

**Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
February 19th, 2024
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

I. Call to Order: 6:30pm by Mike Crawford, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap	X		
Andrew	Carmichael			X
Dick	Dykema	Resigned		
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jerry	Strieby	X		
Joe	Thomas (left at 9:10pm)	X		
Jon	Essert			X
Karl	Dagel			X
Lisa	Gariel	X		
Mike	Crawford - Chair	X		
Monte	Roberts	X		
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	X		
Greg	Springer			X
Ron	Petty	X		
Scott	Miller			X
Scott	Daletas	X		
Todd	Smith	X		
Will	Lee – Secretary			X

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Colton Lipka

IV. Guests Present:

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report
- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. Kenai River Late-run King Salmon Action Plan #2311:
Notes:

AC members had many questions about process, and about how/when we'd come out of action plan. Members were concerned that this action plan is to be deliberated before many relevant public proposals which underwent proper process. Members mentioned Kodiak/Area M has a huge impact on Cook Inlet Kings and they are not referenced in this action plan.

-Motion to make the following statement: M Todd S Monte Q Monte

"We encourage the BOF to utilize the existing management plans and proposals before them to fulfill the requirements of this action plan. Our comments on action plan options can be referenced in proposal comments."

Motion Passed Unanimously 10 in support.

- b. Joe Thomas left at 9:10

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

XIII. Other

Adjourn

Alaska Board of Fisheries Upper Cook Inlet Meeting Proposals February 23-March 7, 2024 Anchorage, AK			
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
<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>			
83	Modify the Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan		
Opposed	1	7	The proposal is very complicated. Applaud the author for trying to find ways to encourage management within the goal range. 1 abstention
139	Allow use of reef nets in the Upper Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery		
Opposed	1	8	Paul explained how reef nets work. Said they'd have to be used closer to river, not really built for inlet weather. Decent way to select fish but it would not replace the setnet fishery. Would offer a way to harvest abundant Sockeye and Pinks. Many on the committee was not ok with commercial gear operating in the river. 1 abstention
140	Allow use of reef nets in the Upper Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery		
Support as Amended	6	1	Motion to amend to specify salt waters only. Carries M. Monte S. Joe Q Monte 7 Support 0 Oppose 3 Abstain This proposal is slightly different in that it specifies using the reef net in the inlet, not river. 3 abstentions
141	Restrict set gillnet gear in the Upper Subdistrict		
Opposed	1	5	This proposal would restrict ESSN gear to 29 mesh in order to fish a full complement, even in times of King abundance. They are already restricted to 29 mesh any time there is a King conservation concern and we are in the Kenai King Plan. 4 abstentions

Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals March 15-22, 2024 Fairbanks, AK			
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
198	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	9	0	
199	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	9	0	

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Minutes Recorded By: _Todd Smith_
 Minutes Approved By: Mike Crawford