

# On-Time Advisory Committee Comment List

Alaska Board of Fisheries Southeast & Yakutat Shellfish & Finfish | Sitka, January 11-23, 2018

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## Craig Fish and Game Advisory Council Meeting

11/15/2017

Craig City Council Chambers

### Agenda

- I. Call to order 6:05 pm
- II. Roll Call: Mike Douville, Steve Merritt, Ellen Hannan, Steve Stumpf, Brian Castle, Charles Haydu, Bill Farmer, Kirk Agnitsch
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes 10/19/2017
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Craig Schwanke, Jeff Reeves (USFS) arrived 7:55pm
- VI. Guests Present: Doug Rhoades
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business: The Craig AC withdraws support for proposal # 179. Current concerns and regulations over transboundary king salmon stocks do not constitute our support for this proposal at this time. Kurt Whitehead of Klawock, who is a big game guide and sportfishing guide wishes to join the Craig AC. We have had other parties outside of Craig interested in joining in the past and we have always kept it a Craig AC and at this time will continue this status. We encourage Kurt to attend the meetings and offer input on proposals that he wishes to address. Summary of the Klawock River Sockeye Meeting. A meeting held in Klawock this week that addressed solutions for increasing Sockeye Salmon numbers in the Klawock River drainage through habitat improvement, harvest and other impacts on population. Craig Schwanke noted that Sockeye Salmon abundance is low throughout all of SE Alaska not just the Klawock River.
- IX. RAC Meeting: The Craig AC addressed 2 RAC proposals from the November 1, 2017 meeting. The first was to increase the wolf harvest in unit 2 from 20 to 30%. The Craig AC supported this proposal with a unanimous vote of 8-0. The second was to reduce the bag limit for non-rural hunters in unit 2, from 4 deer annually to 2 deer annually. The Craig AC supported this proposal with a 6 – 2 vote.

Next meeting November 29, 2017, Craig City Chambers 6 pm, Agenda; continue BOF proposals

Meeting Adjourned 8:42 pm



Alaska Board Of Fisheries Southeast Alaska & Yakutat Finfish Proposals January 11-23, 2018				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Amendments, Notes
55	Oppose	0	8	Increase the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeast Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 to 400 pots.
56	Oppose	0	8	Close waters of 12 mile arm to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab. The Craig AC feels this will start a trend towards closing areas that have been traditional commercial fishing areas.
57	<b>Support as Amended</b>	8	0	Close the waters in the Klawock vicinity to sport fishing for Dungeness Crab. The Craig AC does not like the wording of the proposal targeting only charter boats, <b>but does support the proposal on the basis of sport setting of crab pots.</b> This proposal also encompasses a defined area of closure that can be enforced.
60	Oppose	3	5	Establish a guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery in Sitka Sound. One concern the AC had was the undue stress on the crab of being pulled up in the pot then sent back down repeatedly.
79	Support	8	0	Repeal winter commercial shrimp fishery and modify fishing season for the Southern Alaska Area commercial shrimp fishery to avoid egg bearing shrimp. Canadian shrimp fishery is in April and May when shrimp do not have eggs and they beat Alaska to the market. The AC supports to change the season to spring to be more competitive and sell fresher tails in the summer without eggs. Most customers also do not want eggs on their shrimp
81	Support	7	1	Allow commercial shrimp pots in Southeast Alaska to be pulled only one time per day. This will allow the smaller shrimp to escape as the bait is depleted in the pot. The solution in the shrimp fishery is to not sell small shrimp. This will help.
84	Oppose	0	8	Close additional waters in District 2 to commercial pot shrimp fishing. Don't want to close areas that have been traditional commercial fishing areas
87	Oppose	0	8	Open waters of a number of fishing areas previously closed to commercial sea cucumber harvest. The AC asks that areas around district 3 and POW Island remain closed.
101	Oppose	0	8	Reduce bait fishery harvest limit in Section 3-B commercial herring spawn on kelp fishery. The AC feels that this is a reallocation of quota and opposes the proposal.



108	Oppose	0	8	Expand the area for spawn on kelp herring pound fishery in section 3-B. The AC does not see any need to extend this boundary.
123	Oppose	2	6	Increase the minimum retention size for lingcod in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska commercial fishery. The AC feels that a 27" Lingcod is a marketable fish and there is no need to increase the size limit.
126	Support	7	1	Require all anglers to release nonpelagic rockfish at depth with a deep-water release mechanism. The AC feels that all anglers should be required to carry a release mechanism to help reduce mortality on rockfish.
133	Oppose	0	8	Base duration of commercial salmon troll and drift gillnet gear spring openings on preseason king salmon abundance projections.
134	Oppose	0	8	Close the spring commercial salmon troll fishery in Districts 9,12 and 14 when the Juneau area sport fishery is closed to protect king salmon. The AC opposed this since ADF&G is currently doing this.
140	Oppose	0	8	Prohibit use of drift gillnet gear for commercial salmon fishing in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area during the 2018-2020 fishing seasons.
169	Support	7	1	Open Section 6-D the second Sunday of June to commercial fishing for salmon with drift gillnet gear.



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11/29/2017

Craig City Council Chambers

### Agenda

- I. Call to order 6:05 pm
- II. Roll Call: Steve Merritt, Ellen Hannan, Steve Stumpf, Brian Castle, Bill Farmer, Fred Hamilton
- III. Approval of Agenda: Complete discussing Board of Fish proposals
- IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes 11/15/2017
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Craig Schwanke
- VI. Guests Present: None
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business: BOF proposals.

A motion was made to open proposal 169 which was voted on and supported in our 11-15-2017 AC meeting. Several AC members didn't feel they had all the information in the 11-15 meeting to support their vote due to concerns over the proposals timeframe and increase in area. Due to these concerns along with low abundance of wild stocks of fish the Craig AC re-voted and opposed proposal 169 by a vote of 5-1. After the vote discussion continued on proposal 169 and it was evident that some of the AC members were just not that familiar with the area and the fishery that was addressed in proposal 169. **A motion was made to take no action on proposal 169, it was seconded and voted on unanimously 6-0 in favor of taking no action on proposal 169. So that is the Craig AC's final position on proposal 169.**

We had a discussion on **proposal 172** which would open up an area in the spring troll fishery that has a high percentage of Herring Cove hatchery king salmon. The ATA opposes this proposal yet there was a discussion between a couple trollers on the AC whether it should be open or not. After that discussion no action was taken on proposal 172.

A discussion was also held on **proposal 178** which would restrict the fishing area in Sitka Sound during the winter troll fishery when a target of 30,000 king salmon is reached by March 1. This proposal is similar to proposal 179, which the Craig AC adopted and then pulled support on, except proposal 178 just focuses on Sitka Sound. After discussion between a couple AC members that are trollers no action was taken on proposal 178.



Alaska Board Of Fisheries Southeast Alaska & Yakutat Finfish Proposals January 11-23, 2018				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Amendments, Notes
177	Support	6	0	Allow commercial fishing with troll gear for hatchery produced coho salmon, in certain areas, during commercial troll fishery coho salmon conservation closures. Establish an area to target hatchery cohos during the troll closure.
181	Oppose	0	6	Reduce the percentage of remaining commercial king salmon troll fishery harvest taken during the initial summer king salmon retention period from 70% to 60% during years of high king salmon abundance. The AC opposed this proposal since it would set aside fish for later that may not be available.
185	Oppose	0	6	Increase opportunity to harvest salmon and allow additional gear types in SE Alaska for personal use fishery. Personal use law states no troll gear for king and coho salmon, so the AC opposes proposal 185
186	Support	6	0	Define what constitutes a guest of a lodge, charter, or other enterprise. Stops a loophole for serving personal use crab and fish.
187	Oppose	0	6	Open personal use sockeye salmon fishing in the Klawock River. The AC opposes this proposal since we established a boundary of the Klawock River bridge.
196	Support	6	0	Establish a non-resident annual limit for sockeye salmon in SE Alaska freshwaters. Sockeye are more vulnerable to catching in freshwater streams and there is harvest abuse that occurs because of this. If an annual limit is established, it will stop this abuse and protect fish so more can spawn.
202	Support	6	0	Prohibit multiple and barbed hooks in the Tsiu River drainage. Single barbless hooks will reduce mortality on released fish due to less time spent unhooking and handling them along with the damaging effects of barbed and multiple hooks.

Meeting Adjourned 7:43 PM



**Juneau Douglas Advisory Committee**  
**Oct 26, 2017**  
**University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau Campus Room 218.**  
**Excerpt for BOF Southeast/Yakutat Meeting**

I. Call to Order: 5:35 by Ed Buyarski--acting chair.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Ed Buyarski, Nicholas Orr, Thatcher Browuer, Jesse Walker, Mike Bethers, Jesse Ross, Henry Webb, Jason Kohlase, Richard Yamada, Terry White, Kristine Trott, Kevin Maier

Members Absent: Atlin Daugherty

List of User Groups Present: Commercial, sport/hunt/personal use, charter-Salt, charter-fresh, trapper, non-consumptive

**Elections:** motion to re-elect Henry Webb, Jason Kohlase, Jesse Walker, and Kevin Maier to their respective seats. Also to elect to alternate seats: Melanie Brown and Mike Cole.

III. Approval of Agenda:

IV.

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Fish and Game Staff Present: Dan Teske, Sport Fish Mgmt Bio, David Love, Asst Sport Fish Mgmt Bio, Dave Harris Comm fish area mgmt. bio) Scott Forbes, Asst comm fish area mgmt. bio, Ryan Scott, Director, game biologist

Guests Present: PUBLIC: Mollie Dwyer, Bree Simpson, Wes Strausberger, Sommers Cole,

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8



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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
	[support/ oppose/ support as amended /no action]	[# votes]	[# votes]	[comments]
<b>69</b> Reduce Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery guideline harvest ranges.				
	n/a			Henry: concern is that there is no data on this fishery. Doesn't trust these numbers. Henry suggests these numbers are so far off from the reality. No golden crab survey data. Only a catch effort assessment.
<b>70</b> Reduce the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery pot limit from 100 pots per vessel to 80 pots per vessel.				
	s/a	14	0	Recommendation: Henry maintains that the fishery has crashed or failed. Very few crab caught. Doesn't recommend closing it, as we need to have some fishing to have information about the fishery. <b>Amend to reduce to 50 pot/vessel. Strongly recommend ADFG conduct research on these crabs.</b>
<b>125</b> Repeal mandatory retention requirements for nonpelagic rockfish.				
	S	12	0	Good conservation move. (2 abstentions)
<b>132</b> Amend sport king salmon regulations in Districts 11, 12, 14, and 15 based on the Taku River king salmon preseason escapement estimate.				
	S	9	1	Long discussion. Some discussion of escapement of goal 19-39,000. Dave Harris ADFG notes: optimal target is 25,500. (4 abstentions).
<b>133</b> Base duration of commercial salmon troll and drift gillnet gear spring openings on preseason king salmon abundance projections.				
	S	9	2	(3 abstentions) LONG DISCUSSION
<b>200</b> Prohibit snagging in all salt and freshwaters along the Juneau road system, with minor exceptions.				
	n/a	6	3	LONG DISCUSSION. Amended to prohibit snagging for





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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
				SHORE-BASED anglers along the Juneau Road system save for areas mentioned(5 abstentions)
201				Allow catch-and-release only in the Juneau vicinity Dredge Lakes area.
	O	0	14	
202				Allow only single, barbless hooks on artificial lures in the Dredge Lakes area.
	O	3	10	1 abstention
204				Amend bag limit and season provisions and establish an annual limit for sockeye salmon in Windfall Creek.
	S	8	3	Amend: open to fishing Wednesday, Friday, Sunday 1-fish per day, 4 fish/year. (3 Abstentions)

Adjournment: 9:58pm

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_ Kevin Maier \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Ed Buyarski \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 10/27/2017 \_\_\_\_\_



**Juneau Douglas Advisory Committee  
Nov 27, 2017  
University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau Campus Room 218.**

**Call in**

Number: 1-800-504-8071

Access code: 4654046

I. Call to Order:

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Ed Buyarski, Nicholas Orr, Thatcher Browuer, Jesse Ross, Henry Webb, Jason Kohlase, Terry White, Kristine Trott, Kevin Maier, Atlin Daugherty, Melanie Brown,

**BY PHONE: Mike Bethers and Jesse Walker**

**List of User Groups Present:** Commercial, sport/hunt/personal use, charter-Salt, charter-fresh, trapper, non-consumptive

III. Approval of Agenda:

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Fish and Game Staff Present: David Love, Asst Sport Fish Mgmt Bio, Scott Forbes, Asst comm fish area mgmt. bio, Adam Messner, Area Shell Fish Biologist

Guests Present: Jake Abbot, Alaska Wildlife Troopers.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

V. HB 199/Ballot initiative Title 16.

Melanie Brown—distributes significant paperwork.

Asks that we write a letter of support for HB 199 or the ballot initiative.

Mike Bethers: calls in, and asks what's wrong with Anadramous Waters Catalog system?

Melanie responds: it's incomplete, and the the state doesn't have isn't budget to finish it, so this puts the burden on the entity that wants to work.

Thatcher suggests he might need more time to consider the bill and/or initiative.

Nick Orr and Henry Webb suggest we return to this issue with more time to consider it.



ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM: Ed reports back on the Subsistence Regional Advisory Committee testimony about Berner's Bay moose proposal.

RAC suggests JDAC draft a proposal for Berner's Bay. This'd be for May 1 deadline

Kevin M proposes we call a meeting in January to address: HB 199, Berner's Bay Moose, and additional BOG proposals. Kevin will call the meeting

VI. JDAC Rep to BOF. Terry White can potentially go? We will table it and come back. Kevin will ask Lena for more information.

VII. Proposals to discuss:

Dungeness Crab: Proposal 53, 54, 55, 56, and 58

Shrimp: Proposal 79, and 82 and 83.

Herring 95, 96, and 100. (maybe 98, 99, and/or 105?)

Sablefish 117

King Salmon 134

Seine 155

Troll 176 and 181

Personal Use 190 and 191, 192,

Sport Special Provisions

198, 199, 203 (all Juneau specific).



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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
	[support/ oppose/ support as amended /no action]	[# votes]	[# votes]	[comments]
<b>54</b>				Reduce the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 240 pots.
	n/a			LONG DISCUSSION> Thatcher moves that we take no action, as we don't have vested interested.
<b>55</b>				Increase the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 400 pots.
	n/a			
<b>56</b>				Close waters of Twelvemile Arm to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab.
	n/a	3	6	Interesting debate on whether this issue parallels Juneau-area issues.
<b>58</b>				Close waters in the Klawock vicinity to sport fishing for Dungeness crab.
	n/a	0	2	Interesting issue. Mostly out of our purview
<b>76</b>				Establish mesh size requirements for Southeast Alaska Area sport fishing shrimp pots.
	support	8	2	Seems fair and equitable
<b>79</b>				Repeal winter commercial shrimp fishery and modify fishing season for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial shrimp fishery to avoid egg bearing shrimp.
	n/a	1	2	Insufficient information on impact.
<b>82</b>				Close the Section 11-A commercial shrimp fishery.
	n/a	3	6	
<b>83</b>				Close waters of Section 11-A to commercial fishing for shrimp and red king crab.



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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
	oppose	4	7	
<b>95</b>				Repeal the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Sections 15-B and 15-C.
	S	6	4	
<b>99</b>				Reduce maximum harvest rate used to establish the commercial sac roe herring fishery guideline harvest level in Sections 13-A and 13-B from 20% of the spawning biomass to 10% of the spawning biomass.
	n/a	0	6	
<b>117</b>				Allow pots as a legal gear type in the Southeastern Alaska Area personal use sablefish fishery.
	support	9	1	Effective way to avoid bycatch.
<b>134</b>				Close the spring commercial salmon troll fishery in Districts 9, 12, and 14 when the Juneau area sport fishery is closed to protect king salmon.
	n/a	5	4	
<b>176</b>				Establish a commercial fishery using troll gear to target hatchery-produced chum salmon in Crawfish Inlet.
	support	9	1	
<b>190</b>				Increase the personal use household limit for sockeye salmon in the Taku River drainage.
	support	7	2	
<b>191</b>				Amend the personal use salmon season in the Taku River drainage to open the fishery on the fourth Saturday in June.
	oppose	0	9	(2 abstentions) doesn't help king salmon conservation
<b>192</b>				Allow personal use fishing for salmon in District 11.
	oppose	0	11	other personal use harvest is in terminal harvest areas to avoid conflict, all species could be affected
<b>198</b>				Amend the open season for Dolly Varden in Auke Bay.
	n/a	0	5	(6 abstentions) this could result in excessive harvest during spring outward migration time



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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
199				Increase the bag limit for Dolly Varden on the Juneau road system.
	n/a	0	5	(6 abstentions) not justified by existing population numbers
203				Rescind the salmon sport fishing closure in Sheep Creek.
	S	11	0	recommended by ADFG

Adjournment: 9:58pm

Minutes Recorded By: Kevin Maier  
Minutes Approved By: AC  
Date: 12/14/17



**Petersburg Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
November 9, 2017  
Dorothy Ingle Conference Room**

- I. Call to Order: 6:35pm by Vice Chair Joel Randrup
- II. Roll Call: 9  
Members Present:  
Joel Randrup  
Bob Martin  
Kirt Marsh  
Ben Case  
Wes Malcom  
Jerry Dahl  
Stan Malcom  
Frank Neidiffer  
Ted Sandhofer  
+Max Worhatch (later)  
  
Members Absent:  
Arnold Enge  
Andy Knight  
David Benitz  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:7  
List of User Groups Present:  
Sport fishing, Guided sport fishing, Personal Use, Nearly all commercial shellfish and finfish fisheries represented including salmon troll, gillnet and seine.
- III. Approval of Agenda: A simple Agenda of Elections and consideration of BoF Southeast finfish and shelfish proposals was verbally agreed upon. Chairman Worhatch arrived at 6:40 and there was no objection to him assuming chairmanship of the meeting.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes were not available
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:  
Troy Thynes, commercial salmon area manager  
Joe Stratman, commercial crab biologist  
Patrick Fowler, sport fish biologist
- VI. Guests Present: none



VII. Old Business: none

VIII. New Business: Elections

8 seats were due to expire: Randrup, Benitz, Marsh, Case, Dahl, Knight, Neidffer, Sandhofer, Wes Malcom. Nominations for Randrup, Marsh, Case, Dahl, Neidffer, and Sandhofer were accepted and those members were re-elected to their existing seats. Wes Malcom decided to retire and was thanked for his service. Ben Case expressed an interest in assuming the historically designated "Sport/Personal Use" seat occupied by Malcom and there was no objection. David Benitz and Andy Knight were not present and there was no one to nominate so those seats were vacated. Worhatch, Randrup and Martin were nominated and approved for the offices of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary respectively. Consideration of BoF proposals began with Proposal #130 in order to take advantage of the presence of ADF&G area manager Troy Thynes since he would not be available for input on salmon issues at the anticipated next meeting. Jerry Dahl left the meeting at 7:00. This left 8 members present for the remainder of the meeting.

After considering Proposals #130-#158, the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.





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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
130				Close subsistence fishing for salmon in Chilkat Inlet through July 15, and Chilkat River from June 15 to August 1.
	O	0	8	This was seen as an inflammatory measure that might be turned upside down to close commercial fishing instead since subsistence may be seen as having priority
131				Implement maximum gillnet mesh-size restrictions in the Chilkat Inlet and River subsistence salmon fishery.
	NA			
132				Amend sport king salmon regulations in Districts 11, 12, 14, and 15 based on the Taku River king salmon preseason escapement estimate.
	NA			
133				Base duration of commercial salmon troll and drift gillnet gear spring openings on preseason king salmon abundance projections.
	O	0	8	This proposal is very rigid and could tie the hands of Department managers who ultimately have the same objective of rebuilding these king stocks but must balance many factors in doing so.
134				Close the spring commercial salmon troll fishery in Districts 9, 12, and 14 when the Juneau area sport fishery is closed to protect king salmon.
	O	0	10	Tying commercial trolling to sport fishing in this manner equates the two user groups and this offended several members who depend on commercial salmon for their livelihood.
135				Modify lawful gear for subsistence salmon fishing in Yakutat Bay.
	NA			
136				Extend the area closed to sport fishing downstream and upstream of the Situk River weir during June and July.
	NA			



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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
137				Increase the regional resident king salmon possession limit when the Southeast Alaska Area preseason king salmon abundance index is greater than 2.0.
	O	0	8	There was some support for the increase during high abundance. However, it was felt that such times are unlikely in the foreseeable future and opening up the Management Plan was not warranted just for this unlikely scenario.
138				Allow the retention of other salmon while fishing for king salmon with two rods.
	O	2	6	After considerable discussion this was viewed as too complicated and better left in its current black-and-white wording. Several members were sympathetic to the spirit of the proposal and thought it addressed an unforeseen problem.
139				Eliminate provisions for a rotational fishery in Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area and allow the department to manage the fishery in consultation with the hatchery operator.
	S	8	0	We are comfortable with NSRAA managing this THA.
140				Prohibit use of drift gillnet gear for commercial salmon fishing in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area during the 2018–2020 fishing seasons.
	O	1	6	This was the first of many Seine vs. Gillnet matches. Several non-commercial members felt that without any visitors from the community to express views, these proposals would be voted to reflect the Seine-Gillnet makeup of the committee with most other members caught in the middle. That being said, this proposal was seen as particularly punishing to the Petersburg-Wrangell area due to the large number of local gillnetters who concentrate on Anita Bay.
141				Modify net rotation schedules for the commercial drift gillnet gear and purse seine gear salmon fisheries at Deep Inlet and Anita Bay terminal harvest areas.



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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
	S	8	0	This was viewed as a reasonable step to rectify the Gillnet allocation overage
142				Modify drift gillnet and purse seine fishing rotations in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.
	O	0	8	While generally supporting NSRAA proposals, the committee thought the 2:1 Seine:Gillnet ratio was punitive and unusual due to the fast-catching nature of seining and the slow accumulation of gillnetting.
143				Change the time ratio for drift gillnet gear to purse seine gear openings in Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.
	O	0	8	This was similar to #142. Concern that this should be addressed in a comprehensive manner with with more options on the table.
144				Allow increased commercial salmon fishing opportunity with troll gear in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.
	S	8	0	No one objected to trollers fishing alongside other groups
145				Allow commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear in the Nakat Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.
	O	0	8	This was seen as very provocative and targeted at a specific regional gillnet fleet in Southeast. A more comprehensive approach should be taken, perhaps considering all of Southeast
146				Do not include enhanced salmon produced by private nonprofit hatcheries in Southeastern Alaska Area Enhanced Salmon Allocation Management Plan gear-specific value allocations.
	O	2	6	While a few members thought this would be a good discussion to have, most felt this tactic was not going to satisfy the two out of three gear groups who want more access to PNP fish.
147				Amend Mist Cove salmon closure to allow for taking of salmon with fly fishing gear and prohibit snagging.
	O	0	7	Seemed too narrowly tailored to one person's business plan. However, if NSRAA were to



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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
				support this we wouldn't have any problem with it.
148				Expand the Herring Bay Sportfish Terminal Harvest Area to provide additional sport fishing opportunity for hatchery-produced king salmon.
	O	0	8	In the current climate of general King conservation concerns and specific Unuk river concerns we are wary of expanding this THA
149				Extend the closing date for salmon harvest by the hatchery permit holder in Deep Inlet Special Harvest Area.
	S	8	0	
150				Establish a special harvest area in Crawfish Inlet.
	S	8	0	
151				Establish a terminal harvest area and management plan for Carroll Inlet.
	S	8	0	
152				Update area description and coordinates of the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area boundaries.
	S	8	0	Go ahead
153				Repeal the District 1 Pink Salmon Management Plan.
	O	0	6	Some members burning out on Seine-Gillnet allocation proposals. Several of those who voted thought this proposal was hostile and punitive toward gillnetters and was not even beneficial to the seine fleet.
154				Establish a management plan for pink salmon in Lower Clarence Strait.
	S	5	3	Majority thought this was a small step to put gillnet pink harvest closer to 5% rough management goal while having negligible effect on seining. Minority felt like this was another hostile allocation jab between the two groups.
155				Eliminate the wild sockeye salmon harvest limit for the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery.



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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
	O	1	7	Majority thought the sockeye harvest cap in this mixed stock fishery was there for good reasons.
156				Change time period the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery wild sockeye salmon harvest cap is in effect to reflect current sockeye salmon run timing.
	O	4	4	Some thought run timing went hand in hand with the spirit of the sockeye cap. Others though this was an aggressive move against seiners and not necessary.
157				Include wild sockeye salmon harvested in the Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area in the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery wild sockeye harvest limit.
	O	3	3	Two absentions. Gillnet members thought 11a wild sockeye caught by the seine fleet were relevant escapement past the District 12 sockeye cap. Those opposed felt this was more Seine-Gillnet bickering
158				Include wild sockeye salmon harvested in the Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area in the wild sockeye salmon harvest limit for the commercial salmon purse seine fishery in District 12.
	NA			This was seen the same as #157
159				Prohibit the use of all aircraft used to locate salmon or direct commercial fishing operations during open commercial salmon fishing periods in the Southeastern Alaska Area.
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<b>201</b>				Allow catch-and-release only in the Juneau vicinity Dredge Lakes area.
<b>202</b>				Allow only single, barbless hooks on artificial lures in the Dredge Lakes area.
<b>203</b>				Rescind the salmon sport fishing closure in Sheep Creek.
<b>204</b>				Amend bag limit and season provisions and establish an annual limit for sockeye salmon in Windfall Creek.
<b>205</b>				Prohibit multiple and barbed hooks in the Tsiu River drainage.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Bob Martin  
Minutes Approved By: Committee  
Date: 12/28/2017



**Petersburg Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
November 16, 2017  
Dorothy Ingle Conference Room**

I. Call to Order: 6:35pm by Chairman Max Worhatch

II. Roll Call: 9 members

Members Present:

Max Worhatch (chair)  
Joel Randrup (vice-chair)  
Bob Martin (secretary)  
Arnold Enge  
Kirt Marsh  
Jerry Dahl  
Stan Malcom  
Frank Neidiffer  
Ted Sandhofer

Members Absent: Ben Case

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present:

Sport fishing, Guided sport fishing, Personal Use, Nearly all commercial shellfish and finfish fisheries represented including salmon troll, gillnet and seine.

