members Present: Lekander, Tikiun, Roczicka, Watson, Lavalley, Kassman, Kinogak, Kohl & Johnson  
Members Absent: Hunter, Carter  
Quorum: 9 of 11 present – quorum established  
List of User Groups Present: All
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda approved unanimous w/ amendment to remove/table all issues that had late winter or spring 2016 response deadlines to future meeting.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of January 14, 2015 meeting reviewed/approved unanimous
- V. **FISH & GAME STAFF PRESENT:** Phillip Perry – GMU 18 Wildlife Biologist, Aaron Potter – Kuskokwim Area Fisheries Biologist
- VI. **GUESTS PRESENT (in person or via teleconference):** Jerry White, Gary Vanasse, Mark Leary, Dave Cannon, Barb Carlson (Chair-Stony/Holitna AC), Alissa Joseph
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - 1. Election of expired terms: Henry Kohl & Greg Roczicka were re-elected to maintain their current seats; Jerry White and Gary Vanasse were elected to replace Rafe Johnson and Ross Boring (w/ note that member Johnson would still be serve as an alternate)
  - 2. Election of officers: Greg Roczicka was elected chairman, Glen Watson as vice-chair, and Jon Lavalley as secretary.
  - 3. Review/comment on AYK BOF proposals:



**ARCTIC / YUKON / KUSKOKWIM FINFISH  
JANUARY 12–17, 2016  
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**

| Proposal Description   |                 |   |  |
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| BOG or BOF   | Proposal Number |   |  |
| Supports or Opposes?   | Number Support  | Number Oppose   | Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal  |
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| <b>BOF</b>   | <b>95</b>       | <b>Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.</b> |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended<br><b><u>XX Oppose</u></b><br><input type="checkbox"/> No Action | 0               | 9   | Tier II does not fit the customary subsistence use principle that everyone similarly situated should have equitable opportunity for harvest – regardless of how small harvest amount is – would exclude too many traditional users. Also notable is the uncertainty of run returns and variability from year to year (i.e. stronger than forecast) to which Tier II cannot be responsive. Need to be conservative, but also should have management capability to adjust opportunity in-season that would be precluded by Tier II status. |
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**Meeting recessed at 10pm – to continue 6:30pm on December 22<sup>nd</sup>**



Bethel Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Meeting re-convened 6:45pm December 22, 2015 by Chair Roczicka with members Tikiun, Lekander, Lavalley, White and Hunter present. 6 of 11 – Quorum established.

Others present in person or via teleconference included Mark Leary, Lisa Feyereisen (Chair – Central Kusko AC), Dan Gilliken, ADFG-WC staff Phillip Perry and Brandon Frost of SOA Wildlife Troopers.

| BOF  | 222 | Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during times of low king salmon runs. |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Support<br><b><u>XX Support as Amended</u></b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Oppose<br><input type="checkbox"/> No Action | 6   | 0  | <p>Following lengthy discussion mainly surrounding potential differences between “community” vs “household” permits and reflecting on recommendations made through the BOF Kuskokwim Chinook Panel, the Committee voted to amend and support the proposal as follows:</p> <p>(b) In times of king salmon conservation and ANS concerns, ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Replace the “community” permit in (b)(1) with a “household” permit for king salmon that begins on June 10 w/ no end date that is based on the pattern of use described in the applicable board finding that recognizes dependence on earlier harvest/processing opportunity to achieve their ANS.</li> <li>- A king salmon household permit in (b)(2) that starts June 20<sup>th</sup> with no end date for users who don’t need the pattern of use as described in the applicable board findings to achieve their ANS</li> <li>- Permit should have names of people who are allowed to fish that permit listed on the permit/assignable to designated fisherman.</li> <li>- Application period would coincide with the PFD application time period.</li> <li>- Include a sunset clause for the regulation to expire January, 31 of 2019.</li> </ul> |

## Other Business:

Update from Phillip Perry on GMU 18 current moose population surveys. End of Nov/beginning of Dec. this year a composition survey was completed in the Lower Kuskokwim with 623 moose observed from Tuntuliak to Kalskag. Ratios found 53 bulls to 100 cows (over half of the bulls were small spike/fork), and 70 calves per 100 cows. All this indicates a strong population showing high potential growth rate. Noted also the very low predation on calves being a positive factor.

Next meeting scheduled for Feb 23, 2016 at 6:30pm.

Adjournment: 8:54 P.M.

