

Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Jan. 13, 2015
NERRS Building, Homer, AK.

- I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by chair Dave Lyons at 6:05 PM.
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Dave Lyon (Chair), Tom Young (Vice Chair), George Matz (Secretary), Tom Hagberg, Gus Van Dyke, Doug Malone, Jim Meesis, Lee Martin, Marvin Peters, Joey Allred, Ty Gates, Michael Craig, Dennis Wade, Gary Sinnhuber.
Members Absent Excused: NA
Members Absent: Hannah Heimbuch
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Previously approved by email
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Thomas McDonough, Jeff Selinger, Jan Rumble, Sean Farley, and Sherry Wright
- VI. Guests Present: Beaver Nelson, Gus Van Dyke, Jason Herreman
- VII. Old Business:
Sherry Wright, Boards Section, gave a briefing of the recent BOG work session where they decided to change from a 2 year to 3 year cycle (which the Homer AC opposed). As a result, there will not be a BOG meeting on Southcentral Region issues until four years from now. Sherry also handed out a draft proposal (RC 19) that the BOG is working in regarding Dall sheep hunting regs. There are a number of proposals in the current proposal book which address this issue. It was noted that the BOG draft addresses several issues in one proposal, which is not considered acceptable for proposals submitted by the public.
- VIII. New Business:
Jan Rumble, Comm Fish Area Management Biologist, described the Pollock experiment that her office is working on. This experiment is to determine if state waters can provide a smaller harvest of Pollock than would be of interest to local fisherman rather than the large trawlers, thereby creating a fishery that has a less expensive entry level for new and aspiring fisherman. She said the experiment was allocated a catch of 22, 000 pounds in waters off of Kachemak Bay and that in eight trips so far they caught 15,000 pounds. ADF&G biologists have also been monitoring chinook bycatch, a major issue with trawl fleets. They caught 34 chinook of which 32 were successfully released with two as mortality. Apparently, more development is needed.

Elections. We had 8 persons interested in the 7 seats available this year (5 due to term expiration and 2 resignations due to moving as well as 2 alternate seats). Those elected to full terms are Jim Meesis, Doug Malone, Joey Allred Jr., Thomas Hagberg, and Michael Craig. Those

elected to 1 year vacant seats are Philip Jones and Nancy Hillstrand. Hanna Heimbuch was elected to an alternate seat.

The current officers, Chair Dave Lyon, Vice-chair Tom Young, and Secretary George Matz were reelected to their positions.

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	68		Change the CSH group size definition to "25 or more households"
	14	1	The CSH permit process is being abused by allowing permits for those who shouldn't qualify based on the original concept.
BOG	136		Allocate 90% of big game drawing permits to residents for Central/Southwest Region Units.
			After much discussion on this proposal, which generally favors the concept, and learning that the BOG has a similar proposal in the works, the motion was withdrawn with the understanding that the proposal will be considered again at the next AC meeting so that we base our decision on current information.
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