III. Approval of Agenda: No agenda formally prepared. Meeting was announced and noticed as "Elections and BoF shellfish and finfish proposals." No objections or amendments offered.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes not available yet

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Joe Stratman, commercial crab  
Patrick Fowler, sport fish  
Kevin Clark, assistant area manager salmon, herring, shrimp, cukes  
Amy Lindsley finfish biologist

VI. Guests Present:

Ben Hinde, local commercial Dungeness crabber  
David Benitz, former AC member who was absent at election last meeting



VII. Old Business:

Issues regarding election at previous meeting November 9, 2017 were addressed: member terms should run July 1- June 30 per AC Uniform Rules of Operation. We had each term expiring in December. There was no objection to changing each members' existing term to reflect its expiration on June 30 of the year currently specified. We discussed our desire to eventually have seat expirations stagger with one third expiring each year. New elections will have terms set less than three years until this is achieved.

VIII. New Business:

Elections at previous meeting left four seats vacant. David Benitz expressed a desire to continue his service on the committee. He was nominated and approved to his old seat historically reserved for Hunting/Trapping for a two year term. This brought the roll call for the remainder of the meeting to 10 members. Certificates of Appreciation from the ADF&G Commissioner and Boards of Fish and Game were given to long-serving members. The committee resumed consideration of proposals where they stopped at the last meeting. Starting with #159-#205, and then #53-#77 as well as RC40 and RC41 before adjourning at 10:45pm to continue the meeting at 6:30pm on Tuesday, November 21.

The meeting resumed as planned 6:35pm November 21, 2017 at the same place. Attending were 9 members of the AC:

Jerry Dahl  
Joel Randrup  
David Benitz  
Kirt Marsh  
Ben Case  
Stan Malcom  
Ted Sandhofer  
Bob Martin  
Max Worhatch

Absent were members Arnold Enge, and Frank Neidiffer.

Others present were ADFG regional managers Patrick Fowler, Kevin Clark, and Troy Thynes. The lone visitor was Justin Peeler, fisher of salmon, herring, squid, longline etc.

Consideration of remaining proposals #78-129 commenced immediately and went until 9:15pm. Members Malcom, Sandhofer and Martin were designated as the minutes review and approval committee. Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

**Discussion of RC40 (possibly called proposal #235):**

"Repeal the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan and adopt fixed-length summer and fall fishing seasons..."

**The committee supported this proposal 10-0.** Most committee members have participated in this fishery at one time or another. It was generally thought that a pair of two-month seasons each year was a proven management policy and it had only been altered recently because the loss of significant crab grounds due to sea otters had made the harvest threshold established in 2000 obsolete. There was no opposition to a 3S-only approach to this fishery.

**Discussion of RC41(possibly called proposal #234)**





Require a personal use fishing permit for the taking of king crab...

**The committee supported this proposal 7-3.** Most felt that these crab were rare and valuable enough to justify the burden of obtaining a personal use permit. It was mentioned that personal use sablefish currently require a permit. The minority felt that there was not a problem in the Petersburg area and the permit and reduced limit were not warranted.



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53				Clarify regulations related to the sale of buoy tags to commercial Dungeness crab fishery permit holders.
	S	10	0	
54				Reduce the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 240 pots.
	O	0	10	
55				Increase the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 400 pots.
	O	0	10	Committee skeptical of benefit and to whom
56				Close waters of Twelvemile Arm to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab.
	O	0	10	If every community got their own closed area there there would be little area left for commercial crabbing. This is an increase in one such area.
57				Close waters in the Klawock vicinity to sport fishing for Dungeness crab.
	NA			
58				Close waters in the Klawock vicinity to sport fishing for Dungeness crab.
	NA			
59				Close the Yakutat Area Dungeness crab sport fishery.
	NA			
60				Establish a guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery in Sitka Sound.
	S	9	1	Seems harmless enough in Special Use Area
61				Expand waters of king and Tanner crab Registration Area A to include all waters from zero to 200 miles offshore.
	S	8	2	Little to lose, might contribute valuable data in the absence surveys.
62				Expand waters of king and Tanner crab Registration Area D to include all waters from zero to 200 miles offshore.
	S	8	2	Little to lose, might contribute valuable data in the absence surveys.



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<b>63</b>				Open an exploratory commercial red king crab fishery in specific areas during years of low estimated abundance.
	S	10	0	Should provide needed stock data. Opportunity for the fleet.
<b>64</b>				Manage the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial red king crab fishery under an equal quota share when harvestable surplus is less than 200,000 pounds.
	S	9	0	Allows a fishery on harvestable surplus and should increase value significantly.
<b>65</b>				Expand fishing area for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.
	S	10	0	No reason for these areas to be forever excluded from the fishery. Might as well make them available for consideration.
<b>66</b>				Implement weather-related fishery closure delays for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.
	S	10	0	Could increase safety but also a small risk of exceeding GHL to do so. Might lead to more conservative management. The safety argument won.
<b>67</b>				Establish a regulatory closure date for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.
	S	10	0	Seams reasonable
<b>68</b>				Define methods used to set guideline harvest levels in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.
	S	10	0	Active in-season management should maximize value while protecting stocks
<b>69</b>				Reduce Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery guideline harvest ranges.
	O	4	6	Somewhat reluctant to lose opportunity.
<b>70</b>				Reduce the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery pot limit from 100 pots per vessel to 80 pots per vessel.
	O	2	8	Status quo is not a problem
<b>71</b>				Allow operation of commercial, subsistence, sport, or personal use pots in the 14 days after closure of the



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				Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery.
	S	10	0	Good idea to align with other crab fisheries
72				Re-define 'non-core' areas and define 'exploratory' areas in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery.
	S	8	2	Good opportunity to gather data in areas not credited with any contribution to the GHL. Minority thought 14 days was a too much time to grind on low populations.
73				Manage the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery using an equal quota share.
	O	0	10	Such a radical change to the competitive nature of the fishery offended some members
74				Establish a tanner crab fishery in a section of the Yakutat District.
	NA			
75				Reopen the personal use shrimp fishery in Section 11-A.
	NA			
76				Establish mesh size requirements for Southeast Alaska Area sport fishing shrimp pots.
	S	9	1	It makes sense to mirror the sport and commercial gear regs although one member did not think it was necessary and could require the purchase of new gear.
77				Amend shellfish methods and means and rescind unnecessary abalone regulations.
	S	10	0	Good housekeeping
78				Add sections for Districts 6, 8, and 10 and provide shrimp fishery guideline harvest ranges for the new areas.
	S	9	0	This is a sensible improvement over the current system of salmon management districts.
79				Repeal winter commercial shrimp fishery and modify fishing season for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial shrimp fishery to avoid egg bearing shrimp.
	S	6	3	Most thought this made a lot of sense from a marketing standpoint and to maximize the abundance of shrimp by letting the eggs hatch. The minority had concerns about the hangover effect an April commercial fishery would



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				have on the popular sport and personal use harvest during the following summer months.
80				Reduce the maximum number of pots per vessel, limit the number of pots per string and pot spacing, and limit gear to one operation cycle per day in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial shrimp fishery.
	O	0	9	While sympathetic to the undesirable trend toward a short season, no one wanted to vote to reduce the amount of pots. There was skepticism that double-hauling could be eliminated by enforcement.
81				Allow commercial shrimp pots in the Southeastern Alaska Area to be pulled only one time per day.
	O	0	9	Like the discussion of Proposal 80, there was recognition that there is merit in addressing the problem of a shorter and shorter season. The value of a single pull per day was acknowledged. There was a consensus that something could be done but it should be proposed by a larger group representing the whole pot shrimp fishery.
82				Close the Section 11-A commercial shrimp fishery.
	O	0	9	The closure by Emergency Order is working
83				Close waters of Section 11-A to commercial fishing for shrimp and red king crab.
	O	0	9	The Department is able to manage this area without excluding commercial harvest.
84				Close additional waters in District 2 to commercial pot shrimp fishing.
	O	0	9	The personal use fishery should be able to co-exist with the commercial fishery when stocks are sufficient. If every community wanted its own personal use source of spot prawns there would not be much area left for the commercial fishery.
85				Expand current beam trawl shrimp fishery logbook requirement to cover all fishing areas.
	S	9	0	Things are changing in this fishery and the Department needs a way to know what is going on.
86				Open fishing areas deemed to have stable sea cucumber populations to commercial harvest of sea cucumbers without a pre-fishery stock assessment survey.



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	NA			
<b>87</b>				Open waters of a number of fishing areas previously closed to commercial sea cucumber harvest.
	NA			
<b>88</b>				Modify the method for establishing the guideline harvest level in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial sea cucumber fishery.
	NA			
<b>89</b>				Modify the method for establishing the guideline harvest level in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial geoduck fishery.
	NA			
<b>90</b>				Open previously non-surveyed fishing areas to a limited commercial harvest of geoducks without a pre-fishery stock assessment survey.
	NA			
<b>91</b>				Establish a weekly geoduck harvest limit of 1,000 pounds per diver in the Southeastern Alaska Area.
	O	3	5	Most want to see this challenging fishery remain competitive. The minority noted that there are quite a few inactive permits that are not fishing due to the uncertainty of the market and openings, the potential to have to fish in bad weather, and the intensity of the short openings when they do occur.
<b>92</b>				Remove guideline harvest range for District 16 scallops and set one guideline harvest range for all of Scallop Registration Area D.
	NA			
<b>93</b>				Establish a commercial fishery for squid, using purse seine gear, in the Southeastern Alaska Area.
	S	9	0	All agreed that it was time to prepare for the possibility of squid fishery. There was some interest in leaving the possibility of other gear types such as jigging in the future as well.
<b>94</b>				Reduce the amount of herring spawn reasonably necessary for subsistence in Sitka Sound.



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	O	2	6	The majority thought this would stir up more trouble than it was worth, although many agreed that the subsistence amount was inflated.
95				Repeal the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Sections 15-B and 15-C.
	O	0	9	All felt that the Department was capable of managing this fishery and that its repeal is not necessary and makes it difficult to re-establish a fishery if the stocks recover.
96				Repeal the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Section 11-A.
	O	0	9	All felt that the Department was capable of managing this fishery and that its repeal is not necessary and makes it difficult to re-establish a fishery if the stocks recover.
97				Open the Southeastern Alaska Area winter commercial food and bait herring fishery on December 1.
	O	1	8	The wanton waste issue was not acknowledged by the committee and it was mentioned that the October 1 opening date had some history as well. Without these assumptions this proposal was not addressing a problem.
98				Reduce harvest rate for commercial herring fisheries in the Southeastern Alaska Area.
	O	0	9	Let the Department manage fisheries.
99				Reduce maximum harvest rate used to establish the commercial sac roe herring fishery guideline harvest level in Sections 13-A and 13-B from 20% of the spawning biomass to 10% of the spawning biomass.
	O	0	9	This is an unreasonable attempt to micro-manage a well-managed fishery. The Department is capable of setting the harvest rate.
100				Amend formula used to calculate guideline harvest levels for the commercial herring sac roe fishery in Sections 11-A, 15-B, and 15-C.
	O	0	9	Department is capable of setting the harvest rate.
101				Reduce bait fishery harvest limit in the Section 3-B commercial herring spawn on kelp fishery.



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	O	0	9	We felt this was an unsupported and inflammatory argument
102				Reduce herring bait fishery harvest limit and increase spawn on kelp herring fishery harvest limit in Section 3-B.
	O	0	9	We were not comfortable with the extreme change to a 70/30 split
103				Reduce the Section 3-B winter bait herring fishery harvest limit and increase the Section 3-B spawn on kelp herring fishery harvest limit.
	O	3	6	While supportive of the S.O.K. fishery, the considerable number of participants and investment involved, and the impressive economic benefit it has bestowed in the last 20 years, the majority thought it was not fair to re-allocate away from the bait fishery just because market conditions and therefore participation had been poor for many years. The bait market seems to be coming back. This generated a lot of discussion and both sides of the issue were strongly represented. A 50/50 split might have had more support.
104				Repeal closed waters in the District 13 commercial herring fishery.
	O	3	6	The majority thought it was not worth taking sides and stirring up trouble. The minority thought that the closed area had not helped solve a non-existent problem so it should be repealed.
105				Expand closed waters in the District 13 commercial herring fishery.
	O	0	9	Not necessary
106				Expand closed waters in the District 13 commercial herring fishery.
	O	0	9	Not necessary
107				Establish a herring spawn on kelp commercial fishery in Sections 13-A and 13-B.
	O	0	9	It would be hard to predict a fishery and be ready for it unless you lived in Sitka.
108				Expand the open area for the spawn on kelp herring pound fishery in Section 3-B.





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	S	9	0	Everyone thought this was reasonable.
109				Allow no more than four Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holders to operate in a single pound structure in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery.
	O	0	9	There was concern that it could limit the Department's ability to manage the fishery. The issue is rather complicated for the committee members who are not involved in the fishery, but they tend to want to allow the Department flexibility when unforeseen issues arise.
110				Allow the department to close fishing to some herring pound types to manage the fishery within the allowable guideline harvest level.
	S	9	0	This was seen as a useful tool for the Department to have. One member was concerned that this tool could be used to change the fishery to open pounds only. This tool must be used for good, not evil.
111				Define and allow closed half pound structures in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery.
	O	1	8	Majority thought this was an unnecessary complication. One thought it would be a useful option for the Department.
112				Use a conversion factor applied to final product weight to determine harvest in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery.
	O	0	9	
113				Expand description of allowable groundfish parts that may be used as bait.
	S	9	0	Seems very reasonable
114				Allow the transport of live groundfish for the purposes of export or sale for human consumption.
	S	9	0	We could not think of a reason to prohibit this practice. It could increase the value of the fishery.
115				Create a new commercial fishery for spiny dogfish sharks using pot gear in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area.



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	S	9	0	This was viewed very favorably by the committee. A selective fishery with good discard mortality could be beneficial to the region.
116				Establish a regional sablefish nonresident annual limit.
	O	0	9	The committee was skeptical that non-resident fishing was an issue and that district 12 specifically warranted this attention.
117				Allow pots as a legal gear type in the Southeastern Alaska Area personal use sablefish fishery.
	S	9	0	This seems like a practical option to selectively catch a few black cod for personal use.
118				Change the season opening date for the Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict commercial sablefish fishery to coincide with the federal sablefish fishery.
	S	9	0	The committee agreed with the reasoning behind this proposal
119				Amend gear and season dates for Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict commercial sablefish fishery.
	S	9	0	The committee could not think of any reason to object to this.
120				Modify fishing seasons in the Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict commercial sablefish fishery to allow concurrent fishing with pot and longline gear.
	NA			We basically covered this in #119
121				Allow Southern Southeast Inside permit holders the option of using longline or pot gear for sablefish.
	O	0	9	This seems too abrupt and radical but it would certainly get the conversation going.
122				Base guideline harvest limits for the commercial sablefish fishery on federal survey data.
	NA			
123				Increase the minimum retention size for lingcod in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area commercial fishery.
	NA			
124				Allow the sale of up to two lingcod taken as bycatch in the commercial salmon troll fishery in Sitka Sound.
	NA			



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125				Repeal mandatory retention requirements for nonpelagic rockfish.
	O	0	9	This was a complicated issue with pros and cons. We thought it could have unintended consequences and was best left alone.
126				Require all anglers to release nonpelagic rockfish at depth with a deepwater release mechanism.
	O	0	9	We thought this was not necessary in the Petersburg area since there are relatively few rockfish caught. However, it makes sense in high-abundance areas like outside waters.
127				Establish provisions for reducing the resident pelagic rockfish bag limit in Central Southeast Outside waters.
	NA			
128				Reduce the pelagic rockfish limits in the Sitka Area.
	NA			
129				Reduce the trip limit in the East Yakutat Section and clarify trip limits in the Southeast District and East Yakutat Section commercial demersal shelf rockfish fishery.
	NA			
130				Close subsistence fishing for salmon in Chilkat Inlet through July 15, and Chilkat River from June 15 to August 1.
131				Implement maximum gillnet mesh-size restrictions in the Chilkat Inlet and River subsistence salmon fishery.
132				Amend sport king salmon regulations in Districts 11, 12, 14, and 15 based on the Taku River king salmon preseason escapement estimate.
133				Base duration of commercial salmon troll and drift gillnet gear spring openings on preseason king salmon abundance projections.



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156				Change time period the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery wild sockeye salmon harvest cap is in effect to reflect current sockeye salmon run timing.
157				Include wild sockeye salmon harvested in the Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area in the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery wild sockeye harvest limit.
158				Include wild sockeye salmon harvested in the Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area in the wild sockeye salmon harvest limit for the commercial salmon purse seine fishery in District 12.
159				Prohibit the use of all aircraft used to locate salmon or direct commercial fishing operations during open commercial salmon fishing periods in the Southeastern Alaska Area.
	S	6	4	General frustration with the “spying” aspect of spotting during seine openings. The potential to aid in illegal activity is viewed as a legitimate concern. Minority concerned about enforceability, loss of jobs, freedom of speech issues.
160				Allow commercial fishing for salmon in waters near selected streams in Boat Harbor, Anita Bay, Deep Inlet, and Nakat Inlet Terminal Harvest Areas up to a straight line between the seaward extremities of the exposed tideland banks.
	S	10	0	Willing to accept that most streams in THAs already experience extreme interception and the 500 yard rule is just an inconvenience and opportunity for selective enforcement.
161				Update commercial salmon fishery closed waters coordinates in Whitewater Bay.
	S	10	0	



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162				Open additional fishing area in the remainder of the Yakutat District as mitigation for king salmon conservation closures around the Situk and Lost Rivers.
	NA			
163				Continue to allow set gillnet gear permit stacking in the Yakutat Area, by removing the sunset provision.
	NA			
164				Update commercial salmon fishery closed waters description at the mouth of the Situk River to provide a more accurate description of current closed waters.
	NA			
165				Change commercial salmon fishery closed waters description for Tsiu and Tsivat Rivers to more accurately reflect current stream mouth location.
	NA			
166				Allow a weekly commercial fishery targeting pink salmon with purse seine gear in District 12.
	O	1	9	No need to change the current test fishery. Could lead to significant increase in mixed stock interception. Minority thought extra area would be nice opportunity to spread out the fleet.
167				Close waters beyond one half mile from shore in Districts 12 and 14 to commercial fishing for salmon with purse seine gear.
	O	0	10	Rather hostile to seiners. Enough seine-gillnet battle.
168				Close certain waters of Districts 12 and 14 to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear.
	O	0	10	Same reason as #167
169				Open Section 6-D the second Sunday of June to commercial fishing for salmon with drift gillnet gear.
	S	6	4	Gillnetters feel this could address a lack of opportunity to harvest wild fish, especially pinks. Minority concerned that seine opportunity might be affected negatively.
170				Open a portion of District 10 the third Sunday of June to commercial fishing for salmon with drift gillnet gear only.



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	O	5	5	Committee wary of one group grabbing from another. Gillnetters feel this could address a lack of opportunity to harvest wild fish, especially pinks.
<b>171</b>				Add District 6 to the mesh-size restriction area and allow implementation of the mesh-size restriction for an additional month.
	O	3	7	Main concern is that a simultaneous Maximum and Minimum mesh restriction of 6 inches could occur. There needs to be a range between the two to allow for stretching and shrinkage over the life of the web. Perhaps 1/8" would ease the minds of those opposed. Otherwise this is seen as a useful management tool and is supported in spirit by most of the committee.
<b>172</b>				Remove restrictions on harvesting non-Alaska hatchery-produced salmon in the spring commercial salmon troll fishery on the Gravina Island shore.
	NA			
<b>173</b>				Allow commercial fisheries using troll gear to target enhanced chum salmon in Districts 12 and 14 to continue by removing the sunset provision.
	NA			
<b>174</b>				Establish commercial fisheries targeting enhanced chum salmon using troll gear in portions of Districts 9 and 10.
	S	10	0	Some concern about king retention issues and would prefer a sunset while this fishery develops instead of permanent change.
<b>175</b>				Implement a king salmon possession restriction for vessels participating in the enhanced chum salmon troll fishery.
	S	10	0	Seems reasonable
<b>176</b>				Establish a commercial fishery using troll gear to target hatchery-produced chum salmon in Crawfish Inlet.
	S	10	0	We would like to see this troll fishery succeed.
<b>177</b>				Allow commercial fishing with troll gear for hatchery-produced coho salmon, in certain areas, during commercial troll fishery coho salmon conservation closures.



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	O	1	9	Quite skeptical that hatchery cohos can be distinguished and targeted without harvesting large amounts of the wild fish at which the coho closure is directed.
178				Restrict fishing area in Sitka Sound when harvest of non-Alaska hatchery-produced king salmon reaches 30,000 fish by March 1.
	S	6	4	Liked the spirit of slowing down the fishery so inside trollers can get closer to their historical percentage before the quota is reached. Some concern about a later spring fishery intercepting trans-boundary kings returning to spawn.
179				Adopt measures to reduce harvest rate in the winter commercial salmon troll fishery during times of high king salmon abundance.
	NA			Hard to understand the details.
180				Reduce triggers in the Southeastern Alaska Area spring commercial salmon troll fishery by five percent in years of high king salmon abundance.
	NA			Another complex proposal we were not prepared tackle.
181				Reduce the percentage of remaining commercial king salmon troll fishery harvest taken during the initial summer king salmon retention period from 70% to 60% during years of high king salmon abundance.
	S	9	1	Local trollers really want that second opening of higher value kings. A ten percent change seems like a gentle adjustment to make this more likely
182				Establish a starting date for the reopening the summer commercial king salmon troll fishery.
	O	0	10	We couldn't get our minds around how a fixed reopening date would work with an unknown King starting date.
183				Modify commercial salmon fishing closed waters adjacent to the Situk River.
	NA			
184				Modify gear specifications for the commercial salmon hand troll fishery.
	O	1	9	Somewhat confused as to what the current regs are with downriggers and whether the downrigger could deploy multiple leaders or if it was to be used only in



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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
				conjunction with a rod. Ultimately no one could make a case as to why this should be adopted.
185				Increase opportunity to harvest salmon and allow additional gear types in the Southeastern Alaska Area personal use salmon fishery.
	O	0	10	It would be a huge change and reallocation away from existing fisheries to allow residents of large communities to use commercial-grade gear to harvest personal use fish. The demand could be huge. Who wouldn't want a freezer full of sockeye?
186				Define what constitutes a guest of a lodge, charter vessel, or other enterprise.
187				Open personal use sockeye salmon fishing in the Klawock River.
	NA			
188				Provide for personal use harvest of hatchery-produced salmon in Ketchikan Creek.
	S	10	0	This seems appropriate
189				Provide regulatory provisions necessary to harvest aquatic plants for personal use within the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game nonsubsistence areas in the Southeast Alaska Area.
	S	8	2	Majority thought it was worth creating a legal way to harvest personal use seaweed and kelp in non-subsistence areas. Minority felt there wasn't an actual problem with the status quo.
190				Increase the personal use household limit for sockeye salmon in the Taku River drainage.
	O	0	10	Committee feels personal use limits are adequate for sockeye
191				Amend the personal use salmon season in the Taku River drainage to open the fishery on the fourth Saturday in June.
	O	0	10	Wary of expanding this personal use fishery near a major population center
192				Allow personal use fishing for salmon in District 11.





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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
	O	0	10	There seems to be a strong push to increase bag limits, time and area for personal use salmon fishing near Juneau. These salmon fisheries have been fully utilized by existing user groups for decades.
<b>193</b>				Establish a personal use salmon set gillnet fishery in Section 15-A.
	O	0	10	There are many owners of beach-front property in Southeast Alaska. A personal use fishery to accommodate each upland property owner would be an enormous undertaking.
<b>194</b>				Allow personal use fishing for salmon in District 15.
	O	0	10	There seems to be a strong push to increase bag limits, time and area for personal use salmon fishing near Juneau. These salmon fisheries have been fully utilized by existing user groups for decades.
<b>195</b>				Establish nonresident annual limits for sockeye salmon in Southeast Alaska Area salt waters.
	S	6	4	A few members felt strongly that non-residents were abusing the resource and shipping out excessive numbers of sport caught sockeye. Others thought there was no reason to think this was really happening or contributing to conservation issues. Most thought an annual non resident bag limit was reasonable since such limits exist for other users. The required reporting would shed light on the actual numbers being caught.
<b>196</b>				Establish nonresident annual limits for sockeye salmon in Southeast Alaska Area fresh waters.
	S	6	4	Same discussion as #195
<b>197</b>				Simplify current freshwater sport fishing regulations for king salmon in freshwater drainages of the Sitka Sound Special Use Area.
	NA			
<b>198</b>				Amend the open season for Dolly Varden in Auke Bay.
	NA			
<b>199</b>				Increase the bag limit for Dolly Varden on the Juneau road system.
	NA			



<b>Alaska Board of Fisheries</b> <b>Southeast &amp; Yakutat Finfish &amp; Shellfish Proposals   January 11-23, 2018</b>				
<b>Prop.</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b># Support</b>	<b># Oppose</b>	<b>AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes</b>
<b>200</b>				Prohibit snagging in all salt and freshwaters along the Juneau road system, with minor exceptions.
	NA			
<b>201</b>				Allow catch-and-release only in the Juneau vicinity Dredge Lakes area.
	NA			
<b>202</b>				Allow only single, barbless hooks on artificial lures in the Dredge Lakes area.
	NA			
<b>203</b>				Rescind the salmon sport fishing closure in Sheep Creek.
	NA			
<b>204</b>				Amend bag limit and season provisions and establish an annual limit for sockeye salmon in Windfall Creek.
	NA			
<b>205</b>				Prohibit multiple and barbed hooks in the Tsiu River drainage.
	NA			

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Bob Martin  
Minutes Approved By: Committee  
Date: 12/28/2017



## Port Alexander Fish and Game Advisory Committee

December 11 2017

1pm Bear Hall

Meeting called to order at 1:15pm by Chair Cory Gifford

Present Chair Cory Gifford, Vice Chair Ryan Martin, Secretary Karina Browning, Members Debra Gifford and Jamie Cordova.

All Members present, none absent. Quorum requirement met.

Karina motioned to approve the agenda as written. Debra seconded. All in favor. Agenda approved as written.

Debra motioned to approve minutes as written. Ryan seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved as written.

No Fish and Game staff present

Guest /Public present Richard Malone

Old Business

Review and discuss SE/ Yakutat proposals.

