

Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Date: 03/01/2018
Location of Meeting: Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association

I. Call to Order: 6:30pm by Mike Crawford, Chair

I. Roll Call:

Name	Member Present	Member Absent	Member Excused
Al Belknap – At Large	X		
Alex Agosti – At Large		x	
Andrew Carmichael – Subsistence	X		
Christine Brandt – Commercial Fishing		Resigned	
Dick Dykema - Trapping	X		
Dyer Van Devere – Commercial Fishing		x	
Greg Geller – Sport Fishing Guide Seat, Alternate			x
Jerry Strieby – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	X		
Joe Bressler – At Large		Resigned	
Joe Thomas – At Large		x	
Marlene Loomis – At Large	Resigned		
Michelle Williams – Hunting			x
Mike Crawford – Chair, Sport Fishing Guide Seat	X		
Monte Roberts – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	X		
Paul Shadura II – Commercial Fish – Vice Chair			x
Todd Smith – Commercial Fish, Alternate	X		
Will Lee – Secretary, Personal Use	x		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present:

II.

III. Approval of Agenda:

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

VI. Guests Present: 5

VII. Old Business:

VIII. New Business:

Oliver, came to testify about local moose population and proposed some changes he would like to see. Chair Mike Crawford directed Oliver to the correct resources to help him submit a Board of Game Proposal. He also outlined the process and how the proposal process worked from submittal to our AC to the Board of Game.

Joint Board will meet in 2019 – open for proposals

Election change – Proposal that either board could approve the dismissal of a committee member.

Propose a registration hunt for Tundra swan annual limit of 1 October 1st to December 16th

Moose for 15c back to 50 & 3 brow-tines

15C Draw for any Bull

15B remove all draw tags to harvest ticket 50 and 3

Skilak loop hunting restrictions relaxed

Change Skilak Loop Management to north shore on kenai river.

Skilak loop management area to all for predators and black bear

Alaska Board of Fish				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
216				Require participants in the Prince William Sound Area noncommercial shrimp fishery to register with the department prior to May 1
	Oppose	0	8	Commercial report whole weight of shrimp, though they are landed in tails. On the sport side shrimp are measured in gallons. Guide line harvest is set in pounds, but reporting is set in gallons.

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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
				Registering before May 1 would limit any one fishing without prior planning, plus additional resources needed to manage the registration process.
217				Allow for harvest of octopus with additional gear while participating in the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery
	Support	7	0	Could potentially have more gear in the water not specifically intended for octopus. We support the idea of being able to catch octopus with clearly defined limits and gear. Would like to see a conservative approach with a new fishery. <u>1 abstained</u> – do not know enough about them and the amount that is harvestable.
218				REVISED: Modify the start date for the Prince William Sound Area sport shrimp pot season.
	Support	7	1	Support the May 1 st opener as it would help the late spawning shrimp
219				Modify the PWS Area commercial shrimp pot fishing season
	Support	8	0	Amend proposal to close September 15 th . Support for amendment 6 support / 2 oppose
220				Modify the PWS Area commercial shrimp pot fishing season to separate commercial and noncommercial seasons
	Oppose	0	8	No reason to chance season which would only put more pressure on the fishery
221				Amend statistical areas including the three areas fished triennially on a rotating basis in the PWS Area commercial shrimp pot fishery
	Oppose	0	8	The rotation work to help protect over fishing of any certain area.
222				Modify the fishing area rotation system in the PWS Area commercial shrimp pot fishery
	Oppose	0	8	
223				Remove the total allowable harvest threshold for the PWS area commercial shrimp pot fishery
	Oppose	0	8	Would like to keep the THL
224				Modify the guideline harvest threshold for the PWS Area commercial shrimp pot fishery

Alaska Board of Fish				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
	Oppose	1	6	1 abstain & 1 support – 110,000 is allocative to allow both fisheries, but there should be shared effort on the conservation, no idea how much shrimp is actually being caught and season should be regulated for both
225				Increase the commercial allocation of the total allowable harvest in the PWS Area shrimp pot fishery
	Oppose	0	8	
226				Reduce closed waters in the PWS Area commercial shrimp trawl fishery
	Oppose	0	8	Habitat concern and trawl fishery can be harsh on habitat
227				Repeal PWS Area commercial winter shrimp trawl fishery fishing season provisions allowing a fall/winter fishery
	Oppose	0	4	4 abstained – too much unknown from a biological concern and don't support winter harvest when it could potentially help sustainability of the shrimp fishery

Next tentative meeting April 5th for Elections

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
 Minutes Approved By: Chair Mike Crawford
 Date: 03-06-2018