## CENTRAL KUSKOKWIM FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE



**Joe Parent Vocational Education Center, Aniak December 8-9, 2015**

**Excerpted for Statewide King & Tanner Crab, March 2017**

- I. Call to Order: 11:30 by Lisa Feyereisen
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present:  
Ricky Cilette [Aniak]                      Darlene Heckman [Lower Kalskag]  
Nick Kameroff [Aniak]                     Walter Morgan [Lower Kalskag]  
Sohpie Sakar [Chuathbaluk]\*          Tim Zaukar [Crooked Creek] *via teleconference*  
Lucy Simeon [Chuathbaluk]            Mark Leary [At Large; from Napaimute]  
Billy Alexie [Upper Kalskag]         Lisa Feyereisen, Chair [At Large; from Crow Village]  
    \*Sophie arrived at approximately 1:30 pm, after the board deliberated on first BOF Proposal  
Members Absent:  
1 Upper Kalskag seat, 1 Crooked Creek seat; both vacant  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Agenda approved with two additions and the plan to move items around to fit guests schedule.  
Additional items; Kuskokwim Intertribal Fish Commission update by Nick Kameroff & Develop  
‘Areas of Concern’ that the Central Kuskokwim AC members have
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:  
Last meeting was a teleconference on December 19, 2014. It is unknown at this time where the minutes are for this meeting or who was taking them.
- VI. AK Fish and Game Staff Present: Roger Seavoy & Doreen Parker McNeil (DWC) *in person*, Aaron Tiernan, *via tele-conference*, and Nissa Pilcher (BDS) *via teleconference*;  
USFWS Present: Yukon Delta Refuge, Robert Sundown, *in person*, Ty Benally, *in person*, USFWS Subsistence Division, Pippa Kenner, *via tele-conference*.
- VII. Guests Present: Dan Gillikan, Napaimute Environmental Director, Dave Cannon, KRWC.
- VIII. New Business: Chair briefly went over what an AC is and what is expected of members, ie attending meetings, frequency of meetings, communicating with the state and federal boards.





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| <b>BOF</b>  | <b>95</b>  | <b>Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.</b>   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended<br><input type="checkbox"/> Oppose<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action |            |   | There has been little to no support for this proposal from the area.   |
| <b>BOF</b>  | <b>96</b>  | <b>Separate the amounts necessary for subsistence use of king salmon into three parts on the Kuskokwim River.</b>               |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended<br><input type="checkbox"/> Oppose<br><input type="checkbox"/> No Action | 10         | 0   | Concern about not meeting ANS would through river into Teir II for a section, also discussed was concern that this would designate fishing areas for people, which was then said was not the intent by the proposer. Other results of other AC voting results discussed.   |
| <b>BOF</b>  | <b>97</b>  | <b>Create a permitting system for king salmon subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim River.</b>                                   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended  |            |   | This proposal was discussed as well as proposal 222. Committee questioned what species would be required to be reported on the permit, members noted that they were not in favor of the original idea for the community  |
| <b>BOF</b>  | <b>95</b>  | <b>Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.</b>   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No Action  | 10         | 0   | <p>communities. Concern expressed in different reporting requirements in different years depending on run size, members felt this could be confusing, and were concerned that people could face punitive measures if they didn't turn their permit in. This is the first time that a permit system has been talked about for this river due to necessity and it is scary and sad but what else can you do to make sure that everyone gets an even amount of fish, some members believe that it will be difficult getting people to record and then turn in any permits.</p> <p>Proposal supported as amended, please see Proposal 222 for amendment.</p> |
| <b>BOF</b>  | <b>98</b>  | <b>Establish descriptions of subsistence fishing sections for the Kuskokwim River during times of king salmon conservation.</b> |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended<br><input type="checkbox"/> Oppose<br><input type="checkbox"/> No Action | 10         | 0   | Housekeeping, these are boundaries that are already being used.  |
| <b>BOF</b>  | <b>99</b>  | <b>Modify gear operation in the Kuskokwim River by limiting four-inch mesh subsistence gear to one gillnet per household.</b>   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended<br><input type="checkbox"/> Oppose<br><input type="checkbox"/> No Action | 10         | 0   | If times of conservation this size is still catching the kings. Four inch nets can still be closed in-season when needed..   |
| <b>BOF</b>  | <b>100</b> | <b>Establish subsistence beach seine specifications in the Kuskokwim Area.</b>  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended<br><input type="checkbox"/> Oppose<br><input type="checkbox"/> No Action | 10         | 0   | Smaller mesh used to limit gilling fish and facilitate live release of non-target fish. Member participates in beach seining (elder) and was queried about what gear that her family uses and her current net fits within these guidelines, which they were. Did not want to make it illegal what was common practice in some middle river villages.   |



| BOF   | 222 |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended<br><input type="checkbox"/> Oppose<br><input type="checkbox"/> No Action |     | <p>Fish Board Generated Proposal 222 with friendly amendments: Passed Unanimously</p> <p>Except as provided in this section, fish (i.e., Pike, Whitefish "<i>spp.</i>", Burbot, Dolly Vardon, Blackfish, Grayling, Trout, Sheefish, Lamprey, Stickleback, Smelt "<i>spp.</i>", etc.) may be taken for subsistence purposes without a subsistence fishing permit.</p> <p>ALL salmon may only be taken by a HARVEST TICKET. APPLICATION PERIOD FOR HARVEST TICKET WILL BE OPEN FOR A MINIMUM OF 90 CALENDAR DAYS (B3 Board Proposal). There are two types of Harvest Tickets to apply for. Each household may only apply for either a Type 1 or Type 2 and may not apply for both types within a calendar year.</p> <p>(Type 1) A Salmon <i>Subsistence</i> Fishing Harvest Tickets may be issued to households who AFFIRMS a communal subsistence pattern of use of king salmon as described in the applicable Board finding;</p> <p>(i) Season dates for Salmon <i>Subsistence</i> Fishing Harvest Tickets BEGINS June 10.</p> <p>(ii) Annual Salmon <i>Subsistence</i> Fishing Harvest Ticket limits will be determined based on a percentage of annual forecasted surplus salmon, the number of applications received, and the number of individuals attached to the TICKET.</p> <p>(Type 2) A Salmon <i>Household</i> Fishing Harvest Ticket may be issued;</p> <p>(i) Season dates for Salmon <i>Household</i> Fishing Harvest Tickets BEGINS June 20.</p> <p>(ii) Annual Salmon <i>Household</i> Fishing Harvest Ticket limits will be determined based on a percentage of annual forecasted surplus salmon, the number of applications received, and the number of individuals attached to the TICKET.</p> <p>Rationale; See <b>Red Font</b> Section Below</p> |