Discussion of proposals followed

AC is support of the following proposals:

84, 85, 93( AC supports establishing a commercial squid fishery with no repercussions on other fisheries) , 95, 96,98( AC does not support any sac roe herring fishery), 99, 100, 105, 106, 113, 114, 115, 117, 118, 119,120, 121, 122, 125, 135, 137, 144, 147,149, 150, 151, 152, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 180, 183, 184, 188, 189, 197

AC is oppose of the following proposals:

76, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 123, 124, 126, 127, 128, 134, 178, 179, 182, 195, 196

No new business



Karina motioned to adjourn. Debra seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Karina Browning Mulligan

Port Alexander Fish and Game Advisory Committee Secretary



**Sitka Advisory Committee  
Wednesday, November 1st 2017  
Centennial Hall**

- I. **Call to Order:** [602pm] by [Jon Murray ]
- II. **Roll Call:** Jeffrey Feldpausch, Andrew Thoms, , Brian Massey, Tad Fujioka, , Eric Jordan, Dick Curran, Karen Johnson, Moses Johnson, John Murray, Wayne Unger, Randy Gluth  
**Members Present:** 11  
**Members Absent:** 5  
Jon Martin, Joel Markis, Luke Bastian, Bradley Shaffer, Chris Whitehead,
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**
- V. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Troy Tydingco AK DF&G,
- VI. **Guests Present:** Spike Arnold, Linda Behnken, Heather Baucher, Carolyn \_\_\_\_
- VII. **Old Business:**  
  
**Elections:** Tad Fujioka nominated Brian Massey Vice-Chair, Dick Curran Seconded.  
**Vote-** 8 in favor, 0 oppose  
  
**Brian Massey Vice Chair seat-- Approved**
- VIII. **New Business:**  
  
**BOF GroundFish Proposals:**  
  
**Proposal 113: Definitions:** Harvest of bait by commercial permit holders in Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area  
  
**Support:** make consistent with other regs  
  
**Oppose:** no discussion  
  
**Vote:** 8-0  
  
**Motion passes**



**Proposal 114: allow transport of live groundfish**

**Support:** there is a potential for a market and if someone can do it and find a market for it, terrific

**Oppose:** is there an ability to weigh and measure the fish while live???

**Vote: 8 in favor, 0 oppose, 1 abstain**

**Motion passes**

**Proposal 115:** Create a new commercial fishery for spiny dogfish sharks using pot gear in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area

**Support:** opportunity for a fishery

**Oppose:** long reproductive cycle? Viability of market or interest of processors?

**Vote:** 1- support, 7- oppose, 1 abstain

**Motion Fails**

**Proposal 116:** General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

**Support:** increasing targeting of this species by sport-fisherman. Interest has grown. Upward trend in harvest. Need to understand amount of harvest in state and federal waters. Perhaps

**Oppose:** no discussion opposing

**Vote:** 9 support, 1 oppose, 1 abstain

**Amendment to proposal offered by Sportfish Representative Brian Massey:**

**change proposal to:** nonresident - 2 daily, 2 in possession, 6 fish annual limit, harvest record required

Dick Curran Seconded

Vote: 10 in favor, 0 Oppose, 1 abstain



## Motion Passes

**Proposal 121:** Sablefish fishing seasons for Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area. Allow Southern Southeast Inside permit holders the option of using longline or pot gear for sablefish, as follows:

**Support:** no discussion in support

**Oppose:** huge potential for nuisance to avoid pots that are left on the fishing ground and a need to be more cautious about opening up pot fisheries in SE AK. Huge problem of lost pots. King Crab by catch. Very little incidents of marine mammal predation in Chatham and Clarence

**Vote:** 0- support, 11- oppose

**Motion: Fails**

**Proposal 122:** Harvest guidelines and ranges for Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area.

**Support:**

**Oppose:** the state should continue its own surveys

**Vote:** 0- support, 10- oppose, 1 abstain

**Motion: Fails**

**Proposal 123:** Lingcod possession and landing requirements for Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area.

**Support:** abundance has gone down and there is concern around populations; larger fish are generally female

**Oppose:** hard to catch for commercial fishery, no need to make it more difficult; sportfisher rep caught more juvenile this year than ever

**Vote:** 0- support, 11- oppose, 0 abstain

**Motion: Fails**

**Proposal 124:** Closed waters in Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area and 5 AAC 28.173. Lingcod possession and landing requirements for Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area. Allow the sale of up to two lingcod taken as bycatch in the commercial salmon troll fishery in Sitka Sound, as follows:



**Support:** with a 2 fish limit, is very restrictive; lots of lingcod bycatch in the sound; more than any other year; won't have a big impact because of how infrequently lingcod are caught while trolling in experience of troll rep

**Oppose:** felt to go against the spirit of the LAMP

**Vote:** 2 support, 9- oppose, 0 abstain

**Motion: Fails**

**Proposal 126:** Methods, means, and general provisions – Finfish. Require all anglers to release nonpelagic rockfish at depth with a deepwater release mechanism, as follows:

**Support:** in the spirit of conservation, this gives people the signal to work on conserving the resource and thinking about conservation and they are perhaps on the right track but not quite there.

**Oppose:** this is onerous for people in small boat, kids fishing in close, harbors, areas like that

**Move to amend by Eric Jordan:** Change the proposal to apply to only **non-resident** anglers

**Second by Brian Massey**

**Vote on amendment: 11 in support, 0 oppose**

**Vote:** 11 support, 0 oppose

**Motion: Passes**

**Proposal 127:** Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area. Establish provisions for not reducing the resident pelagic rockfish bag limit in Central Southeast Outside waters, as follows:

**Support:** the increase in take is because of the charter fleet. Resident take has been consistent since 2007. Resident bag limit should not be reduced because charter take increases

**Oppose:** no discussion of opposition

**Vote:** 11 support, 0 oppose

**Motion: Passes**



**Proposal 128:** Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area. Reduce the pelagic rockfish limits in the Sitka Area, as follow

**Proposal to open with Amended by Eric Jordan:** make this proposal for “non-resident” rather than resident

Brian Massey Second

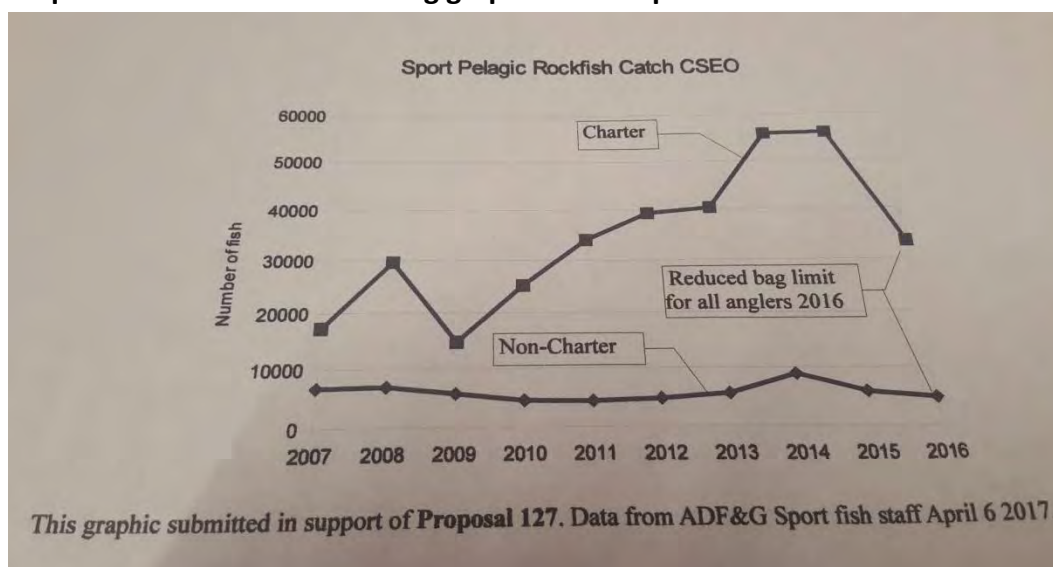
**Support:**

**Oppose:**

**Vote:** 11 support, 0 oppose

**Motion:** Passes

**Request to include the following graph that was provided to the Sitka AC:**



**Proposal 129:** Rockfish possession and landing requirements for Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area.

**Support:** could be supported for a conservation standpoint

**Oppose:** difficulties on putting strict limits

**Discussion:** the board felt there was confusion and we want ADFG manager Mike Vaugh ADFG Commercial Groundfish biologist to be present to advice.

**Motion to table:** Brian Massey with Tad Fujioka seconding

**Tabled vote**



**Vote:**

**Motion: held for later**

Eric Jordan Moves to Adjourn Meeting closes 7:29pm

**Future Meeting Dates:**

- **November 8<sup>th</sup> - (Shellfish proposals and Shellfish seat election) 6pm Centennial Hall**
- **November 15<sup>th</sup> - (Finfish excluding Herring) 6pm Centennial Hall**
- **November 29<sup>th</sup> - (Finfish/Herring Proposals) 6pm Centennial Hall**

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Andrew Thoms  
Minutes Approved By: Full Sitka AC  
Date: November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017



**Sitka Advisory Committee  
Wednesday, November 8th 2017  
Centennial Hall**

- I. **Call to Order:** [602pm] by [Brian Massey ]
- II. **Roll Call:** Jeffrey Feldpausch, Andrew Thoms, , Brian Massey, Tad Fujioka, , Eric Jordan, Dick Curran, Karen Johnson, Moses Johnson, John Murray, Wayne Unger, Randy Gluth, Joel Markis, Bradley Shaffer,  
**Members Present:** 13  
**Members Absent:** 2  
Jon Martin, Luke Bastian
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**  
Tad moves to approve minutes of last 2 meetings ( Wayne seconds  
12 in favor
- V. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Troy Tydingco AK DF&G,
- VI. **Guests Present:** Harvey Kitka, Kenyatta Bradley, Bart Meyer, Matt Donahue, Ron Rau, Jason Gerkson,
- VII. **Old Business:**  
  
**Elections: Tad Fujioka introduced need to have a shellfish representative.**  
  
**Tad Fujioka nominated Stacy Wayne**  
**Brad Shaffer Seconded**  
  
**Vote: 12 in favor, 0 oppose**
- VIII. **New Business:**  
  
**BOF Shellfish Proposals:**

**Proposal 54 :** 5 AAC 32.125. Lawful gear for Registration Area A. Reduce the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 240 pots, as follows:



**Support:** part of a larger management approach change to deal with stock and fishery viability issues

**Oppose:** should leave it up to permit holders

**Move to table by Wayne Unger, Joel Markis seconded**

**All Vote to table: 12-0**

**No Action on Motion**

**Proposal 60:** Establish a guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery in Sitka Sound

Proposer, Kenyatta Bradley, came to the meeting and gave an explanation of what he is proposing, why, logic, etc.

**Support:** good idea and wish the proposer luck with business venture. Would be good for Sitka. The idea of showing off the creatures without harvesting them is a potentially interesting tourism opportunity.

**Oppose:** The way the proposal is written, it may not be enforceable. May need better language in regulations to make it enforceable.

**Vote: 10 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstain**

**Motion passes**

**Proposal 63:** Open an exploratory commercial red king crab fishery in specific areas during years of low estimated abundance

**Support:** no articulated support

**Oppose:** Very marginal fishery without good stock abundance. There is no need to add more pressure. Who could be exploring?

**Vote: 0 in favor, 12 oppose, 1 abstains**

**Motion Fails**



**Proposal 234:** Personal use king crab fishery. Require a personal use fishing permit for the taking of king crab in all areas of Southeast Alaska and reduce the daily bag and possession limit,

**Support:** We will get good information from this and there isn't good data on how much personal use king crab is being caught. This is in response to a real concern because of decline, historic low abundance; this is in response to a problem.

**Oppose:** no need to reduce bag limit when there are a lot of crab; will have to set a limit before we start getting data, if the biomass is above 200,000 or even higher, we will need an amendment to raise bag limit.

**Vote: 9 in favor, 4 oppose**

**Motion Passes**

**Proposal 235:** 5 AAC 32.146. Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan and 5 AAC 32.110. Fishing Seasons for Registration Area A. Repeal the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan and adopt fixed-length summer and fall fishing seasons

**Support:** need to adapt to changing fishery

**Oppose:** if the current management plan isn't working, then we need to redo the management plan and do the research, science, monitoring, and biologist input into developing a new plan. Sitka AC would like to know more about where this proposal came from.

**Vote: 3 in favor, 9 oppose, 1 abstain**

**Motion Fails**

**Proposal 64:** 5 AAC 34.113. Southeast Alaska Red King Crab Management Plan and 5 AAC 34.125. Lawful gear for Registration Area A. Manage the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial red king crab fishery under an equal quota share when harvestable surplus is less than 200,000 pounds,

**Support:**

**Oppose:** the 200,000 is the safety reserve. If it is under that, we shouldn't fish that.



**Vote: 0 in favor, 13 oppose**

**Motion: Fails**

**Proposal 65:** Expand fishing area for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery

**Support:**

**Oppose:** This proposal could open all waters where there are not good stock assessments or known population dynamics

**Vote: 1 support, 11 oppose, 1 abstain**

**Motion: Fails**

**Proposal 66:** 5 AAC 34.110. Fishing seasons for Registration Area A. Implement weather-related fishery closure delays for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery

**Support:**

**Oppose:**

**Vote: 0 in favor, 12 oppose, 1 abstains**

**Motion: Fails**

**Proposal 69:** 5 AAC 34.115. Guideline harvest ranges for Registration Area A. Reduce Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery guideline harvest ranges

**Support:** brings the GHL close to reality and sets good direction for new staff coming in

**Oppose:**

**Vote: 9 in favor, 2 oppose, 2 abstain**

**Motion: passes**

**Proposal 70:** 5 AAC 34.125. Lawful gear for Registration Area A. Reduce the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery pot limit from 100 pots per vessel to 80 pots per vessel

**Support:** would help to better manage fishery and deal with stock issues

**Oppose:**

**Vote: 11 support, 1 oppose, 1 abstain**



**Motion: Passes**

**Proposal 71:** 5 AAC 35.128. Operation of other gear in Registration Area A. Allow operation of commercial, subsistence, sport, or personal use pots in the 14 days after closure of the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery, as follows:

**Support:**

**Oppose:**

**Vote:** 8 in favor, 1 oppose, 4 abstain

**Motion: Passes**

**Proposal 72:** 5 AAC 35.113. Registration Area A Tanner crab harvest strategy. Re-define 'non-core' areas and define 'exploratory' areas in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery

**Support:**

**Oppose:** Fish the good areas, then the not so good areas, then the rest of it?

**Vote:** 1 support, 9 oppose, 2 abstain

**Motion: Fails**

**Proposal 76:** Establish mesh size requirements for Southeast Alaska Area sport fishing shrimp pots, as follows

**Support:** there is a lot of personal use fishing in Hoonah Sound and the fishery may be threatened. When shrimp populations crash, they don't come back. Areas in Canada adjacent to SE AK has a more robust strategy for shrimp that is more attuned to their biology. Everyone should have the same mesh size. Perhaps there is a need for a permit for shrimp and an annual limit—especially for areas.

**Oppose:** Expense in retooling pots; if there is a conservation issue, maybe there is a need to change how much can be taken and put bag limits;

**Move to table by Tad F, second by John Murray**

**Vote:**

**Motion: tabled for future discussion**



**Proposal 77:** 5 AAC 47.035. Methods, means, and general provisions – Shellfish. Amend shellfish methods and means and rescind unnecessary abalone regulations

**Support:**

**Oppose:**

**Vote: 13 in favor, 0 oppose**

**Motion: Passed**

**Proposal 80:** 5 AAC 31.124. Lawful shrimp pot gear for Registration Area A. Reduce the maximum number of pots per vessel, limit the number of pots per string and pot spacing, and limit gear to one operation cycle per day in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial shrimp fishery

**Support:**

**Oppose:**

**Vote: 0 in favor, 13 oppose**

**Motion: Failed**

**Proposal 81:** 5 AAC 31.124. Lawful shrimp pot gear for Registration Area A; 5 AAC 31.126. Shrimp pot marking requirements for Registration Area A; and 5 AAC 31.141. Logbooks. Allow commercial shrimp pots in the Southeastern Alaska Area to be pulled only one time per day,

**Support:**

**Oppose: not enforceable**

**Vote: 0 in favor, 12 oppose, 1 abstain**

**Motion: Failed**

**Proposal 86:** 5 AAC 38.140. Southeastern Alaska Sea Cucumber Management Plan. Open fishing areas deemed to have stable sea cucumber populations to commercial harvest of sea cucumbers without a pre-fishery stock assessment survey,

**Support:**





**Oppose:** how can you open a fishery if we don't have a stock assessment. If we did open, we would have a much lower harvest for being conservative and that would cost more to the divers than paying for assessments.

**Vote:** 0 in favor, 10 oppose, 3 abstain

**Motion:** Failed

**Proposal 86:** 5 AAC 38.140. Southeastern Alaska Sea Cucumber Management Plan. Open waters of a number of fishing areas previously closed to commercial sea cucumber harvest

**Support:**

**Oppose:** some of these areas are places that are set as protected subsistence use areas

**Vote:** 0 in favor, 13 oppose, 0 abstain

**Motion:** Failed

**Proposal 88:** 5 AAC 38.140. Southeastern Alaska Sea Cucumber Management Plan. Modify the method for establishing the guideline harvest level in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial sea cucumber fishery,

**Support:**

**Oppose:** it is a good way to go to use the lower bound rather than the mid-point. The dive association could pay for more surveys to get better data to improve confidence interval.

**Vote:** 0 in favor, 13 oppose, 0 abstain

**Motion:** Failed

**Proposal 89:** 5 AAC 38.140. Southeastern Alaska Sea Cucumber Management Plan. Modify the method for establishing the guideline harvest level in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial sea cucumber fishery,

**Support:**



**Oppose:** it is a good way to go to use the lower bound rather than the mid-point. The dive association could pay for more surveys to get better data to improve confidence interval.

**Vote: 0 in favor, 13 oppose, 0 abstain**

**Motion: Failed**

**Proposal 90:** 5 AAC 38.142. Southeastern Alaska Geoduck Fishery Management Plan. Open previously non-surveyed fishing areas to a limited commercial harvest of geoducks without a pre-fishery stock assessment survey

**Support:**

**Oppose:** bold to try to fish in an area without assessment. There are mechanisms to explore and area for a comm fishery

**Vote: 0 in favor, 13 oppose, 0 abstain**

**Motion: Failed**

**Proposal 91:** 5 AAC 38.142. Southeastern Alaska Geoduck Fishery Management Plan. Establish a weekly geoduck harvest limit of 1,000 pounds per diver in the Southeastern Alaska Area

**Support:** safety, higher prices,

**Oppose:** let the divers figure it out

**Vote: 6 in favor, 2 oppose, 5 abstain**

**Motion: passes**

**Proposal 93:** 5 AAC 38.1XX. Southeastern Alaska Area Squid Fishery. Establish a commercial fishery for squid, using purse seine gear, in the Southeastern Alaska Area

**Support:** we should have a fishery if possible but we need to do the research first

**Oppose:** can be done with the commissioner's permit; need a plan/research/stock assessment

**Vote: 0 in favor, 11 oppose, 3 abstain**

**Motion: passes**



**Proposal 129:** Rockfish possession and landing requirements for Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area.

**Support:** could be supported for a conservation standpoint

**Oppose:** difficulties on putting strict limits

**Discussion:** the board felt there was confusion and we want ADFG manager Mike Vaugh ADFG Commercial Groundfish biologist to be present to advice.

**Motion to table:** Brian Massey with Tad Fujioka seconding

**Tabled vote**

**Vote:**

**Motion:** held for later

Eric Jordan Moves to Adjourn Meeting closes 7:29pm

**Future Meeting Dates:**

- **November 15<sup>th</sup> - (Finfish excluding Herring) 6pm Centennial Hall**
- **November 29<sup>th</sup> - (Finfish/Herring Proposals) 6pm Centennial Hall**

Adjournment: 8:27

Minutes Recorded By: Andrew Thoms  
Minutes Approved By: Full Sitka AC  
Date: November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017



**Sitka Advisory Committee Minutes  
November 15, 2017  
Harrigan Centennial Hall**

I. Call to Order: by Jon Martin

II. Roll Call: Jon Martin

III. Members Present: Jon Martin, Andrew Thoms, , Brian Massey, Tad Fujioka, Dick Curran, Karen Johnson, Moses Johnson, John Murray, Randy Gluth, Joel Markis, Eric Jordan,

Members Absent: Jeffrey Feldpausch, Wayne Unger, Bradley Shaffer, Stacey Wayne

List of User Groups Present: 10

IV. Approval of Agenda:

**Tad F. moved to adopt the agenda with the change of waiting on troll proposals but to speak about oyster farm aquaculture local permit application. Randy G. seconded.**

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

**Brain Massey motioned to approve. John Murray seconded. Approved.**

VI. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Eric Coonradt,

VII. Guests Present:

Mike Coleman, Heather Baucher, Bruce White, Steve Reifensstuhl, Alexandra Fujioka, Spike Arnold, Woody Seer, Fred Fayette, Randy Greg, Mari Francis Fujioka.

VIII. Old Business:

We have Tabled proposals that will wait until a future meeting

IX. New Business:

- We will hold off on sport/subsistence use proposals until November 29<sup>th</sup> when ADF&G AB (Troy Tydingco) can join use
- Proposals considered for November 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting
  - Enhanced Salmon Allocation
    - 139 - 146
  - Special Harvest Areas/Terminal Harvest Areas
    - 149 - 152
  - Management Plans
    - 153 - 158
  - Misc.
    - 159 - 161
  - Set Gillnet (Salmon)
    - 162 - 165
  - Purse Seine (Salmon)
    - 166 - 168



- Drift Gillnet (Salmon)
  - 169 - 171
- Troll
  - 172 - 184



Alaska Board of Fisheries Southeast & Yakutat Finfish & Shellfish Proposals   January 11-23, 2018				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
139				Eliminate provisions for a rotational fishery in Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area and allow the department to manage the fishery in consultation with the hatchery operator.
	approve	10	1	Steve Reifentstahl offered comments on the why this was being proposed and gave background on the hatchery and how NSRAA would like to see the terminal fishery.
141				Modify net rotation schedules for the commercial drift gillnet gear and purse seine gear salmon fisheries at Deep Inlet and Anita Bay terminal harvest areas.
				Took no action: Sitka AC wants DEEP INLET To maintain the Status Quo
142				Modify drift gillnet and purse seine fishing rotations in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.
	Oppose	0	10	<p>Steve Reifentstahl offered comments: this proposal is to balance net gear groups to shift allocation--- more to seiners than to gill-netters.</p> <p>Eric Jordan offered that each percent of exchanged is \$1.3M--- gillnetters caught 40%, Seinners caught 39%, trollers caught 18.8%. Trollers are 10 percentage point below their allocation range. NSRAA board vote was 13-10; Eric J offered the need to support local gillnet fleet. Comment that there is a need for a gillnet seat.</p> <p>Mike Coleman offered that gillnetters put a lot of effort in Deep Inlet because they don't have other places to go other than Lynn Canal.</p> <p>Moe Johnson offered that the status quo should be maintained in Deep Inlet and that no changes should be made to Deep Inlet allocation that changes anything different than now.</p> <p>It was offered that in order to accomplish the status</p>



Alaska Board of Fisheries Southeast & Yakutat Finfish & Shellfish Proposals   January 11-23, 2018				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
				quo and continue it, extend regulation from 2018 to 2020 as it currently stands in regulation.  <b>The Sitka AC would like to see The Sitka AC is of the opinion that the status quo should continue in Deep Inlet with no Changes</b>
<b>143</b> Change the time ratio for drift gillnet gear to purse seine gear openings in Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.				
	Approve	10	0	Moe Johnson moves to amend to Randy G. Seconded.  (b)(1)(B) [EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN (C) OF THIS PARAGRAPH,] The time ratio for gillnet openings to seine openings is <b>TWO to ONE</b> . FOR THE <b>2018 - 2020</b> SEASONS, FROM THE THIRD SUNDAY IN JUNE THROUGH STATISTICAL WEEK 30, THE TIME RATIO FOR GILLNET OPENINGS TO SEINE OPENINGS IS <b>ONE to ONE</b> , EXCEPT THAT DURING THE 2019 AND 2020 SEASONS IF THE POSTSEASON PRELIMINARY ENHANCED SALMON HARVEST VALUE DATA FROM THE PREVIOUS SEASON INDICATES THE SEINE GEAR GROUP IS WITHIN THAT GROUP'S ENHANCED SALMON ALLOCATION PERCENTAGE RANGE, BASED ON THE FIVE-YEAR ROLLING AVERAGE AS DESCRIBED IN 5 AAC 33.364, THE TIME RATIO FOR GILLNET OPENINGS TO SEINE OPENINGS IS TWO TO ONE FOR THE ENTIRE SEASON;]  <b>The Intention of the Sitka AC is that DEEP INLET Rotations stay the same.</b>
<b>144</b> Allow increased commercial salmon fishing opportunity with troll gear in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.				



Alaska Board of Fisheries Southeast & Yakutat Finfish & Shellfish Proposals   January 11-23, 2018				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
	Approve	10	0	Eric Jordan Moves to Amend the proposal to:  (A) Beginning with the first day of the August coho closure described in 5 AAC 29.110(b)(2), or August 20 if there is no closure, salmon may also be taken by troll gear when the waters described in this subsection are <b>open to cost recovery</b>
146				Do not include enhanced salmon produced by private nonprofit hatcheries in Southeastern Alaska Area Enhanced Salmon Allocation Management Plan gear-specific value allocations.
	Oppose	0	10	
147				Amend Mist Cove salmon closure to allow for taking of salmon with fly fishing gear and prohibit snagging.
	Approved	7	3	
149				Extend the closing date for salmon harvest by the hatchery permit holder in Deep Inlet Special Harvest Area.
	Approve	11	0	Ability to clean up the terminal fishing areas
150				Establish a special harvest area in Crawfish Inlet.
	Tabled until need more information			This is a new fishery and a new hatchery operation and regs need to be set up. Questions on terminal hatchery area and  Eric Moves to table until we have more info Tad Seconds Proposal discussion tabled.
155				Eliminate the wild sockeye salmon harvest limit for the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery.
	Oppose	0	10	A lot of work went into figuring out a plan. Not right for one user group to go against what everyone came up with
156				Change time period the District 12 commercial salmon





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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
				purse seine fishery wild sockeye salmon harvest cap is in effect to reflect current sockeye salmon run timing.
	Oppose	0	10	
157				Include wild sockeye salmon harvested in the Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area in the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery wild sockeye harvest limit.
	Approve	5	0	Most members abstained and did not feel knowledgeable enough about the area or issues—or understood the specifics of the proposal's impact—to feel able to vote.

