

**Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Jan. 26, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting**

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:03 pm by Dave Lyon, chair
- II. **Roll Call**
Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), George Matz (secretary), Lee Martin, Joey Allred, Michael Craig, Doug Malone, Malcolm Milne, Matt Hakala, Morgan Jones, Dan Anderson, William Roth, Bob Nathanson.
Members Absent: Thomas Hagberg (vice chair), Marvin Peters, Wes Humbyrd, Joe Martishev,
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Charity Lehman, Jason Herreman.
- IV. **Guests Present:** Bob Shavelson, Tom Young, Sue Christensen.
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** Yes
- VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** NA
- VII. **Reports:** See below
- VIII. **Public Comment:** None
- IX. **Old Business:** None
- X. **New Business:** Charity reviewed recent decisions by the Boards of Game and Fisheries regarding meeting schedules under Covid conditions. As she reiterated in her email today, at a Jan 19 Joint Board Committee Meeting, “All 6 board members at the committee meeting agreed that it was best to avoid full regulatory meetings via Zoom, and consequently that it was best to postpone in-person meetings for the current meeting cycle to the 2021/22 meeting cycle.” At a BOG Jan. 21 work session, “The BOG voted to shift their regular meeting cycles forward by one year... The board will hold a one day regulatory meeting on March 18, 2021 via Zoom to address antlerless moose reauthorizations, brown bear tag fee exemptions, and Proposal 194.” At a Jan. 25 special meeting, “The BOF voted to postpone the current cycle’s PWS/Southeast & Yakutat meetings to the 2021/22 meeting cycle. In contrast to the BOG, however, they did not postpone the 2021/22 meetings for the Bristol Bay – AYK cycle. They chose instead to double up on meetings next cycle in order to stay on the current 3-year schedule.” The current budget may not be enough to fund these extra meetings.

In our discussion on the new schedules, we objected to the BOF doubling-up on meetings. In response, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to oppose this.

The Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee strongly opposes the Board of Fisheries decision to attempt to hold two board cycles in the same year. The proposed schedule puts an enormous and unreasonable burden on ADF&G Staff, Board Support Staff, the 84 Fish and Game Advisory Committees, stakeholders, and the general public. Having two cycles will also strain budgets of all parties involved in the process. Please reconsider your decision.

XI. **Next meeting date:** Tues, Feb. 16, 2021.

We next considered the antlerless moose proposals for our area.

Alaska Board of Game Proposals			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
179	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	12	0	This is routine and there wasn't any discussion.
180	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 15 C.		
Support	12	0	This is routine and there wasn't any discussion.

Jason Herreman reviewed the Kenai Peninsula harvest statistics for this last year. One thing that stood out was the increase harvest in black bears. There was a serious failure in the berry crop on the south side of the bay this year, which probably contributed to this. Jason also introduced the new biologist, Nick Fowler, for the Kenai Peninsula.

Normally, we hold elections in January. This wasn't done this year, so those serving terms that would have expired are given extended terms. We won't be holding any elections until we can meet in person.

Bob Shavelson of Cook Inlet Keeper gave a short presentation on the inadequacies of the Lower Cook Inlet oil and gas lease sale draft EIS that BOEM released before the change of administrations. The AC generally agreed to having a resolution objecting to the hurried EIS. The resolution passed with 11 in favor and 1 abstaining. The reason for the abstention was concern that this was beyond the purview of the AC.

Sue Christensen gave a brief greeting from the Kachemak Bay Citizen Advisory Board expressed their desire to attend our meetings and maintain communication between the committees on items of mutual interest.

Adjournment: 7:20

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____