**Rationale;**

The CKAC felt strongly that we wanted to eliminate as much paperwork as possible for the individual/families and the state, make the harvest ticket simple and easy to understand. Hence on the ticket report which is required to be sent in at the end of the fishing season. We recommend that there should be 3 boxes to check that would enable the annual automatic rollover of the harvest ticket. One box





would indicate that the fisher (household) would like to re-enroll for the upcoming year in the same Type of harvest ticket; another box would say that the fisher would like to change the type of harvest ticket (Type one to Type two or vice versa); and, finally the last box if checked would indicate the fisher's choice is not to reapply for a harvest ticket the upcoming year. Essentially a household would only have to apply for the initial harvest ticket, and then they would receive their new Type 1 or Type 2 ticket in the mail annually similar to how we receive our fishing calendars.

Type 1 ticket holders would be able to utilize processing ways outside the "C & T" for all fish species other than Chinook salmon.

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The harvest ticket would replace the "calendar". We included all salmon species as that is what is included on our calendar. There would have to probably be a couple years overlap with the post season survey in order to test the reliability of the harvest ticket subsistence total. However, in the future, the harvest ticket could potentially eliminate the need for any or all post season surveys (money savings for the state).

The reasoning behind two different starting dates for Type 1 and Type 2 (KRSMWG Amendments), was the amount of time/days required to preserve your catch using C & T methods. Those who put fish into smoke houses (Board findings for C & T) need more time to adequately preserve their fish, compared to those fishers who utilize the "freezer", where it only requires one day in order to complete the processing of the fish.

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| Alaska Board of Game Statewide Meeting, March 18-28, 2016, Fairbanks |                 |   |   |
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| BOG or BOF   | Proposal Number | Proposal Description                                    |   |
| Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action                       | Number Support  | Number Oppose   | Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal |
| BOG  | 5               | Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds |   |
| Support  | 10              | 0   | Trapping bait implications discussed                              |



- 2.) Roger Seavoy- moose harvest handout: Comparison between Unit 19, 2013 and Unit 18, 2015. Discussion covered current population trends, current harvest trends, current regulations, discussion about Teir II and what it means, implications for the mid and upper river. In time of conservation when we are restricted on fish having moose is very important.

### Areas of Concern and or Focus:

Fishing: Conservation and the current status of all stocks; Being able to have an active role in the management and decisions made.

Forgetting the lessons our elders taught us.

Need for reduction of “Motor” size on the Aniak River and potential for” propeller only” regulation (no jets).

Whitefish Lake: Overharvest of the species and littering throughout the area. There is a lack of accountability for the users.

Use of 4 inch mesh nets and the incidental harvest of other species besides whitefish.

The need to increase *Predator Control* for both bear and wolf.

The lack of ethical hunting and whether or not this could be addressed through Hunter’s Education classes, posters, etc.

Sport Fishing up the Aniak and whether or not they are being compliant with local traditions.

There appears to be over crowing in some areas (combat fishing).

The potential harmful impact of Dog Musers on fishing populations (e.g., Burbot, Sheefish, Eels).

Concerns over the potential change of Tier II status for moose season. The harvest strength of the large population based outside of 19a and their ability to easily overwhelm the potential surplus.

Consider discussing whether or not the CKAC would be considered the local advisory group during the Donlin Gold Mine.

Concern over poor moose browsing habit for the next five years and the effect of the viability of moose, due to the Aniak Complex Fires of 2015.





## CENTRAL KUSKOKWIM ADVISORY COMMITTEE



CKAC Meeting 12/8-9/2015

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Lower Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee November 12-13th, 2015  
Excerpt for Statewide King & Tanner Crab March 2017  
Bethel Long House