## Other Items of Discussion:

- Aquaculture Farmsites in high-use areas in Sitka Sound

The Board talked about the proposals for Oyster Farming in Nakawasina Sound and Olga Point. There is a great deal of concern on the size of these facilities and the location which would impede/hinder current/existing uses. The reasons for our concerns are the following:

- Size—these are very big facilities in locations that are heavily used
- The Locations chosen are in high use areas by sport, subsistence, recreational fishermen as well as tour operators
- These facilities would impede boat traffic marine traffic in these areas—especially through Beehive pass and around Olga Point into Krestof Sound. The planned facilities would effectively block any vessels from using those passes for navigation
- Anchorages—The facility being planned for Beehive island is an anchorage that is often used—especially in poor weather
- Recreation boaters frequently use those passes and would be blocked
- There is a high level of concern for the potential introduction of non-native organisms—the last oyster farm in Sitka introduced an invasive species (D-vex) that has not yet been dealt with and we are still pending action by DNR/ADFG to control/remove that species from Whiting Harbor. Before any new permits are opened up for aquaculture, the impacts of the last aquaculture facility needs to be dealt with and all invasive need to be removed or under control.
- Tourism operators who use these areas will be impacted and restricted access
- The facilities would propose having floating structures for use/maintenance/administration of these facilities but that does not fall in-line with the current zoning and regulations on the sites where float-houses can be placed in the Sitka Coastal Zone.
- The placement of these facilities and full-time staff in those areas will lead to Increased pressure on fish and wildlife



- Both these areas are traditional Harvest area for Sea Cucumbers which would thus impact an existing fishery in these location
- Salmon passage areas—especially beehive passage
- Both of these areas are traditional seine set areas for the late summer pink/chum/coho seine fisheries. The placement of these facilities would prevent that fishery from continuing to use those areas
- Bee hive passage is a popular and well used navigation route into Nakawasina Passage
- Before a scattershot of aquaculture sites are placed throughout the Sitka Coastal Zone, there is a need for public input and identification of areas and scale that are apt for Aquaculture

Adjournment: Moved to adjourn at 9:55

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_Andrew Thoms\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_Sitka AC\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017\_\_\_\_\_



**Sitka Advisory Committee**  
**Date 11/29/2017**  
**Location of Meeting; Centennial Hall, Sitka**

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:04pm, by Jon Martin
- II. **Chair comments:** People have words to share with everyone. Please provide testimony only after recognized. Order of flow: Person who proposed, Department Rep, Public Testimony, AC council reps.
- If folks wish to testify/speak, we kindly ask them to do so only if comments are new/substantially different information than what has already been shared
  - I would kindly ask members of the public and the AC to testify only after they have been recognized by the chair of the AC
- III. **Roll Call:**  
**Members Present:** Joel Markis, Dick Curran, Wayne Unger, Bradley Sheaffer, John Murray, Eric Jordan, Jon Martin, Brian Massy. Karen Johnson, Moses Johnson, Stacy Wayne, Jeff Feldspausch, Tad Fujioka  
**Members Absent:** Andrew Thoms, secretary (Heather Bauscher- substitute secretary)  
**Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** 8  
**List of User Groups Present:** Alaska Native Sisterhood/ Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANS/ANB), Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Subsistence Users, Commercial Fishermen, Local Community members
- IV. **Approval of Agenda:** Brian Massey moves to approve, John Murray second
- V. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Minutes Unavailable
- VI. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Sherri Dressel- ADF&G, Troy Tydingco- ADF&G  
**Guests Present:** Heather Bauscher, Larry Calvin, R. Spike Arnold, Harriet Miyasoto Beleal, Patricia Roberts Alexander, Holly Marban, Kyle Rosendale, Rachel Henderson, Roby Littlefield, Jean Arnold, Nina Vizcarrondo, Marian Allen, Bruce White, Woody Cyr, Elsa Sebastian, Peter Bradley, Spencer Severson, Andrew Callistine, Shawna Thornton, Lillian Owens, Troy Tydingco, Josh Wisniewski, James Fischer, Chandler O'Connell, Katie Riley, Cheryle Enloe, Tiffany Justice, Ben Timby, Scott Wagner
- VII.
- VIII. **Old Business:** Suggest that we set a net gear meeting in December to cover these
- Set Gillnet (Salmon)
    - 162 - 165
  - Purse Seine (Salmon)
    - 166 - 168
  - Drift Gillnet (Salmon)
    - 169 - 171
- Set dates for net gear and other proposals that have not been dealt with.
- IX. **New Business:**



## Finfish/Herring

### ○ Subsistence

- **Proposal 94-** Reduce the amount of herring spawn reasonably necessary for subsistence in Sitka Sound.
  - Motion to adopt- Brian Massey, second- John Murray
  - Southeast Herring Conservation Council representative not present to speak to proposal 94
- **Support:** No comments reflecting support.
- **Oppose:** Significant conservation concerns among public. Concerns were voiced about diminishing stocks and importance for cultural and traditional use. Seeing gradual decline in quality of herring roe and decline in quantity of roe in accessible areas to harvest near to town.
  - **Agency Comments:**
    - **Sherri Dressel- ADF&G:**
      - Spoke to household surveys, ANS, Sitka Tribe survey, threshold, a number of other things. Very good information presented.
  - **Public Comments:**
    - **ANS: Jean Arnold, Pat Alexander, Harriet Miyasoto Beleal:**
      - Concerns of diminishing stocks and not enough for traditional use and sharing with the community. Precious food resource.
    - **General Public:**
      - Subsistence the use has priority- it should not be reduced. Locals not able to harvest good quality eggs, industry boats brought in low quality roe on branches. Found it disconcerting to let fishery go forward when tribe has so many concerns. The data doesn't match observations from local users.
  - **Advisory Council Comments:**
    - **Jeff Feldspausch-** spoke to the difficulties in harvesting eggs, takes more effort with diminishing returns.
    - **Moses Johnson-** spoke to method of surveys and resulting accuracy, questioned percentage of actual harvest that is surveyed
    - **Jeff Feldspausch-** explained how tribe collects, weighs, has list of harvesters that get surveyed. Also spoke to 2017 spawning, very spotty, flash spawns, theft of branches, very thin coverage on branches, none of the consistent spawning which produces good quality eggs.
    - **Tad Fujioka-** spoke to quality of eggs (lowest he has seen)



- **Wayne Unger**- spoke to discrepancies in the data. Questioned whether good information is being provided in surveys. Mentioned the individual who wrote this proposal wasn't available.
- **Call to question Proposal 94**- John Murray, Tad Fujioka- second
  - **Vote:** Support- 0, Oppose- 12, Abstained- 1
  - **Motion to Support Proposal 94 Fails**
- **Fishing Seasons**
  - **95—97**
  - **Proposal 95:** Repeal sac roe fishery in sections 15-B and 15-C.
    - **Tad Fujioka**- Not in our area
    - Decided Out of our area not to be discussed
  - **Proposal 97:**
  - NO comments, moving on
- **HR and GHL**
  - **98—103**
  - **Proposal 98:**
    - Joel Markis to put it on the table, John Murray second.
    - Andrew Thoms, author of proposal 98 not present to speak
  - **Support:** Consistent community argument for more conservative approach to herring harvest. Includes ecosystem language which does not seem to be considered in other proposals. Need to start including language like this in regulations to account for increased pressures on fish stocks due to warming ocean and ocean acidification.
  - **Oppose:** A change to 0%-10% GHL is too drastic of a reduction. Too much economic impact without enough evidence of decline in herring stocks to warrant such a change.
    - **Agency Comments:**
      - **Dr. Sherri Dressel ADFG:**
        - Decided to address both proposal 98 and 99. 98 being rather complex with major change from 10 to 20 % GHL to 0 to 10 %. GHL differs between Sitka and other areas in SE. Under Prop 98- actual quota may be reduced by 65%. Difficult to project impact on fishery, subsistence harvest, ecosystem. According to the model 20% is a conservative harvest, mortality already accounted for in model- in long term forecast, natural mortality



changed in 1998 from 65% to 80% survival in 1980, predator mortality built in over a long term average but does not necessarily account for high whale years or spikes in predator populations. New data from BC shows a more conservative harvest rate may be helpful for sustainability. Over the last few years actual harvest was closer to 15% in Sitka.

▪ **Public Comments:**

- Consistent community argument for more conservative approach to herring harvest. This proposal takes into consideration ocean conditions which are changing. Significant public testimony of observations changing ocean conditions in regards to warming and ocean acidification. Concerns that these additional pressures on population not taken into consideration, and a more conservative approach and reduction in guideline harvest is desired.
- Sitka is the only existing viable Herring fishery left in Southeast Alaska.

○ **Break called at 7:42pm- 7:55pm**

● **Continuation of Proposal 98**

▪ **Advisory Council Comments:**

- **Wayne Unger-** spoke to the beautiful job ADF&G doing to regulate the fishery with appropriate safeguards in place. Feels this proposal is too drastic of a reduction in guideline harvest.
- **Moses Johnson-** does not observe a decline in herring biomass. A drop in GHL to 10% is too drastic of a change. Does not support this significant of a change, does not feel enough evidence of decline in fish stocks to warrant this severe of a reduction in GHL. Although he does believe that the environment is changing, and thinks fishing needs to change with it.
- **Eric Jordan-** attempted to amend the proposal to include 0%-20% with the intention to allow for a lower GHL and allow for flexibility of department regulation.
  - Quite a bit of discussion, mostly confusion.
    - **Amendment vote:** support- 5, opposed-5, abstained-2
    - **Motion to Amend Prop 98 Fails**
- **Stacy Wayne-** The problem is that the way fisheries are managed is a formulaic structure and you can't amend those numbers without a huge impact to the model. It would mess up the formula. I would like to propose an amendment to change what we are doing with Sitka management to mirror general southeast.



- **Tad Fujioka**- That would be a better amendment to proposal 99.
- Call to question Proposal 98 as written-Brian Massey, second- Wayne Unger
  - **Vote:** support- 2, oppose- 9, abstain-1.
  - **Motion to support Prop 98 Fails**
- **Proposal 99-**
  - Brian Massey called to question, Tad second
  - **Jeff Feldspausch, Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Sponsor of Proposal 99-**
    - Seeing indicators of stress in Herring stock. Small percentage of 3 year age class, potentially seeing an abrupt decline in juvenile age class. Will be a year or two before that shows up in the data. This would leave more roe in the water hopefully for more to wind up on the branches.
    - Heard much about how spawning patterns have changed. There are many factors that may lead to the decline in spawn, but also removal of a percentage of the biomass will lead to a decline.
    - 16-258 states “must provide reasonable opportunity for subsistence needs to be met.” The fishery needs to change to allow for the subsistence priority.
  - **Support:** Reduction in commercial take must be made to allow for subsistence priority. Consistent community argument for more conservative approach to herring harvest.
  - **Oppose:** A change to 0%-10% GHLL is too drastic of a reduction. Too much economic impact without enough evidence of decline in herring stocks to warrant such a change. Industry concerns that it will set a precedent for continued reduction.
  - **Agency Comments:**
    - **Dr. Sherri Dressel ADF&G**
      - Please see comments under proposal 98. As Dr. Dressel addressed both 98 & 99 simultaneously due to similarities.
  - **Public Comments:**
    - Ecosystem language from proposal 98 could be applied here. The drop to 10% should not be seen as radical but in alignment with other fisheries in the Pacific Northwest.
  - **Advisory Council Comments:**



- **Joel Markis**- This is an extremely complex fishery and the department does a good job. Lots of testimony about the vulnerability of herring and these are forage fish, we do not know what the impact of removing these could have on the ecosystem as a whole. Been working on fish management for 20 years, and go to these meetings and hear these precautionary tales of other places that have led to disaster. All of the advice I have heard is that we are lucky to be on the forefront of that and should heed these tales. We have heard much about the drastic impacts of these changes in percentage, but we also need to consider the volatility of the fishery that takes place currently. The board is good at working with the variety of user groups in the community and maybe if we worked through committee we could find a solution. We are seeing uncertainty in all of the fisheries right now. If we take no action the consequences could be serious all the way up the food chain. I would like to see some of the concerns we have heard tonight addressed as well as the desire for conservation.
- **Moses Johnson**- I like Stacy's idea of using the general southeast model. That would be a reduction but not as drastic and maybe not as significant for conservation as some would like. No one can make perfect decisions all the time. Which means if we might have a bad decision the impacts are greater. I think of the industry and the seiners and the permit holders, I think we have a lower threshold- why not have an upper threshold? We would not harvest all the fish if there's a lot because we want them to come back. If the groups could get together with the users and the board of fish, we could come up with a number that could be the upper threshold and ensure the fishery for the future without being too painful.
- **Jon Martin**- What Mo is saying could build in for inherent times when there might be a calculation. I think that's a neat idea.
- **Stacy Wayne**-
  - **Make a motion to Amend to read:** The guideline harvest level for the herring sac roe fishery in Sections 13-A and 13-B shall be established by the department using a percentage that is not less than 10 percent, not more than 20 percent and within that range shall be determined by the following formula:  $\text{Percentage Harvest Rate} = 8 + 2 (\text{Forecast Spawning Population Size} / \text{threshold level})$  The fishery will not be conducted if the spawning biomass is less than 25,000 tons. **Joel Markis**- second
- **Stacy Wayne**- Would not be dramatic and not would have a large impact on the commercial fishery but would be protection and safety in case the stocks dropped.





- **Jon Martin**- asking for clarification- change language from 12% to 10% and keeping 20?, replacing Sitka GHL with SEAK GHL, retaining 25,000 ton threshold- (no fishery if less than)?
  - **Eric Jordan**- we are not harvesting 20% (14-16) what would this mean? Would this put us at 15% which we are at? Or would we end up lower?
    - **Dr. Sherri Dressel ADF&G**- The reason the target is 20% but we ended up harvesting 15% is because we under forecasted. Our intent is to hit 20%, but sometimes actual harvest is a little high, sometimes low. If we continue to underforecast or perform like we have in the past the actual harvest will likely continue to result as less than the target GHL.
  - **Wayne Unger**- How high would the GHL have to be to actually result in a harvest of 20%? I do think it is very conservative and appreciate that maybe it does need to be slightly more conservative. There are two parts to this: how I personally feel vs how I represent processors. All parts are important, testimony has been great and that will show more to the board and the industry. The industry does not hold much value in this committee and this process. I can't get the other plants to participate. We have some drastic proposals thrown out there and we don't know. I think it's already very conservative. Industry is concerned that it will just keep being reduced. It may go away, but it will not end the commercial fishing industry. Industry has just as much of a part in this fight as any other group.
  - **Eric Jordan**- Thank you so much to the public and the support for this tough process. This is why this system maintains a sustainable fisheries in Alaska.
- **Call to question: Support amendment to prop 99**- Brian Massey, Jeff Feldspausch- second
    - **Vote:** support- 12, oppose-0
    - **Motion to amend proposal 99 Passes Unanimously**
    - Jon call to question Prop 99 as amended, Stacy Second, support-12, oppose-0 Passes unanimously
  - **Call to question: Support proposal 99 as amended**- Jon Martin, Stacy Wayne- second
    - **Vote:** support-12, oppose- 0,
    - **Motion to support proposal 99 as amended Passes Unanimously**

**Final Amended Proposal as supported by Sitka AC:**

**PROPOSAL 99**

**5 AAC 27.160. Quotas and guideline harvest levels for Southeastern Alaska Area.**

Reduce maximum harvest rate used to establish the commercial sac roe herring fishery guideline harvest level in Sections 13-A and 13-B from 20% of the spawning biomass to 10% of the spawning biomass, as follows:

SITKA AC HAS AMENDED THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL TO:



(g) The guideline harvest level for the herring sac roe fishery in Sections 13-A and 13-B shall be established by the department using a percentage that is not less than 10 percent, not more than 20 percent and within that range shall be determined by the following formula: Percentage Harvest Rate =  $8 + 2 \left( \frac{\text{Forecast Spawning Population Size}}{\text{threshold level}} \right)$  The fishery will not be conducted if the spawning biomass is less than 25,000 tons.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The current guideline harvest level (GHL) for the Sitka Sound sac roe fishery is exceeding market demand and is one of the variables affecting subsistence herring egg harvester's ability to meet their needs or the amount necessary for subsistence. ADF&G data suggest that the Sitka Sound herring biomass was on an upward trend starting 1995 and peaked in 2009. This reported increase in biomass combined with the Board approved maximum harvest rate of 20% has significantly increased the annual GHLs. The length, duration, and intensity of the fishery have increased substantially in an attempt to harvest these excessive GHLs. The Sitka Tribe of Alaska firmly believes that this increased fishing effort is disrupting the spawning patterns of herring in the Sound and is causing a high frequency of subsistence herring egg harvester needs not being met. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? There will continue to be a high frequency of subsistence herring egg harvester's needs not being met. OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED Closing the fishery. PROPOSED BY: Sitka Tribe of Alaska (HQ-F17-070)

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- Upcoming meeting Dates
  - December 6<sup>th</sup>- Wrap up Herring
  
- **Motion to Adjourn**- Eric Jordan, John Murray Second. 10:02 pm

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: \_Heather Bauscher\_\_\_\_\_  
Minutes Approved By: \_Sitka AC\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017\_\_\_\_\_



**Sitka Advisory Council**  
**Date 12/06/2017**  
**Location of Meeting; Centennial Hall, Sitka**

- I. Call to Order: 06:05pm by Jon Martin
- II. Chair comments (rules)
  - If folks wish to testify/speak, we kindly ask them to do so only if comments are new/substantially different information than what has already been shared
  - I would kindly ask members of the public and the AC to testify only after they have been recognized by the chair of the AC
- III. Roll Call:
- IV. Members Present: John Murray, Moses Johnson, Karen Johnson, Tad Fujioka, Stacey Wayne, Brad Shaeffer, Joel Markis, John Murray, Eric Jordan  
Members Absent: Andrew Thoms, Dick Curran, Wayne Unger, Randy Gluth  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8  
List of User Groups Present: Subsistence Users, Commercial Fisherman, General Public
- V. Approval of Agenda: Joel Markis, second John Murray
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Eric Jordan, Tad second
- VII. Agency Staff Present: ADF&G Eric Coonradt and Aaron Dupuis
- VIII. Guests Present: Elsa Sebastian, Josh Wisniewski, R. Spike Arnold, Jean Arnold, Rachel Henderson, Patricia Alexander, Harvey Kitka, Steve Reifensstuhl, Kyle Rosendale, Martha Moses, David Avraham Voluck, Dan Littlefield, Hope Merritt, Peter Bradley, Chandler O'Connell, Ben Timby, Bethany Goodrich, Tommy Gee, Cheryle Enloe
- IX. Old Business: Suggest that we set a net gear meeting in December to cover these Management Plans
  - Proposal 150 (tabled Nov 15<sup>th</sup>)
    - Steve Reifensstuhl- Sponsor
      - Please review the additional documents I included which answered many questions from the board.
  - New project at Crawfish
    - First adult returns, phenomenal marine survival. Opened the bay to trollers. Most fish caught in Sitka sounds 130,000 caught from crawfish not all by trollers
    - 5 AC 40.042 List of all of NSRAA areas there are 9, this would add number 10
    - In area A special harvest area by coordinate. Two lines one at the mouth, second is a line outside of the bay specified for trolling. In section c: lays out gear c10. Lays out the gear. Supported by the NSRAA board with rep from all gear groups by election.

Advisory Committee:

  - Joel Markis: Is there much sport or public use in that area?
  - Jon Martin: As charter we roll right past there



- Eric Coonradt (ADF&G): Chose this spot specifically addressed conflict
- Steve Riefenstuhl (sponsor): We would not keep sport or charter out
- Tad Fujioka: If effort has been low, do we have data on presence of wild fish? If start fishing it intensively want to make sure we aren't going to pressure wild species'
  - Eric Coonradt (ADF&G): We can shut this down at anytime, if we find problems with that. If chinook conservation mode and find many wild fish being harvested, we can close that area.
  - "May" rather than "shall" language purposeful
- Tad Fujioka: concern that troll area gets closed if conservation concern too.
  - Steve Reifenstuhl : Would have to work with troll biologist. Generally would open it for them. Open for wild stock first and then allow additional opportunity
- Tad Fujioka: concern for net fishery.
  - Eric Coonradt (ADF&G): that would be separate for cleanup. Trying to create this to provide a greater allocation for troll.
- Tad Fujioka: Does it need to be so big if just for cleanup? Do we know for sure the outside area is free of wild fish?
  - Eric Coonradt (ADF&G): No I guess we don't have data on that
- Moses Johnson: We did cost recovery down there all the way to the marker. No bycatch at all in any of his sets. Towards the end had 6 cohos that could go back and two dark sockeye. But virtually no bycatch. In outer area though a few which could be a concern.
- Eric Jordan: Trollers on NSRAA board supported this.
- John Murray: Is this early run or late? -
  - Steve Reifenstuhl: Fall Run
- Eric Jordan motion to take it off the table, Brad Scheaffer- second
  - No objection to take it off the table
- Eric Jordan move to support 150, Stacy Wayne- second
- Vote: Support 8, oppose-1.
- **Motion to support Proposal 150 passes**

X. New Business:  
Finfish/Herring (Continued)

Present ANB/ANS Resolution #17-01

- Paulette Morino- call in. ANS first grand president
  - Speaking in regards to 17-01
  - Passed resolution in unanimous consent.
  - Subsistence harvest needs have been met less than 50% of the time.
    - Strongly support 98, 99, 105, 106
    - Strongly oppose 94, and 104 and recommends that BoF eliminate these proposals
- Subsistence



- 94
- Fishing Seasons
  - 95—97
- HR and GHL
  - 98—103
- Sitka Sound
  - 104—106
  - Proposal 104
  - Motion to adopt prop 104 brad Shaffer, second John Murray
  - Agency Comments
    - Eric Coonradt ADF&G-
    - See handout- area around Makhnati I. Blue dots represent herring harvesting, page 2- STA proposed closed waters, page 3- harvest data,
    - Remove regulations for closed waters. 10 square miles Makhnati, Crow and 2mi fed closed waters around Makhnati.
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  - Sponsor of Proposal 104
    - Steve Reifenthul- works on behalf of every fisherman in this room and have worked for many years on enhancement, management, and for subsistence, Also North Pacific Research Board- study of oceans around Alaska, United fisherman of Alaska
      - View the waters around Alaska as a common
      - On this proposal- representing commercial herring fisherman
      - 104- roll back the closed area adopted about 6 years ago. Reason- because it has not helped us meet subsistence needs
      - In 105-
      - Herring group 30-40,000lbs a year has provided. Not all eggs are taken and some goes back to the ocean. Help employ crew that does much of estimating. When first started initiated protocol (less than half in branches- so mostly eggs) 3.5-1.
      - Asked to meet with members of STA. Why can't we just have status quo and stop with this battling
      - Here we are with competing proposals- 105 & 106 want to double closed area
  - Public Comments
    - Pat Alexander- member of the traditional cultural board of STA and on herring committee
      - This is first year ANS has no eggs in their freezer. Quality of eggs on branches has gone down. Thin layers of spawn. Might have to do with where they are harvested, maybe because you haven't done it as many years as some. When you meet with STA you meet with resource protection but you did not go to the tribal council who makes the decisions meet tribal council and tribal leaders.



