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Mount Yenlo Advisory Committee
Revised Minutes of Emergency Meeting
March 20, 2018
Location of Meeting: Northwoods Lodge

- I. Meeting was called to order at 12:01 PM by Eric Johnson.
- II. Roll Call Members Present: Tom Brion, Al Gaszak, John Little, Bonnie Childs, James Ivey, Eric Johnson, Tom Payton, Shon Parker, Roger Phillips (proxied to Tom Brion)

Members Absent: Roger Phillips (proxied vote to Tom Brion), Dave McHoes, Steve Childs
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
- IV. Lists of Guests: List of Guests: Christine McHoes, Roger Bickleman, Israel Payton, Shan Johnson (appointed temporary Secretary- Roger Phillips)
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business

AC President, Eric Johnson, informed the committee the reason for the emergency advisory committee meeting was to discuss the emergency closure of King Salmon in the Yentna River drainage system. He suggested the committee come up with a resolution to request a change to the current emergency regulation to allow the retention of 10 jack kings a day. This suggestion was not considered by the commissioner, Sam Cotton before implementing the emergency order. He informed the committee that jack kings will not contribute to the fertilization of the female eggs so will not affect the salmon numbers.

The committee had a discussion regarding the C & T findings (customary & Traditional) or subsistence use of all salmon stock. Israel Payton answered technical questions for the committee. There is no C & T findings for the Yentna river drainage on King Salmon. There was customary use discovered for all salmon on the Yentna river drainage back in 1998. In 2011 the fish & Game board did not go through the proper criteria to exclude it. All other C & T fisheries can retain all species of salmon except the Yentna river drainage. But due to the reduced limits and now total emergency closure, subsistence fishing for kings is no longer available unless subsistence fish wheel use is allowed.

It was moved by Tom Payton and seconded by John Little that the Mt. Yenlo Advisory Committee submit an emergency petition that would allow subsistence harvest of King salmon in the upper Yentna River fishery. Motion passed unanimously.

Further discussion was held on an agenda change request to adopt a regulation for the upper Cook Inlet for 2020, if the emergency petition is denied.

It was moved by Tom Payton and seconded by John Little to submit an agenda change request if the emergency petition is denied. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on suggesting a change to the emergency king salmon closure to allow the retention of jacks under 20".

It was moved by Tom Payton and seconded by John Little to draft a letter to the Board of Fish for an agenda change that allows the retention of 10 jacks per day under 20" and to amend the existing EO to allow for that. Motion passed unanimously.

It was suggested by Bonnie Childs that a letter also be sent to the Valley Legislatures from the Advisory committee as well as letters of testimony from fish wheel permit users by April 10th.

President requested a 5-minute break.

Bonnie Childs gave a report on the Board of Game meeting she attended in Dillingham. The Advisory board had submitted 5 proposals and they all were rejected. Asked the board to consider extending the fall moose season. It was rejected, but they were for increasing the youth hunt up to 600 or 25% with no set limit from 300 permits. Discussion was held on the bear population being down in the central area of 16B but the Mat Valley and Tyonek areas were against closing or shortening the season as they have plenty of brown bears. The game board changed the season from open year-round to being closed for one month. Season is from August 10-June 15th. May be looking closer due to the number of females being taken. Next moose survey will be 2020 and bears would be 2018 or 2019.

It was moved by Tom Payton and seconded by Tom Brion to adjourn the meeting at 1:54 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Minute recorded by Shan Johnson
Approved by Chair
Date Approved: 4/12/2018