AC20  
1 of 4

*This was AC10 n the 2016  
AYK meeting*

- I. Call to Order: Time: 10:45 am by James Charles
- II. q Roll Call:
  - Members Present: Phillip Peter, Sr. (Akiachak), Willie Phillip (Tuluksak), Frank Berezkin (Oscarville), Jackson Williams Sr. (Akiak, Vice Chairman), James Charles (Tuntutuliak, Chairman), John Nicholas (Kasigluk), John Andrew (Kwethluk), Sandra Nicori (Kwethluk, Secretary), William "Charlie" Brown (Eek), Henry Tikiun Sr. (Atmautluak), Henry Parks (Nunapitchuk), Earl Samuelsen, Sr. (Napaskiak), Richard Larsen (Napasiak) Jacob Black (Napakiak)
  - Members Absent: Richard Larsen q
  - Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 8, quorum established q
  - List of User Groups Present: Subsistence users, commercial fisherman, trappers, and hunters.
- III. Approval of Agenda:
  - Add Proposal 222 by proposal 97 to the discussion around Proposal 27.
- IV. q Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: 12/8/2014 q  
Minutes approved q
- V. q Fish and Game Staff Present: q
  - Phil Perry (Wildlife Conservation), Aaron Poetter (Commercial Fisheries-telephonic), Patrick q Jones (Wildlife Conservation), Carmen Daggett (Boards Support Section) q
- VI. q Guests Present:
  - Charles Enoch (KYUK), Jacob Black (Napakiak), Greg Rochizka, John Andrew (AVCP Bethel), Martin Nicolai (Kwethluk), Chariton Epchook (Kwethluk), Mark Cloward (Troopers), Brandon Forest (Troopers), Greg Roczika (ONC Bethel), Phillip Nicholas (Kasigluk)
- VII. q Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:
  - a. q Administrative
    - i. Election of Officers
      - 1. q Unanimous Consent: Chair: James Charles, Vice Chair Elected Phillip Peter, Sandra Nicori (Secretary)
    - ii. q Election of Representatives
      - 1. Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim Board of Fisheries meeting
        - a. q Nominated Main: James Charles, nominated alternate for Phillip Peter Sr.
      - 2. Statewide Board of Game Meeting
        - a. Nominated Main: James Charles
      - 3. q Discussion of AC terms: Wants to have half of AC two year term and three year terms.



**ARCTIC / YUKON / KUSKOKWIM FINFISH, JANUARY 12–17, 2016, ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**

| 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>92</b>       | <b>Modify the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan to manage the king salmon subsistence fishery based on the Bethel Test Fishery.</b> |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose<br><input type="checkbox"/> No Action | 0               | 13   | <p>Greg Rocizka: Explains it was a place holder and written in a way that we might actually withdraw it now, I recommend the AC take no action on this proposal. Half of the run doesn't get there until late June or early July. I have a problem with the language; we will be waiting till the late part of June.</p> <p>Charlie Brown: Explains that the way we fish we wait for kings, before we fish for other species of fish. Several comments were mentioned, one was that who honestly really knows when 50% of the king fish run has gone by..., and also it is different depending what part of the river you subsist, upriver is different from downriver. Charlie commented that the other fish species do run at the same time as the kings do. Proposal # 92 died, no action was taken.</p> |
| <b>BOF</b>  | <b>93</b>       | <b>Modify the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan to establish an inriver run goal of king salmon above the Bethel Test Fishery.</b>  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended<br><input type="checkbox"/> Oppose<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action | 0               | 13   | <p>Motioned by Earl Sameuelson, motioned died to lack of a second, no action. Proposal #93 was moved to the floor, but since no one seconded his motion this proposal also died.</p>  |
| <b>BOF</b>  | <b>94</b>       | <b>Establish an inriver run goal for the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan.</b>   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose<br><input type="checkbox"/> No Action | 0               | 13   | <p>Earl Samuelson , Napaskiak, moved to adopt Proposal 94# , he was seconded by Willie Phillip, Tuluksak. A question brought up: on the Stony/Holitna, they would like ANS for chinook. Earl Samuelson was not in favor due to the fact that the numbers (?) were too high, John W. Andrew said if we adopt we would have later openings for the fish. Chariton Epchook, Kwethluk, said even if we are against this our wives will not be happy. Question called by Phillip Peter, vote was 13 against the proposal. Did not pass.</p>  |
| <b>BOF</b>  | <b>95</b>       | <b>Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.</b>  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose<br><input type="checkbox"/> No Action | 0               | 13   | <p>Greg explains Tier II and ONC's general opposition to Tier II permits. Explains the tier II system that makes a lottery people a lot of people maxing out of the number of points. Doesn't take into a count the sharing of salmon. Earl Samuelson moved to have discussion only on this proposal, he was seconded by John W. Andrew. Earl commented that he was against the proposal, Aaron discussed the pros and cons of this proposal. Most feel that the proposal would give few people the opportunity to receive 'kings'. Question was called by Jackson Williams, vote was zero for, 13 against. Did not pass.</p>   |
| <b>BOF</b>  | <b>96</b>       | <b>Separate the amounts necessary for subsistence use of king salmon into three parts on the Kuskokwim River.</b>                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose<br><input type="checkbox"/> No Action | 0               | 13   | <p>Earl Samuelson moved to adopt, he was seconded by Willie Phillip. Earl wanted further information from ADFG, the reply was that they were not in favor of the proposal. Question called by Jackson Williams, voice vote was 0 yeas, 13 against.</p>  |



