



Pelican Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 15, 2022, 6:00 pm Location: Pelican City Office

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Members Present: Michael Allard, Patricia Phillips, Celeste Weller, Jamison Mork, William Combs

Members on Teleconference: Norm Carson Quorum Present.

Also on teleconference: Steve Bethune, ADFG; Haley Heniff, ADFG

Patricia Phillips renews 3-year term

Michael Allard renews 3-year term

Jamison Mork renews 2-year term

William Combs renews for a 2-year term

Member Elections

Chair – Nominations opened. Celeste Weller nominates Patricia Phillips for Chair. Nominations closed. Michael Allard seconds. All those in favor 6/ opposed 0. Motion carried. Passes

Vice Chair - Nominations opened. Celeste Weller nominates Michael for Vice Chair. Nominations closed. Jamison Mork seconds. All those in favor 6/ opposed 0. Motion carried. Passes

Secretary – Nominations opened. Patricia Phillips nominates Celeste Weller for secretary. Nominations closed. Michael Allard seconds. All those in favor 6/ opposed 0. Motion carried. Passes

Board of Game Southeast Region Proposals

Proposal 1, 5AAC 92.003 Hunter Education and orientation requirements. Celeste Weller moves to support; Patricia Phillips seconds. Motion carries 6 in favor, unanimous.

Support the proposal in general. Where can you take the course; support if the course can be taken online. Train a local resident to administer the field test; ask the Alaska State Trooper and/or the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program to administer the field test. The logistics of requiring a person to travel to Juneau to take the field test is cost prohibitive, roundtrip to Juneau is \$500, lodging and meal is another \$250. Need to find a solution to send someone to the villages to administer the field test.

Proposal 5, 5AAC 85.065 Hunting seasons and bag limits for small game. Mike Allard moves to support; Celeste Weller seconds. Motion carries 6 in favor, unanimous.

Support the ADFG recommendation to implement a split season in Units 1 – 4 to hunt migratory birds. The Pelican AC has no preference on closure dates.



Proposal 10, 5AAC 85.030. Hunting seasons and bag limits for deer. Celeste Weller moves to support; Mike Allard seconds. Motion carries 6 in favor, unanimous.

Proposal 11, 5AAC 85.030. Hunting seasons and bag limits for deer. Jamison Mork moves to support; Mike Allard seconds. Motion carries 6 in favor, unanimous.

The proponent provides a clear justification and reasonable observations. Deer numbers in Lisianski Inlet and Lisianski Strait are wary to increased vessel traffic. There is more deer numbers on the outer coast. Good deer numbers behind Pelican. No snow in November keeps the deer out of the beach fringe.

Proposal 14, 5AAC 85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear. No action taken.

Steve Bethune provided an explanation of the proposal. The Pelican AC chose to take no action. Some members supported the proposal; abundant bears need to be managed; other members concerned about the safety of others by expanding hunt areas closer to the community.

Fish Issues

Move to support reinstatement of the spring troll king salmon season in Lisianski Inlet area. Mike Allard moves to support; Jamison Mork seconds. Motion carries 6 in favor, unanimous.

Keep the local economy going in the spring. Keep a count on the number of wild fish versus tagged fish. Number of fishermen is low, the impact to the resource is low.

Move to support Fish Creel person in Pelican. Jamison Mork moves to support; Celeste Weller seconds. Motion carries 6 in favor, unanimous.

Need a creel observer in Pelican meeting boats, assessing catch, deter undersize and illegal king salmon retention and wanton waste. Sport fishing going on in inlet while the traditional commercial trollers are shut down.

Want to know the numbers of fish caught, including tagged fish; rockfish, and halibut.

Seasonal residents are impacting the local area. There are increasing numbers of sport fish clients earlier in the season, impacting the local area harvest.

There is a black-hole lack of information, the sport fish harvest goes un-reported.

Puget Sound Lawsuit – what is ADFG’s plan to respond to the Puget Sound lawsuit?

Move to adjourn 7:15 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Patti Phillips, Chair
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