- Martha Moses- Born and raised in Sitka. Attend herring committee
  - Feelings about egg giveaway boat. Must contain anger and hostility towards that. My brother, my father was relocated after the Kiksadi and Russian war 100% native. My brothers raised traditional way, which is going away. They went out with father/ uncles. Then earned right to get a skiff, then a right to get a rifle, then earn the trust to go harvesting and hunting. When nephew turned 18, learned from their mistakes. I'm saying this because traditions are going away. I work with at-risk families and they are working to keep up with digital age and digital wants. Traditions are going away. I oppose that giveaway boat. It takes away opportunity for parents to take kids out and learn to harvest themselves. Now they all run down to that boat, and the kids learn to run down to the boat. Taking away from our culture and tradition. The way the trucks pull up and take all of the eggs. They should take it to resource management and give to the elders, and then give to rest of the community. Sorry I didn't expect the need to speak but need to say I don't support it and don't think the tribe should support it. It's not a social service it's a tradition
  - - Steve Reifentstahl: I've done commercial fishing with ...AK natives from Kake and Honnah ad here. I heard an offer given to STA to do it.
- Harvey Kitka
  - I find it hard to believe this is conservative in nature. We put in for area much bigger and was reduced to half the size. We want an area where the fish can spawn. Now start fishing 5-8 days before herring are ready to spawn, and when they open the fishery they cause the fish to spawn before they already in places where the water is not right. The bloom that happens is where the fish will spawn. University of Alaska study when we went out to Silver Bay- amazing to watch the plankton bloom and identify where the herring would likely spawn. As the start fishing so many days earlier. When you squeeze them together milk comes out and causes the herring to spawn early. Changes everything causes herring to spawn in places where there is no food. Noticed this more and more Spawn happened in just one tide rather than multiple like before. Now we have to move to accommodate that. Worst year yet. Tribe put out 30 trees and only got 7 back.
- Ben Timby solidarity with ANB ANS
  - Understand that you think it's a service but it is not a replacement for a designated subsistence area and tradition. Being that this is an area of conservation- to replace it with a commercial harvest is missing the point. This is about conservation and preservation of cultural tradition. This is an insult to their cultural tradition. I am opposed to this



- Kyle Rosenthal- biologist STA
  - Area attempting to rescind proposal came from an assessment of the most important traditional subsistent areas area. In 2006 - we began collecting harvest location data. Core area has been the most popular place to set braches. Sitka Sound is the last stock that consistently provides a herring harvest.
  - Must Provide for subsistence over all other allocation of resource
  - Subsistence needs were only met in last 3 out of 5 years
  - This area is miniscule compared to the area provided to commercial harvest. Does not seem wise to remove an area that people consider important
- Spike Arnold-
  - I don't want to go down to the dock to get eggs. It's a nice thing to do but. If commercial folks to expand into this area does this mean herring are in trouble which they are. This is small area set aside for local people. How does this speak to conservation.
    - Steve Reifentstahl- all fisherman are conservationists if they don't look to the future there won't be fish in the future. all natural resource management is that way. If talking preservation close all hunting and fishing down. Gathering these eggs has been done for decades. It does not preclude people from going out and doing that. Subsistence report is showing that this practice is in decline.
- Advisory Committee
- Tad Fujioka- What year does this map represent?
  - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- It shows 2011-2016
- Joel Markis- Eric you set a limit for herring fishery, how many years have you felt like you have achieved allowable catch that you have set
  - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- Have not achieved harvestable level twice. Too much area nightmare for boats, too little fish. Lots of spawn mixing in with fish that had not spawned poor quality for commercial. One year the fish centered themselves around this closed area and limit was not met.
- Karen Johnson- The boat that brings the eggs provides eggs for people than cannot get them
- Tad Fujioka- The table shows households expanded
  - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- user households from before can be added to the list or taken away. Expand is based on the non reply expand to account- does not included people not on the list. Capturing vast majority of households
  - Tad Fujioka- you don't know how many you are not including?
  - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- True
  - Tad Fujioka- The AC is on record saying there should be a sanctuary, We submitted a proposal calling for a sanctuary, but did not define the boundaries; We left it up to the BoF to determine them



- Harvey Kitka- area went from haul out at HP, across to gravinski, out and around. Before that to crow island- came up with this closure.
- Eric Jordan- Bof advised people they were going to do something. Did not throw out a proposal
  - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- Anything under green line is under ANS. It was modified one year- thus the spike
- Stacy Wayne- He was talking guideline harvest – two years didn't meet it one because spawn was mostly in the protected area.
- Eric Jordan- Do we know how important that area is to the fishery? DO we know what level of impact that would have on management?
  - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- We don't have actual numbers. Overlayed all the spawn from statehood to 2011 (two weeks of my life) shows exactly where the core area is and show how important to subsistence as commercial fishery.
- Jon Martin-Is this area Kakul to Aspid cape- is it fair to say that core area has the majority of the spawn?
- Moses Johnson- Is the quality of eggs, and quality of branches based on dive survey?
  - Eric Coonradt ADF&G-No measure of quality in subsistence fishery, it's not measured is hard to judge
- Joel Markis- This body recommended that the board designate a core area.
  - Steve Reifentstuh- The board went through one of the members and said you guys should get together and come up with a compromise. A map was loaded with a line drawn on it. Outside of the meeting agreement to the location of the line. That got coordinates and then was brought to the board and then they voted on it
- Eric Jordan- I don't think all the parties agreed on that. Some of you got together and came up with something but it was not all agreed upon.
  - Harvey Kitka- The tribe had no input on that line
- Tad Fujioka-The language submitted by seiners
- Moses Johnson- These two competing proposals came up last time. Voted status quo leaving it the same. My opinion same as last cycle- should leave it as it is. Seems fair to have a small area closed to herring fishing. As far as harvest boats. Used to be lots from Hoonah, Angoon and that's been a tradition forever. To see all this concern about one boat bringing herring eggs- it is also a tradition. And like Karen said some people can't get out. This does not take away from someone going out and doing it. We can't stop them. Herring change and people change and we can't do anything with that here. Leave it- do not expand it, do not get rid of it
- Call to question Brad Sheaffer, Stacy Wayne second
- Vote: support- 0, oppose- 9,
- **Motion to support Proposal 104 fails unanimously SITKA AC OPPOSES PROPOSAL 104**





- Proposal 105
  - Agency Comments
    - ADF&G- Expand closed area by 14sq mi
  - Tribe sponsor:
    - Kyle Rosendale- 104 comments apply to 105 and 106.
      - This area came about through traditional knowledge. Spawn has contracted over time and space. Close areas that were once plentiful and have now declined. ADF&G only has data from 1964-present. Nakwasina has decline 6 of past 25 years. Kena Bay southern most area has seen spawn one third of the time and sporadic. Seeks to close areas that were once plentiful and where spawn has decreased in those areas.
  - Public Comments
    - Harvey Kitka- one of the other reasons we asked for the closure- it's the places were small herring go. To seine amongst them could cause damage
    - Steve Reifentstahl- additional context 60s and 70s biomass 5000. Its density and number of eggs are what's important. If the same fish- 100mi thin biomass or 50mi with really thick eggs
    - Harvey Kitka- Quality of the spawn not nearly as good as the 60s. All Katlian was full of herring and spawn. Southern position of deep inlet spawn was really thick and could last a month. 5/8<sup>th</sup> to ¾ inches thick when I came back eggs on branches 2in thick. I know Steve means well but I've seen it and know it has declined. Herring don't really make it back before the fishing starts.
  - AC Comments
    - Joel Markis- 2 questions- heard these areas recently have had more younger smaller fish. Does the department have any data to that. Is there a market for those?
      - Eric Coonradt ADF&G: Yes we see this but often in the summer, and no market for small fish. Commercial fishery does not target those fish. Industry wants minimum 120 gram fish
    - John Murray- Have we opened fisheries in Nakwasina or Katlian?
      - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- about 5 years ago kalian area, Last year mostly krestof but a little bit in Nakwasina area too
    - Tad Fujioka-120gram avg- 6 yr old?
      - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- more like 4-5 year old
    - Joel Markis- I need to look to the data for the subsistence harvest. Failed to meet subsistence needs last 7 out of 10 years. These areas are more likely to have young fish hang out. I would be interested to allow for more areas like this to be closed but not sure which areas. There is a need to do something, but don't know which proposal would provide for more subsistence harvest without being too impactful on the commercial harvest.



- Brad Shaffer- I support Mo's idea of keeping the status quo State of Alaska is spending 100,000s of dollars to evaluate these two dynamically opposed proposals. It's like hunting- Do we define a year where technology shifts? We have a dynamic society trying to feed people trying to support an economic industry. I Vote on keeping the area as it is.
- John Murray- I haven't seen much in some of these places, why did you chose these areas? How do you protect the small fish, don't understand what you mean?
  - Harvey Kitka- The spots with 1-2 year olds places where young fish go to. Thinking more conservation of the herring
- Stacy Wayne- I see in some places more effort in other spots not seeing much effort.
- Jon Martin- Just because we are not seeing data points there doesn't mean it's not happening there. I see this as a sanctuary in some respects for these fish. If two left in the world my guess would be that they would wind up in the core area. When we look at these things we need to strike a compromise. Can't have it one way. Even though commercial area is quite large the majority of the fish are still in the core area. Maybe some of these spots aren't as important for subsistence harvest. I don't understand why these other areas included if there's not much of a subsistence harvest happening there. If we established this area years ago we should keep it.
- Tom Gambell- Public Member- Biggest point to make, Commercial area is in a vast area some of the parts of that 0 fish 0 harvest. Fish are only going to be in one area and everyone is going to be squabbling over the same fish. Need to provide reasonable opportunity for subsistence. Close area they are likely to come back to more opportunity to provide for that. Commercial fishery general finished in 5 days, no way an individual can compete with that. It's hard for people to et out when all of the commotion from the fishery is going on. Katlian and Nakwasina is a starting point for everything in the sound.
- Jon Martin- Do you think Nakwasina and Katlian are important areas for subsistence that has just not been captured by the data?
- Tom Gambell- Subsistence harvesters have no opportunity to harvest eggs because of the timing of the commercial fishery. Something needs to change if it's not reduction if it's not closures, it's got to be something.
- Stacy Wayne- Hearing a lot of conversation about conservation. I feel good about our adoption of the more conservative formula. This change we made will really be conservative with protecting the stocks. Feel good going with Mo because we already made this move.
- Tad Fujioka- I feel we have spoken to that need for a change. I was happy to see unanimous support. If board of fish can go along with that. I can support



no action on boundaries. If the BoF doesn't accept our compromise on Harvest Rate, then I support this proposal

- Moses Johnson- I disagree with waiting on BOF. I am completely against both these proposals. I am completely against closing areas. We have lost so much area and once we lose it there's no going back. A formula is easier to adjust later on, if we close areas there is no way to get them back later on. Just because there's no fish in that spot now, if no fish in other areas and they move- you can't get at them. Seems like the department is trying to conduct fishery as far away from core area as possible.
  - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- We do generally do not operate near the line and did not think it would be good opportunity
- Ben Timby- I have seen sein boats running fish along that line
  - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- If you think you can drive herring you don't know about herring. You and try to push fish.
- Brad- Helicopters work well on herring
- Call to question Eric Jordan, Stacy second Proposal 105
- Vote: Support 1, oppose- 7, abstain-1
- **Motion to support Proposal 105 fails Motion to support Proposal 105 fails unanimously SITKA AC OPPOSES PROPOSAL 105**
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- **Proposal 106**

- Motion to adopt 106 Tad Fujioka, second Joel Markis
- Agency
  - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- Previous comments
- Sponsor
  - STA rep. Kyle Rosendale- 104 & 105 comments stand
- Public- Comments-
  - Steve Reifenstuhl- comments from 104 stand
- Advisory Committee-
  - Tad Fujioka-I don't see a dot near Magic Island- which is a known harvest area.
    - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- Not sure why not dots there not my study
  - Kyle Rosendale- maybe not in 10years of this study and it does not capture everyone
  - Moses Johnson- Did it take place after fishery concluded?
    - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- The spawn started 1 day after fishery closed. If we don't see it we don't map it did see spawn on both ends of town. Did not make it Shelikof this year.
  - Joel Markis- If we look at the maps and the lines, it does add a significant area. I know we have tried to be more conservative with adjusting the formula. Don't feel



like that is enough. From the testimony we hear much about this provides an opportunity to provide that allocation for subsistence.

- Stacy Wayne- This proposal encompasses the majority of the core area where the spawn occurs. One year with no fishery because not enough fish outside of the closed areas. Maybe in the future there no commercial fishery because the sanctuary comprises the majority of the core area
- Joel Markis- subsistence comes before commercial and there were 2-6 that GHF was not met but 7 out of 10 where subsistence needs were not met.
- Jon Martin- How important is area being proposed in 106?
  - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- did not harvest in that area last year and hit the edge of it year before but generally half the time have something in that area.
- Tom Gambell- Public Member- To Kitka- what percentage of your harvest comes from that area? Not based on these others guys making a living off of it. Should not be the opportunity for commercial fishing that you should protect. It should be the opportunity for subsistence this board is working to protect.
- Harvey Kitka- Sitka sound to Baranof point, whole area very important to our people. Before commercial fishery- males would put out milk 3 days before then females would come in and start spawning in those areas. Used to set branches wherever milk once that started. 3 days later start to get eggs. Sometime Aleutkina, some magic island, crow island, then they would move inside. Places where they do not do those things anymore. After pulp mill we had to move farther away from town to set our branches. And as town grew we needed to move farther out due to the waste system which went right out into ocean. We could not harvest near town. Those outlying areas became very important. Some of best areas no longer have spawn. Trying to get areas started again very tough, each time though they start to improve they get fished on. All of these areas important to us, sometimes different years in different places. Core area- over last 40-50 years has been extremely important to us. This past year hit or miss even in the core area. "Last year- so different and so scary"
- Eric Jordan- Thank you everyone for coming and sharing your story and your perspective. It is going to be a tough vote. Everyone in this community and on this board.
- John Murray- I think this area too large
  - Amendment- North end of Crow- South end of little Gavanski, and to magic Island/ Halibut point. Second, Joel
- John- I feel something needs to happen and I don't have faith in the thing we did last week. I don't have faith that industry is going to go for that. If it does not work we expand it or take it away later on.
- Eric call question on the amendment Joel second that-
- Motion to adopt amendment
- Vote Support- 2, oppose- 6, abstain- 1



- Motion to adopt amendment fails
  - Tad & and John, Stacy, Jon- We want to reiterate that we can support No Action on Proposal 106 if the BoF supports the Sitka AC compromise on Harvest Rate
  - Tad Fujioka- Conservation one piece and subsistence access is a different point. This proposal speaks to subsistence access. Other one dealt with conservation. I think we need to make clear the point of conservation, separate from subsistence action.
  - Stacy Wayne- Subsistence take higher over last five years than over last 12 years. The figure in terms of meeting the needs I think the effort is a piece there. Not getting less take getting less effort. I do not know how many people doing herring harvest actually surveyed and represented in this data.
  - Call to question Tad Fujioka, stacy Wayne second
  - Vote support 2, oppose 6, abstain- 1
- **Motion to support Proposal 106 fails SITKA AC OPPOSES PROPOSAL 106—  
Specific letter on herring from Sitka AC attached/below**

John Jensen, Chair  
Alaska Board OF Fisheries  
ADF&G Boards Support  
P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK, 99811-5526

Chairman Jensen and Board members,

In addition to our detailed minutes and proposal comments, the Sitka Advisory Committee felt a short letter imparting how important herring conservation, management, and sharing are to this community and committee. We worked with community members, fisheries interests, and subsistence users for over 7 hours and covered numerous proposals over two meetings. We were honored to have the president of the Alaska Native Sisterhood, tribal members, fishermen, subsistence users, seal hunters, former Sitka F&G AC chair and Sitka resident since 1930, Larry Calvin, as well as numerous members of the public present.

As is typical at our local Sitka AC meetings, consideration of these herring proposals was supported by ADF&G staff that provided detailed explanations of the management and answered questions about the herring resource and fishery. Additionally, staff from the Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Resource Protection Department, and a representative of the Sitka Herring Conservation Alliance also provided information and answered questions.

Public testimony overwhelmingly focused on two primary issues: 1) there were general concerns and a call for conservation of Sitka herring stocks and 2) there were concerns about adequate subsistence opportunity. After all of the comments and committee work the Sitka AC is unanimously recommending adoption of only one proposal (99) with a single amendment. While it seems like a fairly simple solution, applying the SE sac roe harvest formula to Sitka, and retaining the 25,000 ton minimum biomass threshold, this action will take steps toward both conservation, while also allowing for additional substance opportunity. We believe both of these goals can be achieved without adversely impacting the sac roe fishery, especially in times of high abundance.

This change would be significant in that it would be a consensus move toward conservation in a time when fishery survival appears stressed throughout SE. This change would be creative in that it accomplishes conservation without closing areas or reducing the harvest % when higher biomass warrants.

The Local Sitka AC voted unanimously for this action (99 as amended) with Industry, Subsistence, and Seine members all present. As a result of this move to improve subsistence opportunity and sustain herring abundance, the majority of the committee did not support further action to close areas. However, several members indicated that their opposition to proposals 105 and 106 was contingent upon the BOF supporting the AC amendment to Proposal 99. If the BOF chooses to leave the harvest rate formula unchanged, then they would support increasing the size of the sanctuary zone as an alternative conservation measure.

The Sitka advisory committee believes the aforementioned proposal would address both conservation concerns and increase subsistence opportunity. We believe this is good work, championed from the community, and hope the BOF will find a way to do similar.

Sincerely,

Jon Martin, Chair  
Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee



- Eric Jordan- I move to send a letter to BoF- letting them know we take herring very seriously, spent many hours on this topic, take subsistence very serious,, feel we have taken some action on conservation by adopting se formula, and if BoF does not take action on reflecting that they need to come up with something.
- Eric Jordan move to have letter drafted, Tad Fujioka second
- Brad Sheaffer- do you think anyone is actually going to read it? It's like beating a dead horse/herring!
- Eric Jordan- Been on boards and there is a lot of information. Letters are important and especially coming from this committee.
- Tad Fujioka- I read everything and not even on the board
- Tom Gambell- Public Member- It would be important to include reference to the hours of testimony and reference to the tribal elders, subsistence, harvesters and fisherman and hunters. Requesting the BoF take special attention to this.
  - I'm glad to be hear and speak to the learning that occurs hear. That testimony is important so we can remember later on when they are not here and some of us are in the position to make these hard decision. People are not going to be the same but the issue and the resource is the same. Thank you to everyone for your participation in this process
- Spawn on Kelp
  - 107—112
  - Proposal 107- 13C
    - Motion to support and open discussion Tad, Stacy second
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  - Agency
  - Eric Coonradt ADF&G
    - Open a roe on Kelp fishery in Sitka sound- if 1,500 tons remaining after sac roe fishery finishes
  - Eric Jordan- Concern of legality
  - Harvey- I am oppsed to this. Back when they first started roe on kelp fisheries in Sitka Sound encompassed people from all communities in South East Ak myself included. Chance for us to make a few bucks. Realizing the way the permit fisheries have gone. With out peole realizing this happening, some people allowed to start a fishery and get on permit. Many people got left out. Craig, metlakalta, ketcikan many people not even considered for
  - Pound fisheries notorious for disease and taking it out to schools and effecting other fish in schools. One of the reasons fishery never came back in Valdez- due to disease and pound fishery



- Tom- concern the impact this would also have on the subsistence fishery. If can't meet GHL not going to meet subsistence.
- Spike Arnold- Agree with Tom, I like eggs on kelp naturally but pound fisheries incubator of disease Get the primo fish and prim eggs but this is very hard on the fish. I don't understand how a pound fishery would work if they already know they didn't meet the GHL?
  - Eric Coonradt- Pound fishery takes a lot of planning on department as well as fisherman's part. Calling a fishery in a day would be problematic for everyone.
- Advisory Committee
  - Brad Shaffer- To some extent kelp fishery is still developmental in terms of no consistency. Trial and tribulation. My understanding of the market in terms of Hoonah there's only one buyer and very sensitive to demand. If all these people flood the area is that productive? How do we try to run a seine fishery and the pound fishery
  - John Murray- if there are extra fish they ought to go to the subsistence folks.
  - Tad Fujioka- remember talking about gear being left on the grounds up in Hoonah don't want to encourage this behavior closer to town
- Eric Jordan call to question, John Murray second
- Vote support- 0, oppose- 9,
  - **Motion to support Proposal 107 unanimously fails SITKA AC OPPOSES PROPOSAL 107**
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- Proposal 108
  - Not our area
- Proposal 109
  - No Comments
- Proposal 110
  - Motion to support 110 John Murray, second Joel Markis
  - Agency:
    - Eric Coonradt ADF&G- Allow closure of
      - Background- down in Craig after roe on kelp fishery in order to prosecute the fisher but did not have backing with regulation
      - Get down to 20 pound structures. Needed grounds for this legislation
      - All permit holders are equal, group of 6 people 2 pounds with a combination of people
  - Advisory Committee
    - Joel Markis- If too many people in the fishery to prosecute it how do we make a determination as to who can participate?
      - Eric Coonradt ADF&G



- By this reg- push people to operate in groups. Less pound structures less herring being taken. When people group up incentive on blade allocation.
- Stacy Wayne call to question, John Murray second
- Vote -support 9, oppose- 0
- **Motion to support Proposal 110 passes unanimously**
  - **SITKA AC SUPPORTS PROPOSAL 110**
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( Brad Shaffer leaves)

- Proposal 111
  - No comments
- Proposal 112
  - No comments
- **King conservation plan:**
  - AC fisherman and the public are interested in being provided the King Conservation Plan
  - Eric Jordan– we know the department is working on a King Conservation Plan for 2018 but do not know when they are going to share this information. May have to wait for some information until BoF meeting. Request to know when AC, fisherman and public and comment on the plan.
    - Grant Hagerman ADFG Troll biologist coming to speak to Conservation Plan December 20th
  - Erics letter-
    - Joel Markis- I would like to see preliminary information, This is coming quickly. Allow time for us to say something to the board
    - Eric Jordan- saying we want to be informed so that we can informed.
    - Joel Markis- adjust letter to say bring us in sooner on the development stage while they are working on things.
    - Jon Martin- Once this letter gets drafted, I will get it out for review by next Monday.
    - Harvey Kitka- I would like something available to the public.
    - Jon Martin- I am happy to share this with the tribe as well.
    - John Murray- Pretty sure required to have these things available two weeks before the meeting.
    - Eric Jordan- They are not planning to do that. Thus why this is a plan and not a proposal. Yes proposals are required to have time for review and comments. This is super important to have these ahead of time
- Adjorn Stacy Wayne called motion, Joel Markis second- time: 8:59pm
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Minutes Approved By: \_\_Full AC\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_Dec 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017\_\_\_\_\_



**Sitka Advisory Committee**  
**12/7/2017**  
**Harrigan Centennial Hall**

- I. Call to Order: [Time: 06:05pm] by [Eric Jordan]
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Tad Fujioka, John Murray, Dick Curran, Moses Johnson, Karen Johnson, Eric Jordan, Stacy Wayne, Joel Markis, Brad Shaeffer  
Members Absent: (Eric Jordan- substitute chair)  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8  
Guests Present: John Skeelee, Nina Maus  
List of User Groups Present: Gill Netter, and a Curious Community Member
- III. Approval of Agenda: John Murray, second- Tad Fujioka
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Unavailable due to timeline of meetings
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Eric Coonradt- ADF&G, Aaron Dupris- ADF&G
- VI. Guests Present:
- VII. Old Business:
  - Misc.
    - 159 – 161
    - **Proposal 159:** Prohibit the use of aircraft to spot for salmon. Change from prohibition from un-maned specifically to all aircraft
    - Call to support 159 Joel Markis, second Karen Johnson
      - Moses Johnson (AC): This was brought up last cycle and we voted not to ban them. We have four in local area but they don't cause much trouble. I don't think it's a problem yet.
      - Eric Coonradt (ADF&G)- speak to pilots every other day and do provide a large amount of information
      - Tad Fujioka (AC)- concern with enforceability
      - Eric Coonradt (ADF&G)- yes it would be very difficult to enforce

Chair Eric call the question-  
Vote- support-0, oppose- 7, abstain-1  
**Motion to support 159 Fails**  
**SITKA AC OPPOSES PROPOSAL 159**

    - **Proposal 160:**
    - Mo motion to support, John second



- Agency:
  - Eric Coonradt (ADF&G)- Nobody in the department would support the idea of being able to scrape streams.
- Public:
  - John Skeel- Speak to support 160- As a gillnetter- lots of people have gotten tickets in specific spot and were alarmed that it was being enforced. I think it's about this one area where the whole spot to fish would fall within the 500yds. Numerous small streams that gillnetters don't want to worry about
- Advisory Committee:
  - Tad- You are talking about Yankee Cove- which is not addressed in this proposal.
  - John Murray- Don't support this because sometimes those small streams may have fish running them.
  - Chair Eric Jordan call question
    - Vote to support: 0-support, 8-oppose
    - **Motion to support proposal 160 fails**
  - **SITKA AC OPPOSES PROPOSAL 160**
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- **Proposal 161:**
  - NO Comments, Not in our area- moving on
- Set Gillnet (Salmon)
  - **Proposal 162-165:**
    - All out of our area, bypass the pot
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- Purse Seine (Salmon)
  - 166 – 168
  - **Proposal 166:**
    - Motion to support John Murray, Tad Fujioka second
    - Agency-
      - ADF&G- There are 3 index areas in northern southeast. Augusta and Petersburg used to track pink run strength- This would create a 4<sup>th</sup> area. If necessary to open it we would do it ourselves. We have ability to open or close this area without it being an index area
    - Advisory Committee-
      - Tad Fujioka- Not only near point Augusta, also near test fisheries in Funter bay. N southeast inside humpy runs have been terrible in last few years. Adding any additional harvest like this seems like a bad idea.
      - Eric Jordan- I find it problematic in a number of respects, that and the sockeye issue in that area. The department already has the ability to open this but not need as an index area.
      - Moses Johnson- This came up before, like Eric said it's not really a need. This would mandate a weekly opener, and would put more pressure on the pinks and catch sockeye that would count against the cap. No need for this.



- Eric Jordan – chair call the question
- Vote support- 0, oppose- 8,
- **Motion to support 166 fails unanimously**

#### **SITKA AC OPPOSES PROPOSAL 166**

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#### ▪ **Proposal 167**

- Moses Johnson moves to support, Joel Markis second
- Agency:
  - ADF&G- The department already has ability to require fishing within 1.5 n mi or outside .5. Being locked in would make it hard to manage this area in the event of a large run. Removing department flexibility would make management difficult.
- Advisory Committee-
  - Moses Johnson – I am opposed to this. Part of gillnet/seine war. Already have a sockeye cap. Limit to .5 mi from the beach would really limit the seine fleet. Trying to limit sockeye offshore.
  - Tad- The proposer implies that it is about limiting the harvest of sockeye, but he is really trying to limit the harvest of DIPAC chum.”

- Chair Eric Jordan call question
- Vote- Support 0, oppose- 8
- **Motion to support Proposal 167 unanimously fails**

#### **SITKA AC OPPOSES PROPOSAL 167**

#### ▪ **Proposal 168**

- Moses Johnson move to support, Karen Johnson second
- Agency:
  - Eric Coonradt (ADF&G) similar to previous proposal where industry trying to close waters in that general area to conserve king salmon.
- Advisory Committee-
  - John Murray- What do you mean by industry? All combined?
  - Tad Fujioka- Given low pink returns expected in northern inside, do you expect any openings there in 2018?”
    - Eric Coonradt (ADF&G)- I am not sure that would fall to the Juneau manager, given escapement data. Augusta will likely open, but other areas it really depends. Although highly unlikely.
  - John Murray- More adult fish pass by in May and June.
    - Eric Coonradt (ADF&G)- Augusta index starts toward the end of June
  - Joel Markis- They would close those areas if need to right?