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| <b>BOF</b>  | <b>97</b>  | <b>Create a permitting system for king salmon subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim River.</b>                                   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose<br><input type="checkbox"/> No Action | 0          | 13  | <p>A household permit for the entire Kuskokwim, does not allow users that have not used them before because they have not had the means to do so. We are against having a permitting system. There are many families that fish for more than one family. Greg: We are opposed to having permits all of the time. We are only interested in having a permit system when there is a conservation concern, it allows some use of the harvestable surplus instead of not allowing use of the fish. Earl Samuelson made motion to adopt # 97, seconded by 'Charlie' Brown. Question/comments: may be like moose hunting permits. Many do not have jobs in the villages, Aaron's reply was that it would only be for chinooks. Chariton Epchook commented 'if we miss the chinook run, then what? No chinooks'. Martin Nicolai, Kwethluk, asked the board to reject this proposal. Question was called, Earl S. made motion to vote, results were zero yeas, 13 nays. Did not pass.</p>  |
| <b>BOF</b>  | <b>222</b> | <b>Create a permitting system for king salmon subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim River</b>                                    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose<br><input type="checkbox"/> No Action | 0          | 13  | <p>Jackson: Inquires about having the permit system removed when the conservation concern is removed. Earl: Explains how the system works, explains how the elder fisher program, the elder program can work during time John W. Andrew commented that Kwethluk Joint Group voted to go against Proposal # 222. They did not want the permit system for harvesting King Salmon subsistence use, it may not be good in the long run, once you get into the "permit system", it is not easy to get out of it.. Jackson Williams said people in Akiak and most of Bethel do not want the permit system. Henry Parks, Nunapitchuk, If we go into the permit system we will be using 'white man' methods and rules.... We all know the Kings are low in numbers, we can stand together to oppose this. Jacob Black, Napakiak, When I heard about this permit system, I've used all the other fishing permit system. Looking back...if the proposal is adopted will it be a permanent system once adopted? We are all working on things for the generations to come. We are working for the younger folk's future. I am not in favor this – Proposal # 222. Proposal 222: Kwethluk and Akiak are opposed to the proposal 222 the permit system. Motion was made to adopt # 222 by 'Earl' Samuelson, and seconded by Jackson Williams. Charlie said he learned a lot from doing a test fisheries job, starting back in '83, '84, how the fish runs work and some patterns he observed. Henry Parks, said many back home aren't aware of this proposal and it's ill effects if voted yes. Vote was zero yeas, and 13 nays. Did not pass.</p> |
| <b>BOF</b>  | <b>98</b>  | <b>Establish descriptions of subsistence fishing sections for the Kuskokwim River during times of king salmon conservation.</b> |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose<br><input type="checkbox"/> No Action | 0          | 13  | <p>Earl: Motioned, seconded by John Wassillie, James Charles: Explains he liked the old line. Earl: Suggested using landmarks, and state requests suggestions for the landmark names. Earl Samuelson moved to discuss Proposal #98, seconded by John Wassillie. Aaron, Bethel, talked about the descriptions of and the fishing districts subsections using GPA readings. Chariton said he was against the proposal. Jackson Williams, "not my style to fish in other areas, he moved to leave May open for fishing. He misses having chee fish, which are the second to swim upriver. Earl S. asked if land markers can be used because not everyone owns GPS's at home, James asked about the federal and the state lines near Tuntutuliak. Question called for by Charlie Brown, vote was zero yeas, 13 nays. Did not pass.</p>   |



John Nicholas, Kasigiuk, Are we going to continue following RULES for Fish and Game? Pretty soon, we will not be able to do either(?) I am against following rules (regulations) It will come to a point where we will not be able to hunt or fish. I am saying this on behalf of our grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jackson Williams, Aklak, I agree with our elder John Nicholas, elders back then said it will come to a point when we will not be able to freely subsist.

Earl Sameulsen: Explains would like to work on a proposal to get three moose on the Yukon. Would the AC be supportive on that item?

I would like to make a motion to add a proxy for the elder fishery in the Yukon management plan to be mentioned.

Jackson - we strive to hunt, gather and fish despite conservation methods especially for the chinooks.

John Wassillie - ...learning as we get more information and in the process becoming visually aware of our subsistence needs.

Henry Tikiun - We were taught at an early age to subsist but the young people now will have a different type of hardship when they start subsisting.

Phillip - Thanks to all, being able to use our first language makes the process easier. If we work as one, it will be an easier process. The younger generation may read and write in English but they will be able to carry on the traditional uses of subsisting.

Charlie - Working together in all phases makes the process easier. We may face hardships or get discouraged but working together makes the process easier.

Frank - I am very thankful.

Willie - We are working for the future generation.

John Nicholas - Keep up your good work. We won't always be around. "Keep up the good work". If all our traditional sayings were written down - WOW! I find one thing confusing though. I was issued a PID for fishing, hunting, and trapping card. I wanted to go fishing, they said no. I can't understand that. They issued it!

Earl - (I was busy doing record keeping or something, sorry)

Closing prayer was said by Jackson Williams. Meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m. by Chairman James Charles. Adjournment: 2:27 pm Minutes Recorded By: Sandra Nicoli and Carmen Daggett

Minutes Approved By: James Charles Date: 12-22-15

Minutes Approved By: John Williams Date: 12-18-15

Minutes Approved By: Earl Sameulsen Date: 12-18-15





# **Minutes excerpted for Statewide King & Tanner Crab, Marine Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee Teleconference**

**December 10, 2015 / 2:30pm**

## **Call to Order**

The chairman, Doug Carney, called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm

## **Roll Call & Quorum**

SHAC members present were -

Rick Breckheimer - Lime Village

David Bobby & Charlie Gusty – Stony River

Doug Carney & Terrance Morgan- Sleetmute

Barb Carlson & John Zeller – Red Devil

**Absent** -Fred Bobby - Lime Village

**Quorum is established – 5 needed.**

## **Others Attending**

Nissa Pilcher -ADF&G Boards Support

Josh Peirce -ADF&G Biologist

Susan Hubbard-Sleetmute resident

## **Nissa Pilcher -**

Nissa explains how minutes must be approved when they are submitted.

