



Mat Valley Advisory Committee
March 9th, 2022
Zoom

I. Call to Order: 7:00pm by Herb Mansavage

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

- Herb Mansavage
- Gene Sandone
- Bob Cassell
- Andy Couch
- Birch Yuknis
- Austin Manelick
- Neil Dewitt
- Dom Nickles
- Glenn Helmuth
- Hunter Hongslo
- Dan Montgomery

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

III. Guests Present:

- Richard Pearson
- Brett Wilbanks
- Kyle
- Gordon

IV. Public Comment:

- Richard Pearson –
 - Comments Shrimp on PWS Proposals – Group of fishermen would address the commercial fishery. Believes there will be crowding with the 50 pot minimum is a good plan. Believes the fishery would be beneficial for residents of Alaska. Access to residents to purchase fish. Richard would like to see the longer season. More pots is not a good solution. Shouldn't alternate the fishery to make it better for certain fishermen.
 - Proposal 250 – Starting fishery a month early. He thinks this will be hard on resource due to egging shrimp.
 - Proposal 252 – Thinks that the current regulations on Tenders is adequate. Keep the fishery as is.
 - Proposal 240-242-246 – Commercial gets 40 percent, non-commercial gets 60



percent. Proposal 240 attempts to place burden of conservation on both user groups. Commercial groups shares no burden of Conservation. Should be spread to all user groups.

- Brett Wilbanks –
 - 20% of Commercial Fleet and he echos a lot of the sentiments Richard Pearson brought of. Burden of Conservation should be shared of all groups. Prop 245-245 accountability of the burden. Doesn't want to overfish GHF to prevent over harvest. Says non-commercial is over the allocation due to non-in-season reporting and other factors.

V. Proposals:

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<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
237			
Support	9	0	Commercial guys reporting wasn't too good. Personal Use fisheries there is a lag time and should be looked at for salmon fisheries as well.
238			
No Action	-	-	Cover was more of a concern earlier.
239			
Oppose	0	9	Andy Couch thinks this should be limited after public comment.
240			
Oppose	0	9	Commercial fishing over harvest in Valdez and that prohibited sport fishing. The commercial fishing over harvest shrimp/crab/salmon, sport fishing should have priority. Shared burden of Conservation is already shared with the sports fishing spending minimal time already fishing. States constitution allows all users the opportunity, without commercial opportunity there would be no opportunity for Sport fishing. Support of State Constitution. Commercial fishery has in season reporting and cannot go over allocation. Commercial fishing should be limited and follow the constitution. The committee would like to see more regular reporting of non-commercial shrimping.
241			



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Support	9	0	House keeping item on head on or head off on weight on shrimp. Should be clarified.
242			
Oppose	0	8	Believe we have special.
243			
No Action	-	-	-
244			
Oppose	0	8	This would take away from sports fishing. Commercial historically goes over harvest. If a user groups goes over by 20,000 pounds, they get 20,000 pounds less the following year. In-season reporting harvest management. Has to be year per year on harvest and not following the next year. We need to have in season accurate reporting.
245			
Oppose	0	8	We can't bank pounds, can't save it, you have to go by what Fish and Game says. See comments on Proposal 244. Committee wants more accurate in season reporting, management for the current year not future years.
246			
Oppose	0	8	Minimal threshold. They withhold first sentence. The sport fishing is small and should be from year to year.
247			
Oppose	0	8	Agree with public comment from Mr. Pearson. We should not condense season as this would create a rodeo for such a short fishing season. Too many pots, too many fishermen in a condensed fishery. Commercial fishermen wants to catch shrimp and get to the commercial red salmon fishery in Cordova.
248			
Oppose	0	8	Agree with Mr.Pearson that egg bearing shrimp could be destructive to the fishery. Trawl fishing does not sound sustainable.
249			
Support	8	0	House keeping item, good to support the Department.
250			
Oppose	0	8	Agree to not shift the dates and do not support.
251			
Support	8	0	Daily reporting and they support this.
252			



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Oppose	0	8	Oppose this with public comment from Mr. Pearson. Tender are not allowed fish, does not want them to be able to fish. Does not agree with them be able to tender and fish.
253			
Oppose	1	7	Disagree with the thought of trawling. Like an experimental fishery. In the 1980s before commercial over fishing, there has been little effort and this could be detrimental to fisheries. Trawling could be detrimental to a fishery. In support if ADFG sets limits.
254			
Oppose	4	4	Trawling does not sound good.
255			
Support	8	0	Now we got a clam die off.
256			
Support	8	0	Plenty of clams there. Support the Department.
257			
Support	8	0	Support the Department.
282			
Support	8	0	If mis-stocked fishery, they shouldn't be fishing. Support the generous opening. Chignick Stocks have been of concern. Agree if more fish are coming to Upper Cook Inlet.
260			
Oppose	0	8	Shouldn't be a commercial fishery before a sport fishery because we don't have the surveys. If we are going to open a fishery, there should be a more limited fishery. Everyone should have the opportunity. Test fishery.
283			
Oppose	0	8	BOF proposal. Problem with set netters is they harvest a larger number of kings versus sockeye and other fish in the second run King salmon. The people who took biggest hit was east side set netters. Drift net fishermen harvest a larger number. King salmon bi-catch won't make it even though they aren't gilled in the net. This sounds like Allocation issue. We should not bail out fisheries because they have rough years, this is occupational decision. We need to look after salmon, not jobs. Follow the Alaska Constitution, salmon stocks are down for certain species across the state.

Minutes Recorded By: Austin Manelick

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