- Eric Coonradt (ADF&G)- I don't know about chinook. Sitka is lucky- no caps or treaty fish. But yes something would be done if catching lots of kings.
- Moses Johnson- I'm opposed to this- Seiners have been restricted completely! Have not been able to retain kings that we do catch. Kings come to the top on the pinks- throw them over and they swim off. With these areas, Augusta and Hawk Inlet- numbers for July 29<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. When they did retains them- 230,000 fish per boats 0 kings at point augusta. 12,000 fish per boat 0 kings. Only place where fish caught district 10- 40 kings total for all the boats, district 4 – 120 kings total, district 1 -10 fish, Only areas where kings were caught occurred outside of the Sitka Area. Only time I've seen juvenile Kings was in Hoonah sound and they mostly go through the net. Times I've fished Hawk inlet only seen them one season-early like end of June.
- John Murray- I hope this gets caught up in the conservation plan coming up. It's going to affect all the gear groups. If this is a valid concern, I would think it would be dealt with in the conservation plan. So will I oppose this because it should be dealt with in the upcoming plan.
- Brad arrives, Tad leaves
- Chair Eric Jordan calls question
- Vote support 0, oppose- 6 abstain- 2
- **Motion to support Proposal 168 fails**

### **SITKA AC OPPOSES PROPOSAL 168**

- Drift Gillnet (Salmon)
  - 169 – 171
  - **Proposal 169**
    - No Comments
  - **Proposal 170**
    - Move to support John Murray, second Stacy Wayne
    - Agency-
      - ADF&G- This proposal is taking from seiners and gives to gillnetters
    - Advisory Committee-
      - John Murray- I have concerns, some years the fish do go up along that mainland shore. Possibility of catching Taku kings which are not doing great. So opposed to this due to conservation concern.
      - Moses Johnson- This is a traditional seine area, I'm opposed to this. It's one of largest seine sections in district 10
      - Eric Jordan- District 8 targeting Stikine fish line right at edge of Thomas Bay. Gillnets would not fish north or west of Thomas bay but could fish east of Thomas Bay. This is designed thinking some of those fish would come around that way.



- Chair Eric Jordan- call question
- Vote Support 0, oppose 8
- **Motion to support 170 fails unanimously**

### **SITKA AC OPPOSES PROPOSAL 170**

- **Proposal 171**
- John Murray motion to support, Stacy Wayne second
  - Agency
    - ADF&G- this is requesting to extend the mesh restrictions in these areas for King Conservation
  - Public-
    - John Skeel -If it saves kings, Im in support of this. Im in support of that proposal 171
  - Chair Eric Jordon call question
  - Vote- support 8, oppose 0,
  - **Motion to support Proposal 171 passes unanimously**

### **SITKA AC SUPPORTS PROPOSAL 171**

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- New Business
  - Draft Letter input for Request to Department staff to release information on King Management Plan for review.
    - Eric Jordan- In the midst of a King crisis and we have heard that the department not going to release this ahead of time, and only release it on day of deadline for public comment. So asking for this information ahead of time to review
  - Motion to send it John, second Joel
  - Vote support-8, oppose- 0,
  - **Motion to send the King Management Plan letter passes unanimously**
- Letter about Herring,
  - Joel Markis- Suggestion to circulate this online and allow for edits and review. Bring it back to next meeting and adopt it or not. Working document.
- Next meeting Wednesday December 13th.
- Suggestion to prepare card from Sitka AC for Eric Coonradt
  - Stacy will get the card and bring it to next meeting for signing

Motion to adjourn 7:11pm Eric Jordan

VIII. New Business:



Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_Heather Bauscher\_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_Full AC\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_Dec 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017\_\_\_\_\_



**Sitka Advisory Committee Minutes  
December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Harrigan Centennial Hall**

I. Call to Order: by Jon Martin

II. Roll Call: Andrew Thoms

III. Members Present:, Jon Martin, Andrew Thoms, Tad Fujioka, Dick Curran, Karen Johnson, Moses Johnson, John Murray, Randy Gluth, Eric Jordan, Bradley Shaffer, Stacey Wayne

Members Absent: Jeffrey Feldpausch, Wayne Unger, Joel Markis, Brian Massey

IV. Approval of Agenda:  
Dick Curren, Stacy Wayne Seconds

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Randy Gluth moves to approve minutes of November 15<sup>th</sup>, Tad Seconds the motion.

VI. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Troy Tydingco – Sportfish ADFG

VII. Guests Present:

Tory O'Connell, Teresa Weiser, Bruce White, Bart Meyer, Nina Mouse, Harvey Kitka, Jean Arnold, Pat Alexander

VIII. Old Business:

- Letter drafted and sent on King Fish proposed regulation changes
- Letter drafted on herring concerns/discussion/sentiment from Sitka AC has been drafted.
  - Letter was read by Jon Martin
  - John Murray moved to adopt the letter and sent; Andrew Thoms seconded
  - Harvey Kitka commented on the letter that the letter is good and a step in the right direction because forage fish fisheries are suffering in many places
  - Pat Alexander of Alaska Native Sisterhood stated that she appreciated the letter as written and felt that it captured the breadth and width of testimony offer by community and AC members
  - Voted 11 in favor, 1 opposed
- Shrimp Subsistence Letter: Stacy Wayne outlined background information and state of Shrimp stocks in Hoonah Sound and very alarming concerns on the stock and need for actions to protect the Shrimp stocks in that body of water.
  - Proposed letter was read by Stacy Wayne
  - Discussion was held on editing the letter, sending the letter, and further action by AC





- Further action will be taken December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Proposal 116— Randy Gluth moved to reconsider, Luke Bastian seconded
  - Vote of 5 to reconsider-- failed
- Proposal 127—\_\_\_\_\_ moves to reconsider, Luke Bastian seconded
  - Vote of 5 to reconsider—failed
- Proposal 128—Luke Bastian moves, Stacey Wayne seconds
  - Vote of 5 to reconsider-- failed

## IX. New Business:

Alaska Board of Fisheries Southeast & Yakutat Finfish & Shellfish Proposals   January 11-23, 2018				
Prop .	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
<b>185</b> Increase opportunity to harvest salmon and allow additional gear types in the Southeastern Alaska Area personal use salmon fishery.				
	Oppose	0	12	Pro- none  Con: Has been proposed in past and BoF always turned down  Concern that it would open the door to chartering for P/U fishing such as is occurring on Copper River
<b>186</b> Define what constitutes a guest of a lodge, charter vessel, or other enterprise.				
	Support	7	1	4 abstain  Pro- proposal addresses a loophole where the sale of P/U shellfish is disguised by making the shellfish a "throw-in" on the sale of some other item.  Con- the definition that is proposed is circular: it just says that a guest is a somebody who is a guest. The intent might be good, but this definition doesn't solve the problem.
<b>195</b> Establish nonresident annual limits for sockeye salmon in Southeast Alaska Area salt waters.				
	Oppose	5	5	2 abstain  pro- proposed by Subsistence RAC-should take their proposals



Alaska Board of Fisheries Southeast & Yakutat Finfish & Shellfish Proposals   January 11-23, 2018				
Prop .	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
				<p>seriously</p> <p>Daily bag limit is 6 large sockeye and 10 small ones. The proposal would allow the harvest of 32 sockeye in total. Why would a non-resident need more than that?</p> <p>Residents bring their non-resident friends/family on subsistence or P/U sockeye trips and catch 6 extra fish and claim that the non-resident caught them sport fishing. This proposal would limit that.</p> <p>Have heard of charter boats taking clients to Redoubt Bay to snag for sockeye</p> <p>At last BoF cycle the board spent a great deal of time talking about diminished subsistence sockeye opportunity in Angoon area. Sockeye are in high demand by subsistence users.</p> <p>Con: The sport harvest of sockeye is small relative to total harvest, therefore current bag limits are working fine</p> <p>Most of sport harvest is from Yakutat; this isn't an issue in the rest of SE</p> <p>Don't think that this is necessary and is just one more regulation- don't like unnecessary regulations</p> <p>The typical charter operation catches very few sockeye- maybe one or two a year</p> <p>The only sockeye system in SE formally designated as a Stock of Concern is McDonald Lake</p>
<b>196</b>				Establish nonresident annual limits for sockeye salmon in Southeast Alaska Area fresh waters.
	Support	8	3	<p>1 abstain</p> <p>Discussion: Mostly same as 195, but recognition that non-resident's freshwater is highly concentrated on a few systems easily accessed from larger communities with airports. These</p>



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Prop .	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
				are also the same systems that resident non-commercial use is concentrated on, so even if the region-wide harvest is small, there can still be issues on specific local streams.
197				Simplify current freshwater sport fishing regulations for king salmon in freshwater drainages of the Sitka Sound Special Use Area.
	Support	12	0	Pro: Why not? These fish aren't supposed to be there anyway.  Con: Does anybody even catch 5 of them? Is there any need to change the limit?

Next meeting: Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017—6pm

Meeting after that—December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017—tentative discuss King Conservation plan

Adjournment: Moved to adjourn at 9:55

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_Andrew Thoms\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_Sitka AC\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017\_\_\_\_\_



**Sitka Advisory Committee  
December 14<sup>th</sup> 2017  
Centennial Hall @6pm**

- I. Call to Order: [Time 06:00 ] by [Jon Martin]
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: John Murray, Moses Johnson, Karen Johnson, Eric Jordan, Jon Martin, Brad Sheaffer, Randy Gluth, Jeff Feldspausch, Tad Fujioka, Dick Curran, Stacy Wayne  
Members Absent: Andrew Thoms, Wayne Unger  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8  
List of User Groups Present: Commercial Trollers, Public
- III. Approval of Agenda: Tad Fujioka, Randy Gluth Second
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>- Randy, Stacy second. Dec 13<sup>th</sup>- Randy, Stacy second.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: ADF&G Grant Hagerman, Rhea Ehresmann
- VI. Guests Present: Matt Donahoe, Chris Hanson, Fred Fayette, Randy Drake, Matt Lawrie, Jason Gjertstein, Brett Young, Tyler Green, Bart Meyer, Ceri Malein, James Fischer, Caven Pfeiffer,
- VII. Old Business:

Shrimp Letter- motion to discuss Eric, Stacy second

- a. Matt Lawrie- public member – I think it's good- appreciate the recommendation.
- b. Don't know what will bring the fishery around but something needs to be done
- c. Randy- there is decline and fishery is in jeopardy. Thanks Stacy for the work you did.
- d. Eric- Tori comments- rework the letter and send it on. Example of good work by the committee. Talk with biologist and have a public meeting to address conservation issue.
- e. Stacy- agenda change-not eligible now. Correct process to get in front of the board though. Turn to management does this warrant an emergency order? Tori and Linda mentioned does this community wish to host another public meeting and comment- so community informed and has a chance to give feedback.
- f. Public- Canadian- Egg limits? Would this be useful?
- g. Jeff- Tenakee- reopened, stocks seemed to be recovering. Not sure why that happened in the first place.
- h. Unanimous- send it on!



## VIII. New Business:

- Troll
  - 133- 134-
  - Proposal 133- motion to adopt Tad, John second
    - Department
      - Grant ADF&G- Changing management in 8 and 11. Basis for fishery opening and gear type on Regs discussed the proposal is more directed at Taku and Chilkat. We do address Stikine as well. It would change troll opportunities in certain area 9 12 14 in spring and change net fisher 15 11 8 depending on preseason forecast on systems listed here.
      - Private individual wrote this.
      - Concern is that they don't close sport fishing just commercial conservation must be holistic can't close it to one group pretend conservation when its actually allocation
    - Public Comments
      - Fred Fayette- Please vote against this should be the department making the decision not someone else putting this into law. If there are problems why aren't the talking about the whole sport fishing thing.
        - Grant ADF&G- we do have current regs in place over terminal fisheries and do deal with treaties for escapement before fishery occurs. This is a more restrictive way of dealing with it. Yes this does not mention sport. As far as troll goes this would close big parts troll areas for multiple species. Much of this can and is done by emergency order. We can already do this. Fully aware in advance.
    - AC comments
      - John- would you presume these plans would cover if what you have on the books is not enough? You mean action plan? Yes plan is already going to address this.
      - Eric- I agree [ Department has sufficient management authority to make sure this
        - This proposal would close all trolling in the affected districts, not just trolling for kings. We have existing chum fisheries in some of these places..."
      - Tad- Does the department agree with what the proposal says that 'Years of fishing on escapement...'"
      - Ive heard ocean survival is the problem not overharvest. ) Troll harvest already accounted for in projection.
      - Call to question Randy, second Karen
      - Vote support 0, oppose- 11 unanimous
      - **Motion to support Proposal 133 fails unanimously SITKA AC DOES NOT SUPPORT PROPOSAL 133**
  - Proposal 134
    - Motion to discuss Tad, second- Randy
    - NO rep present Territorial Sportsman
    - Agency-



- ADF&G- close troll april 15 through June 15<sup>th</sup>. Different by linking to Juneau area Taku river fish.
  - Public:
    - Department already has the authority to do what it needs to do. Don't need a reg for this.
  - AC
  - Tad: What does Juneau sport fishery mean?
  - Agency- large part of district 11 closed to sport fishery. We made some conservation restrictions and were concurrent actions with sport fish to be consistent. Same deal much is done by emergency order. The sport fishery has a substantial catch of Taku fish, hence the Emergency Order. This proposal asks for troll closures in areas with high effort on highly mixed stocks- not very high percentage of Taku fish caught in some of these areas."
  - John question, Randy- second
  - **Vote: Support- 0, oppose-11 unanimous—SITKA AC OPPOSES PROPOSAL 134**
- 172—184
  - Proposal 172
    - Discuss, john- Tad second
    - NO rep
    - Agency- r
      - ADF&G- Remove current restrictions in spring fishery. Right now harvest caps are based on hatchery fish percentage. Down in Ketchikan area this proposal would remove treaty cap restrictions. This is a direct migratory corridor of one of stocks of concern. Have had restrictions in those fisheries for unuk river for conservation. Having trouble with the hatchery fish but difficult time for that.
    - Matt- Charlies intent- board of SSRAA, Problems getting aquaculture fish. I think we opposed at ATA seems like we just cant do this right. Maybe in the future we can work to get better access to the hatchery fish but understand conservation concern.
    - Advisory Council
    - Eric- Real killer whale problem too- I oppose this'
    - **Tad- out of our area- Table Tad, second Eric SITKA AC TAKES NO POSITION ON PROPOSAL 172**
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  - Proposal 173- NSRAA troll reps
  - Motion to adopt Tad, second- Eric
    - Troll Rep- Eric- Chum troll plan adopted 6-9 years ago in Ketchikan, reason we adopted this so the department could manage hatchery fish in this area in icy strait. We catch mostly hatchery fish. Purpose is to roll this over. At present sunset every three years. This proposal removes sunset. Its gone on high percentage of hatchery fish. Very little by catch. Big problem chums are not always available to bit. No allocation or conservation concern in this area
    - Agency- no problems its worked well should continue.
    - Public- Support this. Going ahead we will need more opportunities other than wild fish.
    - Tad- I support this good opportunity for trollers we should support



- Motion to Stacy, second- Randy
- Vote support- 11, unanimous **SITKA AC SUPPORTS PROPOSAL 173**
- Proposal 174- NSRAA
- Motion Eric tad second
  - Sponsor Eric- southeast cove- should start having good returns start harvesting these fish. Enlarged the area based on advice of seiners over there. The proposal Give trollers an opportunity to harvest these chums as they are returning late june early july
  - Agency- new opportunity for toll fishery in face of conservation restrictions in the next few years. Could be a new fishery opportunity. Mostly no problem. Concern with size of area. Some wild system stocks that could be impacted. We could work out the details at the board of fish arena. It is a migration corridor for wild stocks headed to lynn canal. Potential for wild stock interception but early to tell could use more data on this.
  - Jeff Feldpausch- tag data does exist on these fish. North Chatham, icy straight. Does show some interception hatchery chum. Both seine and troll fishery
  - Public Comment- Troller perspective we support this. Whats happening with NSRAA and hatchery production. Allocation issue Troll way outside of there allocation going to be way worse (terminal areas don't work cant catch them) Cooperative attempt to deal with this and provide opportunity on non wild fish without inciting a gear war.
  - Matt Lawrie- important opportunity for trollers please support in faith that I will get worked out with department
  - AC
  - Tad- particularly if spring opportunities are going to become more limited
  - Call question Randy, second Stacy
  - Vote- support 11 unanimous **SITKA AC SUPPORTS PROPOSAL 174**
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- Proposal 175- put forth by department
  - John move to adopt, Randy second
  - Agency- oversight in development of management plan did not prohibit keeping kings on board no reg that say if area closed to chum can't have kings on board
  - Public – no comment
  - AC
  - Tad- amendment- “when fishing for chum salmon {in an area closed to king salmon}.
  - Agency- good catch
  - Amendment is good
  - Called question Randy, Jeff second
  - Vote on as amended support-11 unanimous **SITKA AC SUPPORTS PROPOSAL 175**
- Proposal 176- Tad, second Randy
  - ATA rep- Tad
  - ATA wanted to add Crawfish Inlet to the list of areas that are open to chum trolling during the time when most waters are closed to trolling due to concerns over coho.”



- Agency-
    - ADF&G- provide addition opportunity to trollers for chum salmon during Coho Closure. Not too much concern here
    - ( Eric Jordan left)
    - Public- support for same reasons
  - AC
  - Mo- concern with expanded line- Agency says should be free of wild fish. I was thinking more conservatively but did have concern with that expanded area.
  - Agency- SHA area? Outside the inlet? Trolling only in extra area. If there are problems agency could go to nonretention if there is an issue. Likely will be a learning curve as this is a new area.
  - John call queston Mo second
  - Vote support 10- unanimous **SITKA AC SUPPORTS PROPOSAL 176**
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- Proposal 177
  - Motion Tad, Randy second
  - Sponsor ATA- Tad- harvest hatchery Coho when traditionally closed to Coho which is for allocation and conservation issue. Now with Hatchery fish no conservation issue and there should be no allocation issue. Written to be very flexible. Able to be changed from year to year depending on how the Coho are coming back. When I drafted this, I had a few potential areas in mind. The first was in front of the Klawock Hatchery. Virtually no other hatchery stocks all klawock hatchery fish. Also thinking opportunity in Sitka Sound if Salmon lake fish do well. Might be opportunity in Deep Inlet too (THA) don't get to fish there often but if the one day a week happens during coho closure have to let those go.
  - Agency- fishery conducted during Coho conservation period and help Trollers get some allocation back. There is some concern of interception of wild stocks. Allows flexibility work with hatchery areas that department not as concerned about with good coho production. Flexibility allowed by this department could restrict boundaries to lessen concern.
  - Public- we support this. If department can work with this you should support it.
  - Advisory Council
  - John- this is already done like Hidden Falls?
  - Sort of- preseason we don't really know operating off of forecast. This would have to a preseason determination. Yes Hidden falls similar but has set boundaries and hasn't been very productive. Yes additional opportunity would be provided by this. Klawock release is having a huge impact on troll allocation. We could look to places like this to provide more opportunity.
  - Randy- I would like to see some more defined boundaries if we open this it could lead to some issues. Not sure if this is really something we should do.
  - Motion John, Randy
  - Vote support- 7, oppose 2, abstain- 1
  - Proposal 178 motion Randy, John second
  - Rep not here
  - Agency- line would be moved after reach a certain amount of hatchery fish.
  - Public Comment- Matt Donahue- when fishery closed early so many fish around trollers felt that the Sitka area to more than their share of the fish. More than half the boats fishing in the Sitka area not from Sitka. Not a valid comment. Also at that time





everyones catch was up. We have GHL in the winter when we catch that it closes. They caught the fish and they closed it. To close Sitka would reallocate fish to other areas. It would really hurt the area that established the winter fishery. We were not out of our historic percentage. Its an allocation issue and it doesn't happen very often. We/I oppose this.

- AC
- Tad- after looking at this. I can see this would not trigger very often. Leaving much of the sound open would help stretching the catch out could help with the price and spread out to more of the boats in the fllet. Smaller boats may have trouble fishing this line in bad weather
- Mo- Terrible proposal misor management 2allocatative in fish and boats. May have 150 boats on the line and then eliminate that line, they will go to craig, shilkof, coronation- these places cant handle that number of boats. Not enough fish for them too. This proposal cant handle prosperity. Better to catch the fish and then have the season close than to not get the quota. The fishermen are here because this is where the fish are,. this is where the herring area, that's why I live here that's why the fish get caught here. Spent hours on herring. There is a spring fishery for these boats. Don't want to see the winter fishery get turned into the spring fishery. Some of us like this winter fishery: less boats and the weather is bad and its fun. Don't want to be around all the other boats. Peaceful don't get the score but do just fine. If this is changed no area to go to get away. Not in favor of either of these.
- Matt- Public- this is draconian moving the line 10 miles, not insignificant very significant and
- Chris Hanson- I agree in Mo- I purposely invested in a boat that can fish the winter line. I moved my entire operation to fly fish from here and get best price for my fish this is why I am here.
- Mo- Fishery is already spread out over five months, plenty of time and plenty of opportunity as is.
- Call question Brad, Randy second
- Vote support 1, oposite 8, abstain- 1
  - Motion to support fails **SITKA AC OPPOSES PROPOSAL 177**
- Proposal 179
  - Motion to adopt Tad randy second
  - NO rep present
  - Agency-
  - Public- Proposers of this no longer support it. Its complicated. There are triggers based on percentages of catch. When number is reached on overall catch. Gave all areas other than Sitka an additional 5% and took away 10% from Sitka of historic winter catch. It's a reallocation of the winter fishery. The guys that propose this no longer support it because fo whats going on with King salmon. AC in Craig decided shouldn't supoport it this cycle. I don't support this its unfair and not logical another draconian move of the winter line. Its just a bad idea.
  - AC



- Tad- in comparison to last proposal much more complicated in appearance. Another way to disguise an attempt to hit Sitka. Sitka trigger way more sensitive than triggers in other areas. Cant confirm that intent.
- Matt- I can confirm it,
- Tad- I will not support this
- Mo- I don't support this- Line should be moved back out. People forget after a few nice weather years. Still have bad weather in April. Lots of good things have been doen to extend winter fishery already I don't think that needs to be done. I don't know about the part saying about the improvement in quality- fish are subject to bruising in bad weather. Haha.
- Matt- heck craig would have been closed last year under their own proposal
- Question Randy
- Vote support 0- , oppose 10 unanimous prop fails
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- Proposal 179  
Move Tad, Randy second

- Sponsor,Tad- catching more Columbia fish instead of local hatchery fish. Reduce triggers in years of high abundance. Could be concerns for wild stocks. Because spring fisheries are mangamend to take into consderations those concerns. Don't see a problem there. If there are concerns its flexible to close what you need to with Emergency Order.
- Agency- sveral years ago we did have issues with accessing hatchery fish because fo abundance of treaty fish. Spring troll harvest cap all determined by ak hatchery fish. Makes it difficult. Asking to liberalize this a bit and move to next teir for more fish. Liberalizing all harvest- concerns for all wild fish. Within treaty fish is also wild stock harvest. Yes monitored in season but def concerne in liberalizing this at a time of conservation concern.
- Public Comment- I support it.
- AC-
- John- May not matter with things that are about to happen. Motion to table, Randy second- no objects
- **SITKA AC OPPOSES PROPOSAL 179**
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- Proposal 181-
  - John Murray sponsor- 70- 60%
  - Motion to discuss Randy, Stacy second
  - John I would like to amend this- Take some time to look at these
  - Changing it to just make it a straight 60/40. Pulls the high abundance langue out and preseason abundance language out. There was a suggestion that I take this to BoF and use it as a vehiclle for further action. Felt strongly that it's a good idea. Doesn't necessarily hurt to put it in. For new fisherman and those that miss the first king opening. If you have more fish in August opening you could have another shot. Having that opportunity is important especially for up and comers. Helps giving them a foot up. Add into number 6- could help to support new fisherman coming into the fishery.



- Agency- Hes just pulling out the abundance trigger. So I think this is allocative. One thing that adding fish to august as a positive. Larger targets allow for longer fishing period. Longer openings allow for easier management and adjust accordingly. First opening can be really influenced by weather. Positive on this would be easier to hit our targets. Department has determined more wild fish are caught in August and harvest of wild fish could go up in August.
- Matt Public AT- At does not support a 60/40 or even 50/50. People have designed their opprtation for the 70/30 split. Department determined by genetic analysis August 9% says more wild fish. Wire tag data says August fishery has a lower percentage than July fishery. Another reason- same as way Craig dropped theirs. For trollers it's a divisive issue. We don't need to be divided further going into this BoF.
- Chris Hanson- not the time to go to this type of split. Would limit the departments ability to manage this. Depend on longer periods of July fishing. I don't see how this is a bargaining chip. Only people involved in this are trollers. Doesn't make sense to me.
- Matt=Next season looks pretty grim don't think we should making these changes right now, even though I do think the 60/40 split would be better. Better for price etc. It is just a bad time to adjust how the King fishery is done. Speaking against my own interests.
- Chris- We didn't get a second opener and I don't want a high percent taken away. It was bad enough to lose that 30 percent don't want any higher risk to lose. Not a good time. Low king abundance, not time to mess with percentage.
- Bart- I agree with John. My son just got a troller missed july opener here. This would be an improvement for my son to have opportunity in August. In the future people who gp to other areas and still wish to participate in troll fishery here would be beneficial.
- Matt- There are some that would prefer to take 100 in the first opener so as not to lose the percent that was meant for the second opener. Don't want a repeat of last year. I agree with Chris. Bad year for this proposal. Allocative because many boast don't fish second opener, go do tuna instead. Largest number of boats are in the first opening. Change the allocations to the boats.
- Randy- That's still related to a choice that the troller is making. Why is this divisive we are speaking to a preference. Should be irrelevant
- Matt Lawrie- has more to do with the area where the fish are caught than allocation
- Agency- Allocation- It could favor certain parts of the region due to where fish are at different times.
- Tad- I recall that the big winners were the southend guys, Sitka guys do pretty good cuz price is better. Didn't effect catch so much as better price per pound. IF there is concern that higher percentage of kings caught in July is spawning fish. May be better to catch more fish in August to have less impact on the fish stocks.
- Matt- Agency data is not done these thinsg are not published. They are supposed to have this available during comment period. Biggest problem the trollers have is that we don't have this information ahead of time. Very uncomfortable over this
- Agency- Backed up in publishing cuz we are short staffed with funding cuts.