Someone on the committee needs to be designated to approve the minutes for accuracy after they are written.

The committee made a motion and voted to designate Doug Carney as the person to approve SHAC minutes.

## **Chairman**

Doug Carney asks members if there were any additions to the agenda.

Approval of agenda was given.

Chairman said that minutes of Dec 16, 2014 were lengthy and asked for vote on deferring reading and approval of minutes till next SHAC meeting – members concurred.

Chairman explains how proposals are used at BOF & BOG meetings –

Boards can generate their own proposals using amendments to other proposals, information gathered at Board meetings and from comments on proposals.

In the comments SHAC makes today for these board meetings, we can offer amendments to any of the proposals that are to go before the Board, including our own.



I'm going to turn the meeting over to Barb Carlson so she can go over the proposal that I brought before BOF last year. We'll also go over other proposals that have to do with king salmon for the next BOF meeting.

After Barb is done with BOF proposals, I will go over BOG proposals with you, so we can make comments of approval or disapproval on them.

### **Barb Carlson – BOF Proposals**

At the last meeting I was given approval by SHAC to make proposals as needed after going to the March BOF meeting. Since that time I have gone to many meetings concerning the shortage of Chinooks. This included BOF meetings, BOF subcommittee meetings, and salmon working group, (KSMWG), meetings.

I have spent much time with ADF&G subsistence, which helped in the writing and formatting the 3 proposals I came up with for our committee. **These are proposals 94, 96, & 97.**

I decided it would be better to keep each component of SHAC's plans separated into their own proposals to meet BOF desire for only one singular idea or regulatory change per proposal.

This is also preferred by BOF for purposes of selecting components of any proposal they want to use to create a proposal of its own.

There is also BOF proposal **222**, which is similar to SHAC's 97, in that it deals with permits.

Proposal 93, by KNA is similar to SHAC's 94, in that it deals with in-river goals.

There are not a lot of proposals that concern us, but the few we will deal with are in regard to King salmon.

David Bobby left at 3:25 during discussion of proposal 96.

Charlie Gusty had left by 3:45, so did not vote on proposal 97 comments.

BOF proposal discussion is included in the proposal comment form.

### **Doug Carney – BOG Proposals**

(At this point Josh Peirce made SHAC aware he was online.

Josh pointed out several proposals he thought SHAC might want to consider, which it did.)

Proposals discussed were 5, 50, 69-74, 77-87.

BOG proposal discussion is included in comment form.

SHAC moved & approved Barb Carlson to represent SHAC at the January, 2016 BOF meeting .

**SHAC adjourned at 5:15p.m.**

| ARCTIC / YUKON / KUSKOKWIM FINFISH<br>JANUARY 12-17, 2016<br>ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES |                 |                      |
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| Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form                        |                 |                      |
| BOF  | Proposal Number | Proposal Description |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended<br><input type="checkbox"/> Oppose<br><input type="checkbox"/> No Action | 7 Unan.   | 0   | <p>Discussion, Reasons, &amp; Intent of its amendment– SHAC amended its proposal to change the in-river goal of 120,000- 218,000 down to 50,000- 180,000. SHAC determined this range by adding the current escapement goal to the lower and upper end of the historical subsistence King harvest occurring upriver of Bethel. SHAC would prefer the original number of 120k – 218k, but believes the adoption of some high range is absolutely crucial to the fishery recovery and continuing existence of this fishery as a source of food for thousands of people on this river. SHAC is willing to offer this amendment to lower its original in-river goal, as a compromise with the in-river goal in proposal 93, and to help address concerns of ADF&amp;G that too high of an in-river goal could result in greatly exceeding the high end of the escapement goal.</p> <p>Discussion, Reasons &amp; Intent of this in-river goal proposal – SHAC is convinced that an in-river goal is a necessary &amp; vital component of the King fishery recovery. It will insure that enough fish get past Bethel to meet escapement goals and to provide reasonable opportunity for fishermen upriver of Bethel, as well as a comparatively equal effort necessary along the whole river to obtain those fish.</p> <p>SHAC believes goals should be in regulatory language so that there is direction and continuity for management this year and for management by future managers.</p> <p>SEE ATTACHED GRAPH A</p> |
| <b>BOF</b>  | <b>95</b> | <b>Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.</b>                                   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose<br><input type="checkbox"/> No Action | 0         | 7/Unan.   | <p>SHAC absolutely opposes Tier II for any fishery, as it historically has for moose, and any other wildlife resource.</p> <p>Tier II is and has never been a chosen tool by any responsible fish &amp; wildlife manager or by any user group, once it has been experienced. It has been a dismal failure with game, and would be even more so when applied to fisheries.</p> <p>In practice - the young and locals, (those who are most dependent on a particular resource), end up losing opportunity.</p>  |
| <b>BOF</b>  | <b>96</b> | <b>Separate the amounts necessary for subsistence use of king salmon into three parts on the Kuskokwim River.</b> |   |





