Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Fishery Management Plan Special Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Meeting Participants and Attendees

Alaska Board of Fisheries
Robert Ruffner, Committee Chair
Reed Morisky
Israel Payton
Fritz Johnson (in attendance only)

Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Dan Bosch, Sport Fish Division
Aaron Potter, Commercial Fisheries Division
Greg Buck, Commercial Fisheries Division
Forrest Bowers, Commercial Fisheries Division
Tom Taube, Sport Fish Division
Bill Templin, Commercial Fisheries Division
James Hasbrouck, Sport Fish Division
Tom Vania, Sport Fish Division
Tim McKinley, Sport Fish Division
Glenn Haight, Boards Support Section

Alaska Department of Law
Brad Meyen, Natural Resources Section

Additional Participants and Attendees
Michael Link, Bristol Bay Science and Research Institute
Jeff Regnart, Bristol Bay Science and Research Institute
Gene Sandone, Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation
Peter Christopher Sr., New Stuyahok
Robert Heyano, Dillingham
Julianne Curry, Icicle Seafoods
Ben Allen, Chignik Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Tommy Sheridan, Silver Bay Seafoods
Paul Hansen, Naknek Native Village
Marilyn Hansen, Naknek
Thomas Tilden, Dillingham
Tony Zock, Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation
Kay Andrews, Aleknagik

Meeting Summary

1. **Call to Order.** Committee Chairman Ruffner called the meeting to order at 3:42pm.

2. **Introductions.** Ruffner offered opening remarks regarding the purpose of the meeting and went around the room asking for introductions from all committee members, staff, and participants.
3. **Update from the technical team.** Michael Link, representing the Bristol Bay Science and Research Institute, discussed initial plans of the technical team to work in cooperation with ADF&G in short order to have a research plan put together for summer activity. Other members of ADF&G participated in this discussion. Ruffner asked if everyone was clear on their respective roles in working with the technical committee including who was on it, and expectations from the department and the external consultants. Everyone confirmed that they understood ADF&G was responsible for the final escapement goal recommendation. ADF&G had a further discussion that external peer review of the goal would be beneficial. A preliminary report would be ready for the full committee by the fall 2019. The technical team would receive initial input from the committee and start work to finalize the research to be completed in anticipation of additional committee meetings starting in November or December 2019.

Ruffner asked and was assured the department would have adequate funding for the work.

Payton asked to have allocation issues separated from escapement goal analysis in the final analysis.

4. **Consideration of Proposal 182 within special committee business.** Proposal 182 involving the Nushagak Coho Salmon Management Plan is set for statewide. The committee decided to not review the proposal.

5. **Review applicants for the special committee.** The committee asked the legalities of going into executive session. Prior to doing so, Ruffner asked if any of the individuals in the audience had applied to be on the committee and wished to speak. Robert Heyano offered a few remarks.

Payton moved the committee go into executive session. Morisky seconded the motion asking for unanimous consent. The committee went into executive session at 4:00pm.

The committee came out of executive session at 4:21pm.

Payton motions having ten committee members with a couple of alternates. Morisky seconds asking for unanimous consent. Payton then moves to have the following applicants serve on the committee with a second by Morisky.

- Bob Klontz
- Brian Kraft
- Bud Hudson
- Gene Sandone
- George Wilson
- Dan Michels
- Nanci Lyon
- Peter Christopher, Sr.
- Robert Heyano
- Tom O’Connor
- John Wise (alt)
- Heath Lyon (alt)
Ruffner asks a question of Sandone and his connection to the fishery. The committee discussed how the committee will be used. Ruffner asked when the technical team will be done? The team hoped to have draft analysis completed by the fall with a final report in late-fall, early-winter. Ruffner offered the following tentative workplan for the committee –

- October 22, 2019 - Have the full committee meet one-day prior to the Board’s work session. Board members on the committee would report committee status to the entire board at the work session.
- Mid-November, early-December pull the full committee again to hear from the technical team on their final report.
- Meet again in December/January to develop a board proposal that can be deliberated on at the March 2020 Statewide meeting, March 7-11.

The committee returned back to the motion for applicants which was approved.

The committee asked Boards Support to make contact with all who applied and provide an update.

6. **Other business.** None.

7. **Adjourn.** The committee adjourned at 4:35pm.