- John Murray- In my experience there is not as much wiggle room with in season management in July. Usually less days than more days. I represent Sitka AC. I don't want to take it all in July. As far as allocation- its choice. Up to the boats. I agree with the August opener comment but that is a wild card. Hopefully that does not happen again
  - Stacy- Grant when you spoke to difficulty of management- Hard to set number fo days to hit target. Good to have more days- more survey time fly.
  - Chris we did 60% in 4 days, later on 21 days to catch.
  - Agency- one of the publications not published yet- mixed stock analysis- on average 05-2016 troll king fishery in july vs august is wild se stock. 6% in july 9% in August. Moving 10% into a time that would have more impact on wild se stock. Majoriy of the fish caught during these times are not Alaska fish.
  - Public- always division in how to do it get it done in the bignning g. Better to have the 60/40 split is what we have found over the years. If they think they are missing out that is their plan and their choice at that time of year. Should keep 60/40.
  - Matt Lawrie- I agree most people in Sitka would support this although I don't think I support the amendments. I liked the original plan because otherwise in years of low abundance it could be a disaster.
  - Public- most people in Sitka like the split season plan. Less spawners caught.
  - Mo- question for Grant 2015- summer quota and how much was it exceeded 60000 fish? Entire summer allocation taken in july. Target was exceed by 30 %
  - Mo Comments- If that happened in any other fishery lots of red flags and debate. Big supporter of the department that is significant. What the heck happened? Im in favor of the 60/40 it keeps getting brought up but always gets shot down. If second opener 10% larger it would be easier to hit that target rather than go over. May help in years of low abundance. Not an allocation issue it's a choice. Better to have lots of options. Take it from a seiner- overlap the opening is better because people spread out. It would be good for the troll fishery too. Help the management. If adjusted by 10% it will impact the seiners. Same if more the start date back. Im in favor of this. If you are having a conservation concern that's why you have two openers. Take it all now does not equal out to future fish. Worse attitude is that we are missing out and should have taken it then. No- if you take too much going to loose a lot more
  - Matt Donohoe- make up of the fish is the question.
  - Call the question Randy, second Brad
  - Vote as amended support 9, opposed-1
  - Motion to support passes **SITKA AC SUPPORTS PROPOSAL 181**
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- Proposal 182
  - Motion to adpt John, Tad second
    - Rep not available
    - Agency- We get lots of calls about how come we don't know when the closure will happen. Put in regs so people know if this will take into effect. We have a few assessments to decide with a conservation closure is needed. Juneau sport area evaluated as well. Adjust the start date of the second closure. If we know



early on we can open King retention period sooner better because earlier we decide that the more fish are around.

- Public- better to keep it as is and allow the flexibility with the department.
- Tad- steady decline in the kings that are out there the longer it takes to decide to open that. If we are concerned about our fish its better to allow catch earlier to get more Columbia river fish than Alaska fish.
- John- I agree with Fred- seems pretty limiting. I don't know why he even chose Tuesday.
- Randy calls question second Jeff
- Vote: support 0, oppose- 10 unanimous
- **SITKA AC OPPOSES PROPOSAL 182**

- Proposal 183
- Motion to discuss Tad, Randy second
- Agency- proposing here- there is a no trolling zone outside of the dangerous river in Yakutat because mouth of river moved and adjust boundary to reflect that. Southern boundary trying to move it westward another 2 mile- possible oversight. So this would decrease closed area to fix that from before.
- Public- 2 cycles ago. One or two or three rivers converged and protected area around Situk. Move marker to adjust closed area to reflect the river, but they did not adjust the other side. Restore the historic fishery. Area before sea tuck and ocean cape- very productive and very valuable ground. Asking for some of that back. Very weather sensitive area.
  - Brad Sheaffer left
- AC
- Jon- I think we should support other AC when they propose things like this
- Tad agree: Like require handtroll vessels being used to sport fish to cover up the "HT" letters that designate them as handtrollers."
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- John question Stacy second-
- Vote support 8, oppose- 0, abstain-1
- Proposal 184
- John motion Tad second
- Agency- allow downriggers in conjunction with sport rods as legal gear for hand trolling for spring and summer in addition to winter
- Public- Manual downriggers only?
- AC
- Randy- Any reason to not support this? Agency- use of downriggers would allow for more precision. Troopers generally oppose to keep separation between gear groups. Difficult to visually discriminate what they are doing. Increase in contact to figure out what they are doing. Could also impact visual surveys for sport vs commercial could artificially inflate commercial data which could impact harvest rates.
- Jon- There is a way to determine but would require more contact. Fin clip etc. Don't buy that concern.
- Tad- If you fly over the cape could determine vs Commercial based on how many appear to be mooching vs trolling. If your only issue is distinguishing hand troll vs sport. Add a provision to visually distinguish. Pretty solid ground to think Sitka hand troll fleet support this.



- Call to question Stacy, Jeff second
  - Vote support 9- passes unanimously **SITKA AC SUPPORTS PROPOSAL 183**
- December 20<sup>th</sup> Troll Proposals not necessary- we got through all of them. Grant to speak about King Conservation plan next Wednesday.
    - Grant- recommendation for King Conservation not established yet and they are not done with that yet. The Board has not yet seen the plan. We can absolutely answer questions about conservation and data and where the stocks are at. We could give a broad scope of what is being recommended the problem is the level of detail that could be addressed. Once it has been finalized it will come back to the AC to discuss.
    - If he is unable that meeting can be rescheduled
    - Can we use that time to discuss sport props that were not discussed
  - Adjourn Stacy, Randy second 08:55

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_Heather Bauscher\_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_Full AC\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_Dec 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017\_\_\_\_\_



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ADF&G Boards Support,

P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK, 99811-5526      Dec. 28, 2017

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In Option B, Specific Action To Implement the Objective: on page 20 & 21 of the Chilkat and King Salmon Rivers Stock Status and Action Plan 2018.

## 2. Troll Fisheries: Combination of **time and** area changes and closures.

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The winter troll closure, while having some benefits in late April for Unuk king salmon does not benefit Chilkat king salmon.

The summer troll opening delay will cause huge disruptions to the troll fishery to save no more than 10 Chilkat kings a year.

Eric Jordan, meeting chair as Chair and Vice Chair out of town





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In Option B, on page 14 of the Unuk River Stock Status and Action Plan 2018. Combination of Shaping and Closures

Winter Troll:

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The winter troll closure benefits Unuk king salmon in 113 after SW 16.

**Troll Detriments:** The summer troll opening delay will cause huge disruptions to the troll fishery to save few Unuk River spawning king salmon and could be better served by use of time and area king salmon non-retention after July 1.

Eric Jordan, meeting chair as Chair and Vice Chair out of town



**Upper Lynn Canal  
30 Nov. 2017  
Haines**

I. Call to Order: 7:01 by Tim McDonough

II. Roll Call:

Members	Present/ Absent/ Teleconference
Tim McDonough (TM) - Chair	P
Ryan Cook (RC) - Vice Chair	P
Derek Poinsette (DP) - Secretary	A
Darren Belisle (DB) - Skagway	T
Stuart DeWitt (SW) - Haines	P
Shannon Donahue (SD) - Haines	P
John Hagen (JH) - Haines	P
Daniel Hotch (DH) - Klukwan	A
Kip Kermoian (KK) - Haines	P
Will Prisciandaro (WP) - Haines	P
Luke Rauscher (LR) - Skagway	T

Members Present: 9

Members Absent: 2

Number Needed for Quorum: 6

Quorum Present: Yes

III. Approval of Agenda: agenda approved

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: approval of minutes of previous meeting tabled



V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Rich Chapel

VI. Guests Present: Brad Badger, John Norton, Bill Thomas, Joe Pascal

VII. Old Business: Rich Chapel presented to certificates of appreciation to chair Tim McDonough.

VIII. New Business:

**F&G report from Karl Koch**

Karl recapped the information gathered about changing the water fowl season. It was decided Stewart would contact other AC's, when he gets the contact list from Tim, and see if there could be unanimous support for requesting the Pacific Flyway Council to split the region. If garnered, and successful with getting the PFC to split the region, we would then put in a BOG proposal to change the season.

**AC rep to BOF meeting in Sitka**

No one but Ryan Cook expressed an interest in attending the Sitka BOF meeting as the ULC AC rep. so he was appointed to attend and report. Will P. will be attending the meeting as well but his expenses are covered by another organization.



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<b>Prop.</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b># Support</b>	<b># Oppose</b>	<b>AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes</b>
				[comments]
<b>54</b>				Reduce the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 240 pots.
	oppose	0	9	the regulation it fine, leave it as is
<b>55</b>				Increase the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 400 pots.
	oppose	0	9	same as 53. regulation is fine as it is. no chg necessary
<b>130</b>				Close subsistence fishing for salmon in Chilkat Inlet through July 15, and Chilkat River from June 15 to August 1.
	oppose	2	6	opposed -F&G already does this, those in favor want more protection for chilkat chinook salmon
<b>131</b>				Implement maximum gillnet mesh-size restrictions in the Chilkat Inlet and River subsistence salmon fishery.
	support	9	0	ULC AC's attempt to implement another conservation measure for failing Chilkat Chinook salmon in the Chilkat River
<b>132</b>				Amend sport king salmon regulations in Districts 11, 12, 14, and 15 based on the Taku River king salmon preseason escapement estimate.
	oppose	0	9	bad for Chinook enhancement
<b>133</b>				Base duration of commercial salmon troll and drift gillnet gear spring openings on preseason king salmon abundance projections.
	oppose	0	9	bad for Chinook enhancement



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<b>138</b>				Allow the retention of other salmon while fishing for king salmon with two rods.
	support	9	0	chance for Alaskans to keep a fish for food
<b>139</b>				Eliminate provisions for a rotational fishery in Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area and allow the department to manage the fishery in consultation with the hatchery operator.
	support	9	0	added gear group (gillnet) since it wasn't put in before makes it more fair
<b>140</b>				Prohibit use of drift gillnet gear for commercial salmon fishing in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area during the 2018–2020 fishing seasons.
	oppose	0	9	Don't need another seine only area that would impact local gillnet fishermen
<b>141</b>				Modify net rotation schedules for the commercial drift gillnet gear and purse seine gear salmon fisheries at Deep Inlet and Anita Bay terminal harvest areas.
	support as amended	9	0	ammend proposed language to read: Starting the EO of 2018 to the last EO of 2020, the rotation schedule would remain the same as the schedule that just sunsetted
<b>142</b>				Modify drift gillnet and purse seine fishing rotations in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.
	oppose	0	9	not right trying to change allocation value in just one area Regional Aquaculture Assoc. shouldn't be dealing w/ allocation issues
<b>143</b>				Change the time ratio for drift gillnet gear to purse seine gear openings in Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.
	oppose	0	9	status quo is working no need to change



Alaska Board of Fisheries Southeast & Yakutat Finfish & Shellfish Proposals   January 11-23, 2018				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
146				Do not include enhanced salmon produced by private nonprofit hatcheries in Southeastern Alaska Area Enhanced Salmon Allocation Management Plan gear-specific value allocations.
	support	9	0	agree with rationale given in proposal book.
155				Eliminate the wild sockeye salmon harvest limit for the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery.
	oppose	0	9	eliminating harvest limits will jeopardize escapement goals in N. SE
156				Change time period the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery wild sockeye salmon harvest cap is in effect to reflect current sockeye salmon run timing.
	support	9	0	this will enhance the conservation of Upper Lynn Canal wild sockeye
157				Include wild sockeye salmon harvested in the Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area in the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery wild sockeye harvest limit.
	support	9	0	It is working presently and should continue. this is a valuable management tool to help conserve Upper Lynn Canal sockeye
158				Include wild sockeye salmon harvested in the Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area in the wild sockeye salmon harvest limit for the commercial salmon purse seine fishery in District 12.
	support	9	0	same as #157
160				Allow commercial fishing for salmon in waters near selected streams in Boat Harbor, Anita Bay, Deep Inlet, and Nakat Inlet Terminal Harvest Areas up to a straight



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<b>Prop.</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b># Support</b>	<b># Oppose</b>	<b>AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes</b>
				line between the seaward extremities of the exposed tideland banks.
	support	9	0	it makes sense to address extremely small THA that get fished and come too close to non producing anadromous streams
<b>166</b>				Allow a weekly commercial fishery targeting pink salmon with purse seine gear in District 12.
	oppose	0	9	could impact north bound sockeye. unknown differences between sample sizes of "test" and "index " fisheries makes for confusion
<b>167</b>				Close waters beyond one half mile from shore in Districts 12 and 14 to commercial fishing for salmon with purse seine gear.
	support	9	0	agree with proposal rational - allowing more mixed stocks a chance to for escapement to N Lynn Canal river systems is positive
<b>168</b>				Close certain waters of Districts 12 and 14 to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear.
	support	9	0	all methods to help Chinook salmon must be pursued. this is the only gear group not called on to sacrifice
<b>173</b>				Allow commercial fisheries using troll gear to target enhanced chum salmon in Districts 12 and 14 to continue by removing the sunset provision.
	oppose	0	9	this could impact efforts for king salmon conservation
<b>175</b>				Implement a king salmon possession restriction for vessels participating in the enhanced chum salmon troll fishery.
	support	9	0	language clarification is good
<b>193</b>				Establish a personal use salmon set gillnet fishery in Section 15-A.





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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
	oppose	0	9	wrong to be asking for a single place/use subsistence area
194	Allow personal use fishing for salmon in District 15.			
	oppose	0	9	feel the opportunity already exists

Adjournment: 7:50 pm

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_Tim McDonough\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_ULC AC board by email\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_12/10/17\_\_\_



**Wrangell Fish & Game Advisory Committee**  
**Notes for Meetings**  
**November 9, November 21, and December 7, 2017**  
**Wrangell, Alaska**

**November 9, 2017**

- I. Call to Order: 7 PM by Chris Guggenbickler, Committee Chair
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: (14) Chris Guggenbickler, Brennon Eagle, David Rak, Mike Bauer, John Yeager, Scott McAuliffe, Brian Merritt, Otto Florschutz, Alan Reeves, Robert Rooney, Winston Davies, Jason Rooney, Janis Churchill, Brett Stillwaugh  
Members Absent: (3) Tom Sims, Marlin Benedict, Bill Knecht,  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: eight (8)  
List of User Groups Present: NA
- III. Approval of Agenda: Elections and Board of Fish SE Proposals
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tom Kowalske
- VI. Guests Present: Jim Nelson, Joe Boggs, Wrangell Sentinel, KSTS Radio, Martin Hutten, Joe Delabruue, Austin O'Brien
- VII. Old Business: NA
- VIII. New Business: Elections, Reports, and Board of Fish SE Proposals 53 through 93.



## ELECTIONS

Motion to nominate by Otto Florschutz, Second by Mike Bauer

Nominations	Number of votes
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Chris Guggenbickler	17
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Alan Reeves	17
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Marlin Benedict	16
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Brian Merritt	15
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Bill Knecht	9
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Brett Stillwaugh	8
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Janice Churchill	5
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Nomination of current officers: Chris Guggenbickler, Chair; Brennon Eagle Vice -Chair; David Rak Secretary. All members agreed by voice to continue with current officers.

Brett Stillwaugh and Janice Churchill will serve as Alternate Members to the Wrangell AC for one year.

## REPORTS

- Forest Service law enforcement officers (LEO) Nelson and Boggs reported on observations of nets and people participating in the Federally permitted subsistence salmon fishing on the Stikine River in 2017.
- John Yeager, Wrangell representative to the Federal subsistence Rural Advisory Council (RAC) reported about the RACs action on the Wrangell AC proposal to a change to the federal designate hunter regulations. The RAC voted down the proposal to limit the number of persons a designated hunter could hunt for. There is no established or documented conservation concern for deer in GMU 3, and there is no biological problem with the deer population under the current 2 buck limit. Most other communities in SEAK do not have as large a number of deer harvested by designated hunters as there is in Wrangell.

John also noted a problem in the State deer harvest reporting system. The recipient of the deer (not the designated hunter killing the deer) should report the deer harvest to the State. When the recipient signs on to report the harvest and answers “No” to the first question “Did you hunt deer?” no further reporting is allowed. In many cases the deer harvested by the designated hunter is not reported to the State, and it is suspected that is a significant number of unreported deer kills. A proposal is needed to correct/tighten the reporting requirements.



## November 21, 2017

- I. Call to Order: 7 PM by Chris Guggenbickler, Committee Chair
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: (9/8) Chris Guggenbickler, David Rak, Marlin Benedict, Bill Knecht (stepped down), Mike Bauer, Scott McAuliffe, Robert Rooney, Jason Rooney, Janis Churchill  
Members Absent: (8) Brennon Eagle, Tom Sims, John Yeager, Brian Merritt, Otto Florschutz, Alan Reeves, Winston Davies, Brett Stillwaugh  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: eight (8)  
List of User Groups Present: NA
- III. Approval of Agenda: Board of Fish SE Proposals
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tom Kowalske, Dave Bozman
- VI. Guests Present:
- VII. Old Business: Committee Chair Chris Guggenbickler informed the Committee that member Bill Knecht (who was recently re-elected to the AC) had been found guilty of a hunting violation: Shooting a deer from a road. Bill spoke with the Committee about his recent violation and guilty plea. All visitors and Bill left the room so the committee could meet in executive session. When the meeting was reopened, Chris asked Bill to step down from the Committee for one year, effectively immediately. Bill would be welcome to stand for election to the AC in the fall of 2018. This is Bill's second violation while being a member of the AC. He received a similar one-year suspension from the AC after his previous violation. Bill remained at the meeting but was not counted within the quorum of voting members during the remainder of the meeting.
- VIII. New Business: Reported harvest of bull elk on Northerly or Southerly Island in St John's Harbor, Zarembo Island. The loop hole in the regulations which closes Zarembo Island to the taking of elk will be addressed through an Emergency Order.

Board of Fish SE Proposals 93 through 170.



## December 7, 2017

- IX. Call to Order: 6:30 PM by Chris Guggenbickler, Committee Chair
- X. Roll Call:
  - Members Present: (11) Chris Guggenbickler, Brennon Eagle, David Rak, Marlin Benedict, Scott McAuliffe, Brian Merritt, Alan Reeves, Robert Rooney Winston Davies, Jason Rooney, Brett Stillwaugh
  - Members Absent: (4) Janis Churchill, Tom Sims, John Yeager, Otto Florschutz
  - Number Needed for Quorum on AC: eight
  - List of User Groups Present:
- XI. Approval of Agenda: Board of Fish SE Proposals
- XII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA
- XIII. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tom Kowalske, Dave Bozman
- XIV. Guests Present: Tony Guggenbickler, Austin O'Brien, Jim Nelson
- XV. Old Business:
- XVI. New Business: Board of Fish SE Proposals 171 through 205, plus 234 and 235, and tabled proposal 85



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<b>Prop.</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b># Support</b>	<b># Oppose</b>	<b>AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes</b>
<b>53</b>				Clarify regulations related to the sale of buoy tags to commercial Dungeness crab fishery permit holders.
	N/A			
<b>54</b>				Reduce the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 240 pots.
	S	14	0	Motion to Adopt: Brennon 2 <sup>nd</sup> : David Reduction in number of crab pots is needed because there has been a reduction in the areas to be fished due to sea otters and other area closures. The reduction would equally affect all permit holders proportionately. Also, there has been a loss of gear due to gear being set over other gear. It is expected that the level of crab harvest would remain about the same fishing less pots.
<b>55</b>				Increase the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 400 pots.
	O	0	14	Motion to Adopt: Brennon; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Brian See discussion for proposal #54. The number of crab pots needs to decrease, not increase.
<b>56</b>				Close waters of Twelvemile Arm to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab.
	O	0	14	Motion to Adopt: Brennon; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Otto The AC opposes closure of areas to one group while allowing special fishing areas for another group and setting up a private or selective district. If there is enough crab in an area for one group to harvest, there is enough for all groups to have an opportunity to harvest there too.
<b>57</b>				Close waters in the Klawock vicinity to sport fishing for Dungeness crab.
	N/A			
<b>58</b>				Close waters in the Klawock vicinity to sport fishing for Dungeness crab.
	N/A			
<b>59</b>				Close the Yakutat Area Dungeness crab sport fishery.
	N/A			



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<b>60</b>				Establish a guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery in Sitka Sound.
	N/A			
<b>61</b>				Expand waters of king and Tanner crab Registration Area A to include all waters from zero to 200 miles offshore.
	N/A			
<b>62</b>				Expand waters of king and Tanner crab Registration Area D to include all waters from zero to 200 miles offshore.
	N/A			
<b>63</b>				Open an exploratory commercial red king crab fishery in specific areas during years of low estimated abundance.
	O	0	14	Motion to Adopt: Otto; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mike The exploratory harvest makes little sense. If there are not enough king crab in the northern area, should not open the southern area to all indefinitely until the quota is caught. The limited crab stocks will not be able to handle the harvest pressure.
<b>64</b>				Manage the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial red king crab fishery under an equal quota share when harvestable surplus is less than 200,000 pounds.
	N/A			
<b>65</b>				Expand fishing area for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.
	N/A			
<b>66</b>				Implement weather-related fishery closure delays for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.
	N/A			
<b>67</b>				Establish a regulatory closure date for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.
	N/A			
<b>68</b>				Define methods used to set guideline harvest levels in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery.
	N/A			



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<b>69</b>				Reduce Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery guideline harvest ranges.
	N/A			
<b>70</b>				Reduce the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial golden king crab fishery pot limit from 100 pots per vessel to 80 pots per vessel.
	N/A			
<b>71</b>				Allow operation of commercial, subsistence, sport, or personal use pots in the 14 days after closure of the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery.
	N/A			
<b>72</b>				Re-define 'non-core' areas and define 'exploratory' areas in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery.
	N/A			
<b>73</b>				Manage the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Tanner crab fishery using an equal quota share.
	N/A			
<b>74</b>				Establish a tanner crab fishery in a section of the Yakutat District.
	N/A			
<b>75</b>				Reopen the personal use shrimp fishery in Section 11-A.
	N/A			Should not be a BOF decision. Should be a local management decision.





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76				Establish mesh size requirements for Southeast Alaska Area sport fishing shrimp pots.
	S/A amended twice	14	0	<p>Motion to Adopt: Brennon; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brian</p> <p><u>Amendment 1</u>: The mesh size requirement needs to include sport, personal use and subsistence uses.</p> <p>Motion to Amend 1: Brennon; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Otto</p> <p>Amended 1: Favor: 13; Oppose: 0; Abstain 1</p> <p>Discussion: Favor proposal because escape of small shrimp has proven to be beneficial for the shrimp population, and could reverse a declining trend in shrimp stocks. There needs to be a limit on personal use and subsistence harvest to either 20 pounds per licensed person per day; or 20 pounds per boat per day (about a five-gallon bucket). This would be easier to enforce than the number of posts being fished. Does the State have any data for sport, personal use or subsistence shrimp harvest? Without that harvest data, the limit would not be adopted. It was noted the Feds would not support a limit on subsistence harvest.</p> <p><u>Amendment 2</u>: Shrimp harvested by pot is limited to five gallons of shrimp per person per day.</p> <p>Motion to Amend 2: Brennon; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Otto</p> <p>Amendment 2: Favor: 14; Oppose: 0; Abstain 0</p> <p>Discussion: A bag limit needs to be set.</p>
77				Amend shellfish methods and means and rescind unnecessary abalone regulations.
	N/A			



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<b>78</b>				Add sections for Districts 6, 8, and 10 and provide shrimp fishery guideline harvest ranges for the new areas.
	S/A	13	0 Abstain 1	Motion to Adopt: Brennon; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : John <u>Amendment</u> : Change Section 6-B, 6-C, 6-D combined: from 0-60,000 to 0 – 75,000 pounds of spot shrimp. Motion to Amend: Brennon; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Brian As Amended: Favor: 13; Oppose: 0; Abstain 1 Discussion: District 8 would be split into north and south for shrimp. The north portion would include a part of district 10, and the south would include a part of district 6. Favor management continue as it has historically been managed, but need a looser increase bump up over 60,000 pounds.
<b>79</b>				Repeal winter commercial shrimp fishery and modify fishing season for the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial shrimp fishery to avoid egg bearing shrimp.
	O	0	12 Abstain 2	Motion to Adopt: Brennon; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Brian The Department is developing a good data set for the management, If the fishery is changed it would invalidate or disrupt the data set. Also, if the females are killed in April, or the females are killed in the summer, it is still killing the females and removing them from the population. It would not be a good action.
<b>80</b>				Reduce the maximum number of pots per vessel, limit the number of pots per string and pot spacing, and limit gear to one operation cycle per day in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial shrimp fishery.
	O	0	14	Motion to Adopt: Otto; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Alan Each shrimp fisher has their own way to conduct their operation with in the current regulation, and that variability should continue. No support for regulation on pots per string and pot spacing. The proposed change would disrupt the Department's data set for the fishery.



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<b>81</b>				Allow commercial shrimp pots in the Southeastern Alaska Area to be pulled only one time per day.
	O	0	14	Motion to Adopt: Brennon; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Brian The proposed change would disrupt the Department's data set for the shrimp fishery. Need to maintain the current fishing method to maintain the data set. There is no need to make each boat less efficient to decrease the fishery. Need to limit the number of boats in the fishery. No support for requiring the recording of the lat/long each time a shrimp pot is pulled.
<b>82</b>				Close the Section 11-A commercial shrimp fishery.
	O	0	13 Abstain 1	Motion to Adopt: Otto; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Brennon There is opposition to closing the area. The few shrimpers who fish there would just go to another area if that area is closed. Not catching shrimp in the area for one year is not an adequate reason to close the area. Shrimp move or simply do not get caught for any number of reasons.
<b>83</b>				Close waters of Section 11-A to commercial fishing for shrimp and red king crab.
	O	0	13 Abstain 1	Motion to Adopt: Otto; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Alan There is opposition to closing the area same as proposal #82. The few boats who fish there would just go to another area if that area is closed. Not catching shrimp in the area for one year is not an adequate reason to close the area. Shrimp move or simply do not get caught for any number of reasons. Also, the proposed change would disrupt the Department's data set for the fishery.
<b>84</b>				Close additional waters in District 2 to commercial pot shrimp fishing.
	O	0	14	Motion to Adopt: Brennon 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Otto There is opposition to closing the area same as proposal #82. The few boats who fish there would just go to another area if that area is closed. Not catching shrimp in the area for one year is not an adequate reason to close the area. Shrimp move or simply do not get caught for any number of reasons.