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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input type="checkbox"/> Support<br>as Amended<br><input type="checkbox"/> Oppose<br><input type="checkbox"/> No Action | 4   | 1  | (The opposing member said that he needs more than one net to meet his requirements when fishing for Whitefish.)<br>SHAC supports this proposal because it HELPS eliminate the targeting of King Salmon using more than one 4" mesh net.  |
| BOF  | 222 | Create a permitting system for King Salmon subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim River. |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support<br><input type="checkbox"/> Support<br>as Amended<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose<br><input type="checkbox"/> No Action | 2   | 3  | Most members OPPOSED the use of the following tools -<br>The reporting of daily harvest immediately and directly on the permit itself invites intrusive interruptions by govt. officials<br>SHAC communities don't want more regulation, documentation & problems in an already over-regulated subsistence lifestyle<br>Most members AGREED on use of the following tools -<br>PERMITS to be used ONLY in times of emergency King Salmon conservation.<br>PERMITS to be used ONLY for Kings -- no other Species<br>Writing salmon take on a calendar for reporting<br>Having fish allotted by permit at the beginning of season, but did not want to report on the permit -- interruption of fishing effort<br>(The former 2 tools would contribute to more timely & better reporting) |

Old Business:  
Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Barb Carlson

Minutes Approved By: Doug Carney

Date: 12 Dec, 2015



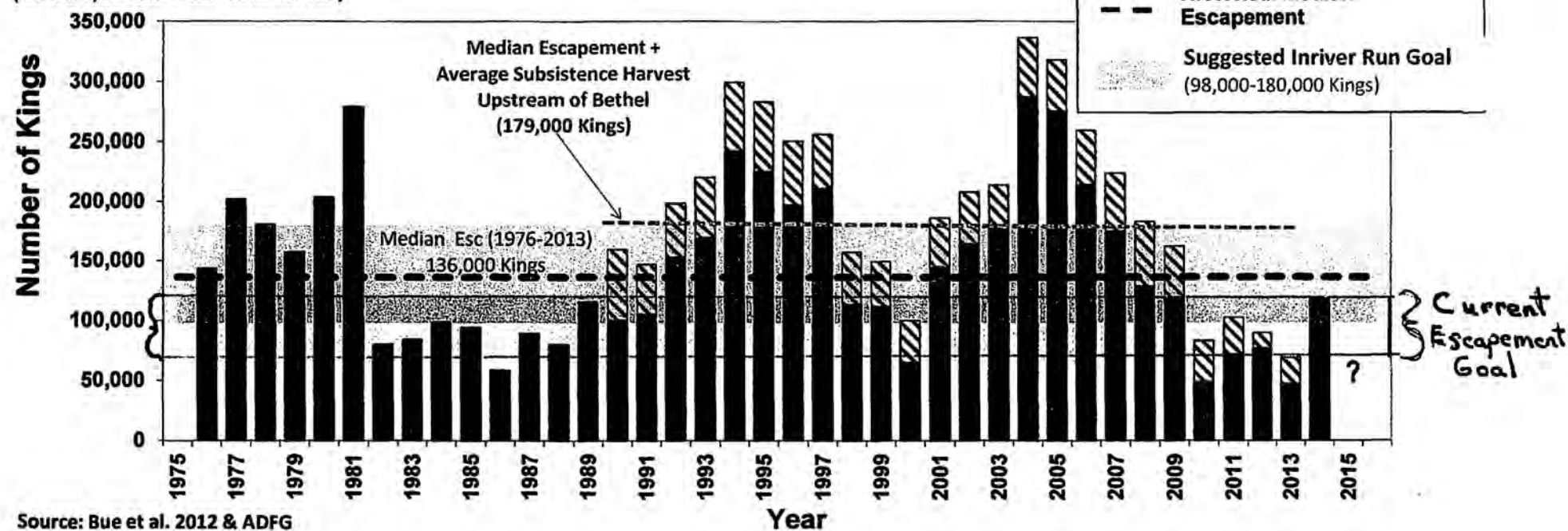
# Graph A

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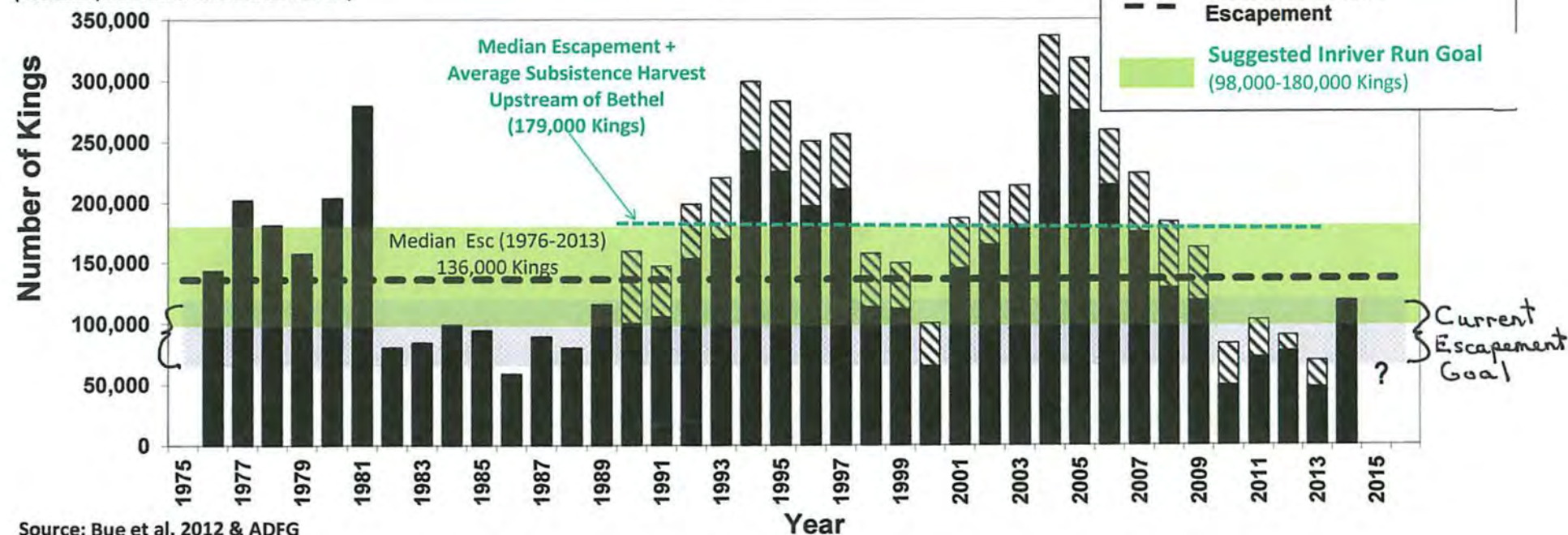
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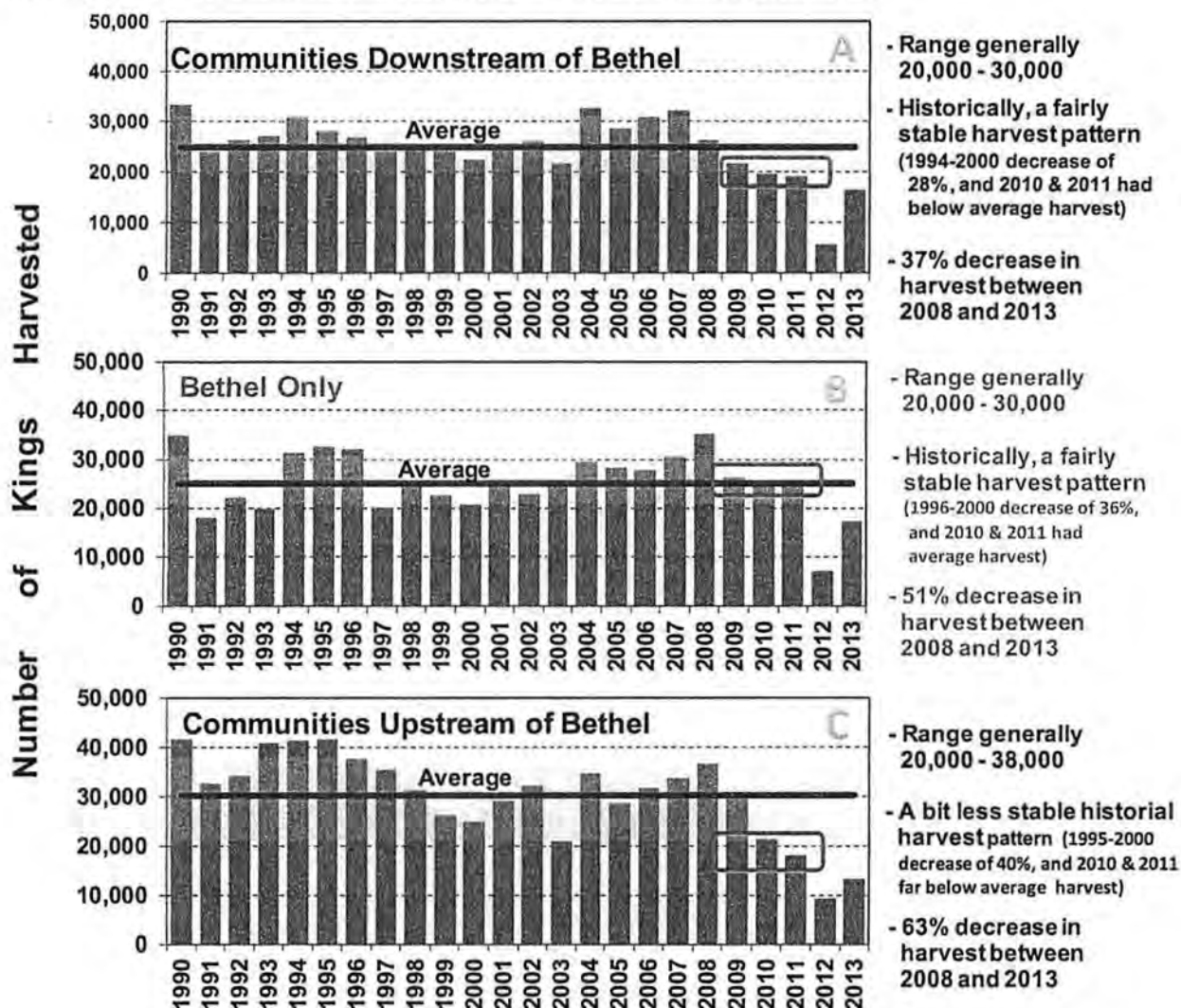
Source: Bue et al. 2012 & ADFG





# Graph B

**Subsistence Harvest of King Salmon in the Kuskokwim River**





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