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<b>85</b>				Expand current beam trawl shrimp fishery logbook requirement to cover all fishing areas.
	N/A			11/9/17 Currently log books are required for non-traditional area, not for traditional areas. If ADF&G is looking to determine the catch per unit of effort industry feels the logbook reporting data should be modified. 12/7/17 The Wrangell AC requests the ADF&G to work with the shrimpers on log book requirements. Volumes of precise lat./long. coordinate data may be an excessive unnecessary burden on fishermen.. Shrimpers would support a workgroup with the department to form a reasonable log book reporting requirement of valuable information that is not overly time consuming to fill out.
<b>86</b>				Open fishing areas deemed to have stable sea cucumber populations to commercial harvest of sea cucumbers without a pre-fishery stock assessment survey.
	N/A			
<b>87</b>				Open waters of a number of fishing areas previously closed to commercial sea cucumber harvest.
	N/A			
<b>88</b>				Modify the method for establishing the guideline harvest level in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial sea cucumber fishery.
	N/A			
<b>89</b>				Modify the method for establishing the guideline harvest level in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial geoduck fishery.
	N/A			
<b>90</b>				Open previously non-surveyed fishing areas to a limited commercial harvest of geoducks without a pre-fishery stock assessment survey.
	N/A			
<b>91</b>				Establish a weekly geoduck harvest limit of 1,000 pounds per diver in the Southeastern Alaska Area.
	N/A			
<b>92</b>				Remove guideline harvest range for District 16 scallops and set one guideline harvest range for all of Scallop Registration Area D.



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	N/A			
<b>93</b>				Establish a commercial fishery for squid, using purse seine gear, in the Southeastern Alaska Area.
	N/A			There is a concern for incidental mortality of King Salmon from the fishery.
<b>94</b>				Reduce the amount of herring spawn reasonably necessary for subsistence in Sitka Sound.
	N/A			
<b>95</b>				Repeal the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Sections 15-B and 15-C.
	N/A			
<b>96</b>				Repeal the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Section 11-A.
	N/A			
<b>97</b>				Open the Southeastern Alaska Area winter commercial food and bait herring fishery on December 1.
	N/A			
<b>98</b>				Reduce harvest rate for commercial herring fisheries in the Southeastern Alaska Area.
	N/A			
<b>99</b>				Reduce maximum harvest rate used to establish the commercial sac roe herring fishery guideline harvest level in Sections 13-A and 13-B from 20% of the spawning biomass to 10% of the spawning biomass.
	N/A			
<b>100</b>				Amend formula used to calculate guideline harvest levels for the commercial herring sac roe fishery in Sections 11-A, 15-B, and 15-C.
	N/A			
<b>101</b>				Reduce bait fishery harvest limit in the Section 3-B commercial herring spawn on kelp fishery.
	N/A			
<b>102</b>				Reduce herring bait fishery harvest limit and increase spawn on kelp herring fishery harvest limit in Section 3-B.
	N/A			



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<b>103</b>				Reduce the Section 3-B winter bait herring fishery harvest limit and increase the Section 3-B spawn on kelp herring fishery harvest limit.
	N/A			
<b>104</b>				Repeal closed waters in the District 13 commercial herring fishery.
	N/A			
<b>105</b>				Expand closed waters in the District 13 commercial herring fishery.
	N/A			
<b>106</b>				Expand closed waters in the District 13 commercial herring fishery.
	N/A			
<b>107</b>				Establish a herring spawn on kelp commercial fishery in Sections 13-A and 13-B.
	N/A			
<b>108</b>				Expand the open area for the spawn on kelp herring pound fishery in Section 3-B.
	N/A			
<b>109</b>				Allow no more than four Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holders to operate in a single pound structure in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery.
	N/A			
<b>110</b>				Allow the department to close fishing to some herring pound types to manage the fishery within the allowable guideline harvest level.
	N/A			
<b>111</b>				Define and allow closed half pound structures in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery.
	N/A			
<b>112</b>				Use a conversion factor applied to final product weight to determine harvest in the Southeastern Alaska Area herring spawn on kelp fishery.
	N/A			



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113				Expand description of allowable groundfish parts that may be used as bait.
	N/A			
114				Allow the transport of live groundfish for the purposes of export or sale for human consumption.
	N/A			
115				Create a new commercial fishery for spiny dogfish sharks using pot gear in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area.
	N/A			
116				Establish a regional sablefish nonresident annual limit.
117				Allow pots as a legal gear type in the Southeastern Alaska Area personal use sablefish fishery.
	O	0	8	Motion to Adopt: Mike; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Marlin The use of a pot for personal use sable fish would require a very heavy pot to fish 200 fathoms. Very few people would benefit and bycatch could be a problem.
118				Change the season opening date for the Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict commercial sablefish fishery to coincide with the federal sablefish fishery.
	N/A			
119				Amend gear and season dates for Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict commercial sablefish fishery.
	N/A			The Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict for sable fish equates to Clarence Straits. The proposal would change dates of the fishery to align with the Federal regulations and add pots to the fishery.
120				Modify fishing seasons in the Southern Southeast Inside Subdistrict commercial sablefish fishery to allow concurrent fishing with pot and longline gear.
	N/A			
121				Allow Southern Southeast Inside permit holders the option of using longline or pot gear for sablefish.
	N/A			
122				Base guideline harvest limits for the commercial sablefish fishery on federal survey data.



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	N/A			
<b>123</b>		Increase the minimum retention size for lingcod in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area commercial fishery.		
	S	6	2	Motion to Adopt: Scott; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Marlin Support increasing the minimum retention for commercial lingcod up to the minimum sport slot limit of 27" to 30". Very few fish would be affected.
<b>124</b>		Allow the sale of up to two lingcod taken as bycatch in the commercial salmon troll fishery in Sitka Sound.		
	O	0	6 Abstain 2	Motion to Adopt: Mike; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Marlin Lingcod population do need some help through conservation. The proposal could save some lingcod in Sitka Sound, but there are not that many lingcod there. Wrangell AC would prefer to let the Sitka AC deal with the problem.
<b>125</b>		Repeal mandatory retention requirements for nonpelagic rockfish.		
	S	6	1 Abstain 1	Motion to Adopt: Scott; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Marlin It makes no sense to retain/keep/kill very small rock fish until the catch limit is reached. There may be high mortality with rock fish released to depth, but some do remain alive.
<b>126</b>		Require all anglers to release nonpelagic rockfish at depth with a deepwater release mechanism.		
	S	6	2	Motion to Adopt: Mike; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Marlin All fishers should be required to release rock fish to depth, not just charter boats. If a boat targets rock fish they should be required to have the mechanism on board to release the rock fish at depth.
<b>127</b>		Establish provisions for reducing the resident pelagic rockfish bag limit in Central Southeast Outside waters.		
	N/A			
<b>128</b>		Reduce the pelagic rockfish limits in the Sitka Area.		
	N/A			
<b>129</b>		Reduce the trip limit in the East Yakutat Section and clarify trip limits in the Southeast District and East Yakutat Section commercial demersal shelf rockfish fishery.		
	N/A			





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<b>130</b>				Close subsistence fishing for salmon in Chilkat Inlet through July 15, and Chilkat River from June 15 to August 1.
	N/A			
<b>131</b>				Implement maximum gillnet mesh-size restrictions in the Chilkat Inlet and River subsistence salmon fishery.
	N/A			
<b>132</b>				Amend sport king salmon regulations in Districts 11, 12, 14, and 15 based on the Taku River king salmon preseason escapement estimate.
	N/A			
<b>133</b>				Base duration of commercial salmon troll and drift gillnet gear spring openings on preseason king salmon abundance projections.
	O	0	8	Motion to Adopt: Marlin 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mike Tom Kowalske reported that the preseason projection is used to start the season. If the run is small, not many fish would be caught in an early fishery. There is distrust in the preseason estimates to manage the fishery, by precluding early test fisheries the department would lose the tools to actually manage the fishery. Using the preseason is needed because it may be July before managers get the midseason estimates to use. Still a strong lack of confidence in managing to the preseason forecast.
<b>134</b>				Close the spring commercial salmon troll fishery in Districts 9, 12, and 14 when the Juneau area sport fishery is closed to protect king salmon.
	N/A			
<b>135</b>				Modify lawful gear for subsistence salmon fishing in Yakutat Bay.
	N/A			
<b>136</b>				Extend the area closed to sport fishing downstream and upstream of the Situk River weir during June and July.
	N/A			



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<b>137</b>				Increase the regional resident king salmon possession limit when the Southeast Alaska Area preseason king salmon abundance index is greater than 2.0.
	N/A			
<b>138</b>				Allow the retention of other salmon while fishing for king salmon with two rods.
	N/A			Don't need two rods to catch Coho. Can only keep King salmon when fishing with two poles.
<b>139</b>				Eliminate provisions for a rotational fishery in Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area and allow the department to manage the fishery in consultation with the hatchery operator.
	N/A			Would put a gillnet on the list for harvest at Southeast Cove near Kake.
<b>140</b>				Prohibit use of drift gillnet gear for commercial salmon fishing in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area during the 2018–2020 fishing seasons.
	O	2	2 Abstain 4	Motion to Adopt: Rob; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mike If gillnets were prohibited in Anita Bay for the terminal harvest fishery of SSRAA enhanced fish, the Wrangell gillnetters would need to travel to Juneau to fish DIP&C salmon in order to get a fair share of the 3% paid for aquaculture programs. SSRAA pays their bills with cost recovery fisheries and the 3% salmon enhancement tax.
<b>141</b>				Modify net rotation schedules for the commercial drift gillnet gear and purse seine gear salmon fisheries at Deep Inlet and Anita Bay terminal harvest areas.
	N/A			Would change the gillnet and seine gear rotation in Anita Bay.
<b>142</b>				Modify drift gillnet and purse seine fishing rotations in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.
	N/A			Proposal has been pulled by the NSRAA Board
<b>143</b>				Change the time ratio for drift gillnet gear to purse seine gear openings in Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.
	N/A			
<b>144</b>				Allow increased commercial salmon fishing opportunity with troll gear in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.
	N/A			



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<b>145</b>				Allow commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear in the Nakat Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.
	N/A			
<b>146</b>				Do not include enhanced salmon produced by private nonprofit hatcheries in Southeastern Alaska Area Enhanced Salmon Allocation Management Plan gear-specific value allocations.
	N/A			
<b>147</b>				Amend Mist Cove salmon closure to allow for taking of salmon with fly fishing gear and prohibit snagging.
	N/A			
<b>148</b>				Expand the Herring Bay Sportfish Terminal Harvest Area to provide additional sport fishing opportunity for hatchery-produced king salmon.
	O	0	8	Motion to Adopt: Mike; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Rob The Herring bay SSRAA release site already extends out into the Bay. Sport fishers already have access to SSRAA hatchery King salmon without increasing area.
<b>149</b>				Extend the closing date for salmon harvest by the hatchery permit holder in Deep Inlet Special Harvest Area.
	N/A			
<b>150</b>				Establish a special harvest area in Crawfish Inlet.
<b>151</b>				Establish a terminal harvest area and management plan for Carroll Inlet.
	N/A			
<b>152</b>				Update area description and coordinates of the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area boundaries.
	N/A			Regulatory markers on land take president over coordinates described in the regulation book.
<b>153</b>				Repeal the District 1 Pink Salmon Management Plan.
	N/A			



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154				Establish a management plan for pink salmon in Lower Clarence Strait.
	N/A			
155				Eliminate the wild sockeye salmon harvest limit for the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery.
	N/A			
156				Change time period the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery wild sockeye salmon harvest cap is in effect to reflect current sockeye salmon run timing.
	N/A			
157				Include wild sockeye salmon harvested in the Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area in the District 12 commercial salmon purse seine fishery wild sockeye harvest limit.
	N/A			
158				Include wild sockeye salmon harvested in the Amalga Harbor Special Harvest Area in the wild sockeye salmon harvest limit for the commercial salmon purse seine fishery in District 12.
	N/A			
159				Prohibit the use of all aircraft used to locate salmon or direct commercial fishing operations during open commercial salmon fishing periods in the Southeastern Alaska Area.
	N/A			
160				Allow commercial fishing for salmon in waters near selected streams in Boat Harbor, Anita Bay, Deep Inlet, and Nakat Inlet Terminal Harvest Areas up to a straight line between the seaward extremities of the exposed tideland banks.
	S	6	0 Abstain 2	Motion to Adopt: Scott; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mike The issue is restrictions for ADF&G cataloged fish streams that are within terminal harvest areas. There is a cataloged fish stream with the Anita Bay terminal harvest area. The proposed change would allow fishing, within a terminal harvest area, within the 500 yards



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				general prohibited at the mouth of a AWC stream. If the stream, within the terminal harvest area, is of concern it will have regulatory markers.
<b>161</b>				Update commercial salmon fishery closed waters coordinates in Whitewater Bay.
	N/A			
<b>162</b>				Open additional fishing area in the remainder of the Yakutat District as mitigation for king salmon conservation closures around the Situk and Lost Rivers.
	N/A			
<b>163</b>				Continue to allow set gillnet gear permit stacking in the Yakutat Area, by removing the sunset provision.
	N/A			
<b>164</b>				Update commercial salmon fishery closed waters description at the mouth of the Situk River to provide a more accurate description of current closed waters.
	N/A			
<b>165</b>				Change commercial salmon fishery closed waters description for Tsiu and Tsivat Rivers to more accurately reflect current stream mouth location.
	N/A			
<b>166</b>				Allow a weekly commercial fishery targeting pink salmon with purse seine gear in District 12.
	N/A			
<b>167</b>				Close waters beyond one half mile from shore in Districts 12 and 14 to commercial fishing for salmon with purse seine gear.
	N/A			
<b>168</b>				Close certain waters of Districts 12 and 14 to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear.
	N/A			
<b>169</b>				Open Section 6-D the second Sunday of June to commercial fishing for salmon with drift gillnet gear.
	N/A			



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<b>170</b>				Open a portion of District 10 the third Sunday of June to commercial fishing for salmon with drift gillnet gear only.
	N/A			
<b>171</b>				Add District 6 to the mesh-size restriction area and allow implementation of the mesh-size restriction for an additional month.
	S	11	0	Motion to Adopt: Brennon; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Brian Adding gear mesh size to the list of items, which includes time and area, available to ADF&G would be another tool in the tool box available to manage the fishery in District 6.
<b>172</b>				Remove restrictions on harvesting non-Alaska hatchery-produced salmon in the spring commercial salmon troll fishery on the Gravina Island shore.
	N/A			
<b>173</b>				Allow commercial fisheries using troll gear to target enhanced chum salmon in Districts 12 and 14 to continue by removing the sunset provision.
	N/A			
<b>174</b>				Establish commercial fisheries targeting enhanced chum salmon using troll gear in portions of Districts 9 and 10.
	N/A			
<b>175</b>				Implement a king salmon possession restriction for vessels participating in the enhanced chum salmon troll fishery.
	S	10	0 Abstain 1	Motion to Adopt: Brian; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Brennon As king salmon are a species of concern for conservation in the chum salmon troll fishery, king salmon should not be retained on board. And whereas, king are not often caught on chum salmon troll gear, the proposed regulation should not have an adverse effect or change to the chum fishery.
<b>176</b>				Establish a commercial fishery using troll gear to target hatchery-produced chum salmon in Crawfish Inlet.
	S	11	0	Motion to Adopt: Brennon; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Brian The fishery in the inlet was developed with the idea to resolve the imbalance with the troll harvest, and this



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				proposal would support that effort, and would only occur in years of Coho closure.
<b>177</b>				Allow commercial fishing with troll gear for hatchery-produced coho salmon, in certain areas, during commercial troll fishery coho salmon conservation closures.
	N/A			We agree with the need to address the troll imbalance, but we do not wish to create another imbalance.
<b>178</b>				Restrict fishing area in Sitka Sound when harvest of non-Alaska hatchery-produced king salmon reaches 30,000 fish by March 1.
	N/A			SEE NOTES PROPOSAL 179 Proposals 178 and 179 are similar. Proposal 178 address the regulatory lines only near Sitka. Proposal 179 address those plus other regulatory lines.
<b>179</b>				Adopt measures to reduce harvest rate in the winter commercial salmon troll fishery during times of high king salmon abundance.
	S	11	0	Motion to Adopt: Brett; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Brian The proposal would stretch the winter fishery to the end of April. It should not add fishing effort, or result in catching more fish. We support spreading out the harvest during the winter fishery. The winter fishery is a more valuable fishery due to higher prices. It would help winter trollers outside of Sitka.
<b>180</b>				Reduce triggers in the Southeastern Alaska Area spring commercial salmon troll fishery by five percent in years of high king salmon abundance.
	N/A			
<b>181</b>				Reduce the percentage of remaining commercial king salmon troll fishery harvest taken during the initial summer king salmon retention period from 70% to 60% during years of high king salmon abundance.
	N/A			
<b>182</b>				Establish a starting date for the reopening the summer commercial king salmon troll fishery.
	N/A			
<b>183</b>				Modify commercial salmon fishing closed waters adjacent to the Situk River.



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	N/A			
<b>184</b>				Modify gear specifications for the commercial salmon hand troll fishery.
	S	10	1	Motion to Adopt: Scott; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Brian Manual down riggers should be able to be used year-round in the commercial salmon hand troll fishery. Manual down riggers are currently allowed in the winter fishery, and the summer season should be added.
<b>185</b>				Increase opportunity to harvest salmon and allow additional gear types in the Southeastern Alaska Area personal use salmon fishery.
	O	0	11	Motion to Adopt: Brennon; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Scott The proposal is way too liberal and may encourage waste. The Wrangell AC disagrees with the statement: "The Board provides no, or very little, personal use fishing opportunities for pink, chum, and sockeye salmon in SE Alaska." Adequate fishing opportunities are provided.
<b>186</b>				Define what constitutes a guest of a lodge, charter vessel, or other enterprise.
	N/A			Could work as a two-edge sword. Family members would meet the definition as guests.
<b>187</b>				Open personal use sockeye salmon fishing in the Klawock River.
	O	0	11	Motion to Adopt: Brennon; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Brian Sockeye stocks in the Klawock River are depressed due to past timber harvest and, other habitat changes in the watershed. The proposal may be OK, if ADF&G "may" make it happen to open the fishery; but it is not OK if the action "will" happen without Department action based on a return in surplus to escapement needs.
<b>188</b>				Provide for personal use harvest of hatchery-produced salmon in Ketchikan Creek.





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	S/A	11	0	<p>Motion to Adopt: Brennon; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brian</p> <p>The proposal would establish a personal use fishery on salmon from SSRA's Deer Mt. hatchery. This fishery should be managed in conjunction with SSRAA.</p> <p><b>Amendment:</b> The management of the personal use fishery in Ketchikan Creek is to be in conjunction with SSRAA.</p> <p>Motion to Amend: Brennon; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brian</p> <p>Discussion: A salt water/fresh water demarcation line needs to be established in the Creek for the fishery.</p> <p>Vote on Amendment: Favor: 11; Oppose: 0; Abstain 0</p>
189				Provide regulatory provisions necessary to harvest aquatic plants for personal use within the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game nonsubsistence areas in the Southeast Alaska Area.
	NA/			
190				Increase the personal use household limit for sockeye salmon in the Taku River drainage.
	N/A			There is a surplus of Sockeye in the Taku River. If the proposal is adopted, it would be better if the sockeye fishery should occur later in the timing of the sockeye return, rather than in the early part of the sockeye return to minimize catch of King salmon which are depressed.
191				Amend the personal use salmon season in the Taku River drainage to open the fishery on the fourth Saturday in June.
	N/A			The king returns to the Taku River are currently very low. Allowing for the increased personal use sockeye fishery during the early part of the Sockeye run would have a greater adverse impact on the Taku King salmon stocks.
192				Allow personal use fishing for salmon in District 11.
	N/A			
193				Establish a personal use salmon set gillnet fishery in Section 15-A.
	N/A			
194				Allow personal use fishing for salmon in District 15.
	N/A			



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<b>195</b>				Establish nonresident annual limits for sockeye salmon in Southeast Alaska Area salt waters.
	S	11	0	Motion to Adopt: Scott; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Brennon The establishment of a nonresident annual limit for Sockeye salmon in salt water should be limited to hook and line only. A bag limit of 6 salmon, with a possession limit of 12, should be set for the snagging of Sockeye in salt water.
<b>196</b>				Establish nonresident annual limits for sockeye salmon in Southeast Alaska Area fresh waters.
	S	11	0	Motion to Adopt: Brennon; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Scott Same as discussion and comment for proposal 195, annual nonresident limit in fresh water for Sockeye should be very limited.
<b>197</b>				Simplify current freshwater sport fishing regulations for king salmon in freshwater drainages of the Sitka Sound Special Use Area.
	O	0	11	Motion to Adopt: Brennon; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Brian A harmful result of the proposal could be the killing of small/rearing King salmon. The proposal could open for abuse catching small kings in one area and claiming the salmon was caught elsewhere. The proposal is for areas near Sitka, but it could be precedent setting for other areas.
<b>198</b>				Amend the open season for Dolly Varden in Auke Bay.
	N/A			
<b>199</b>				Increase the bag limit for Dolly Varden on the Juneau road system.
	N/A			
<b>200</b>				Prohibit snagging in all salt and freshwaters along the Juneau road system, with minor exceptions.
	N/A			
<b>201</b>				Allow catch-and-release only in the Juneau vicinity Dredge Lakes area.
	N/A			
<b>202</b>				Allow only single, barbless hooks on artificial lures in the Dredge Lakes area.
	N/A			



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203				Rescind the salmon sport fishing closure in Sheep Creek.
	N/A			
204				Amend bag limit and season provisions and establish an annual limit for sockeye salmon in Windfall Creek.
	N/A			
205				Prohibit multiple and barbed hooks in the Tsiu River drainage.
	N/A			
234				Personal Use King Crab.
	N/A			
235				Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan
	S	9	0 Abstain 2	Motion to Adopt: Brennon; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Brian The Wrangell AC feel the change is needed in the management of the crab fishery. We support the fixed length summer and fall fishing seasons because the increased crab depredation by sea otters has changed fishing areas. The current plan is no longer appropriate. Size, sex protect overharvest of dungeness without overly restrictive time measures as well.

Adjournment: 11/9 & 11/21 between 9:30 and 10 PM; 12/7 8:10 PM

Minutes Recorded By: David Rak  
 Minutes Approved By: Chris Guggenbickler  
 Date: 12/27/2017



## Minutes of Yakutat Fish and Game Advisory meeting 11/13/17

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Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

Roll call Present were Bob Fraker, Scott Chadwick, Larry Bemis, Jeff Fraker, Glenn Israelson (Vice Chair), Reggie Kirkovich, Sheri Nelson ( Secretary), Casey Mapes ( Chair)

Absent were Dave Stone, Herb Holcomb, Jerimiah Pavlik, Jonathan Pavlik, Jesse Pavlik. Also absent were alternates, Pat Robbins, and Sam Demmert. 8 of 13 committee members present, quorum established.

Available on teleconference were Nicole Zieser, Matt Catterson, and Stephanie Sell representing ADFG.

In the Audience were Susan Ohlers representing USFS, Lowell Peterson, Roy Shodda, Sam Johnson, Harold Robbins, Rusty Bogren, Tony and Verna Glacia.

### Elections-

1) Nominations were opened for 3- one year seats, and two- one year alternate seats. Bob Fraker, Jeff Fraker, and Dave Stone were nominated to fill the 3 one year seats By Chadwick, 2nd - Israelson. All ayes, 0- neys.

Sam Demmert and Pat Robbins were nominated by Chadwick to be alternates, 2nd Bemis. All Ayes, 0- neys.

### Old Business

2) Chadwick moves to ask for re-authorization of Antlerless moose hunt on Nunatak bench, Israelson 2nd. 7 ayes, 1 opposed (Bob Fraker) Was no discussion.

### Communications and Audience participation.

3) Susan Ohlers explains that AC proposal submitted to the RAC committee was modified, and has moved on to be heard by the Federal subsistence board in April. If passed, this will move back the Federal subsistence moose hunt on the East side of the Dangerous River to Sept 16. Was discussed that we need to find out how to proceed with a follow up proposal to BOG to move back the non resident hunt as well, leaving intact the 2 week head start for subsistence. Harold Robbins expressed concern that it might inspire more non resident hunters to come to Yakutat, the rest of the comments were all positive, and in favor of the earlier hunt.

### Cooments on Board of Fish proposals

4) Proposal 59 - Chadwick moves to oppose, Israelson 2nd - 8 ayes, 0 neys. Motion carries.

Proposal 74 - J Fraker moves to Support, Chadwick 2nd- 8 ayes, 0 neys. Motion Carries.

Proposal 92 - J Fraker moves to oppose, Chadwick 2nd, 8 ayes, 0 neys. Motion Carries.

Proposal 129 - Chadwick moves to Support, Kirkovich 2nd, 8 ayes, 0 neys. Motion carries.

Proposal 135 - Chadwick moves to support, Israelson 2nd, 7 ayes, 1 ney ( J Fraker) Motion carries.

At this point of the meeting, Bob Fraker leaves the meeting.

Proposal 136 - Nelson moves to support, Israelson 2nd. 6 Ayes, 1 ney ( Chadwick) Motion carries.



Proposal 162 - Israelson makes motion to support, Kirkovich 2nd, 4 support, 2 nay ( J. Fraker, L Bemis) 1 abstain ( Chadwick) Motion carries.

Was discussed that the intent of the motion was to formulate a plan to replace lost commercial fishing area for gillnetters if there is to be further closures within the Situk estuary. Was discussed that the area proposed has a low incident of king harvest, and is further from the Lost River terminus. Much discussion was had on what the net length in the proposed area should be. Was stated that 75 fathoms was decided upon because of existing net lengths being either 75, or 20 fathoms. Was decided that 20 fathoms was too short. Was favorably discussed that 25 fathom might be a reasonable option, based on it being the current status in the Yakataga district. Was decided to attempt to negotiate an agreeable solution in committee. Fraker stated his opposition based on concern that he felt we were asking the dept. to close an area, and open a new one. Mapes stated that was not the intent, it says IF further closures happen, and they are likely, given poor stock returns, then were asking for a replacement area.

Proposal 163 - Chadwick moves to support, J Fraker 2nd 6 ayes, 1 nay ( Nelson) Discussion was had on the history of board generated proposal. So far, the use of it has been very limited. Was felt that it does give opportunity to those who want to fish harder, but not much effort is expected.

Proposal 164 - Chadwick moves to support, Bemis 2nd. 7 ayes, 0 neys

Proposal 179 - Israelson moves to oppose, J Fraker 2nd, 7 ayes, 0 neys. Decided it was ridiculously complex and confusing

Proposal 183 - Chadwick moves to support, Bemis 2nd, 7 ayes, 0 neys.

Proposal 196 - Chadwick moves to oppose, Fraker 2nd, 7 ayes, 0 neys.

5) Chadwick moves to adjourn, Israelson 2nd, 7 ayes, meeting adjourned at 9:45 Pm.

Casey Mapes- Chair