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Att: Shannon
LCI BOF
AC Comments

Homer F&G Advisory Committee
Sept 28, 2010
6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Marvin Peters (Chair), Trina B. Fellows (Sec), Tom Young (Vice),
Michael Craig, Lee Martin, Cliff Calkins, George Matz, Joey Allred, Dave Lyon, Tabor
Ashment, Gus Van Dyke, Thomas Hagberg, Skip Avril, & Pete Wedin.

Excused: James Meesis

F&G Biologist: Thomas McDonough, Charlie Trowbridge, Tracy Lingnan, Lee
Hammarstrom, Mike Booz, Carol Kelkoliet & Ethen Ford.

Public: Meryl Wolford, John L. Martin, Dianne Debou (Seward Advisory board) Bruce A
Susinger, Howard Hoylum, & Carl Anderson.

Proposal 12 1 Favor 11 Oppose 2 Abstain
Comments – adopted by Lee 2nd by Trina

Remove the sunset clause- pull the plug – Seward fishermen are upset because of no
return on their cost.

Proposal 14 0 14 Oppose 0

Proposal 15 13 favor 1 oppose 0 abstain

Proposal 18 0 13 Oppose 1 Abstain
Comments adopted by Pete 2nd by Lee

F& G Biologist Charlie Trowbridge – this area cannot be opened to Pot fishermen. This
is Tanner Crab habitat. The mortality would be too great.

Proposal 23 0 14 Oppose 0
Comments adopt by Tom 2nd by Trina
Stay at 2 Coho.

Proposal 24 12 Favor 0 2 Abstain
F&G Biologist Carol Kelkoliet discussed this.

Proposal 25 0 14 Oppose 0
Comment Adopt by Dave 2nd Skip
Look at rivers separately.

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Proposal 26/27 7 6 1

As written.

With Amendment 14 favor 0 0

Amendment – separate Anchor River & Deep Creek – do away with Wednesday-go back to two-mile closure.

Comments” More fish are killed in catch & release than known - Closing the river to all fishermen except (Catch & Release –Snaggers & Liners) is a allocation issue –this should not of been allowed – to much snagging – has any studies been done to see if fish caught and released go on to spawn. River opening could be handled EO.

Proposal 28/29/30 14 Favor 0 0

Adopt by Skip 2nd by Tom Comments

Fish are stressed from the mouth of the Rivers up stream to the closure.

Proposal 31/32 0 12 Oppose 2 Abstain

Comments Adopt Dave 2nd Trina

Artificial lures also catch steelhead- trying to make the Anchor River into a fly fishing area only. Bait is not the issue with the king returns.

Adults and young children that fish with bait catch their fish and stop fishing. Some fly fishermen stand in the mouth of the river during tide change and catch & release & then brag about 20 hook ups.

Proposal 36 7 Favor 6 Oppose 1 Abstain

Comments adopt Skip 2nd Dave

Would circle hooks stop snagging? Would it stop Catch & Release?

Would circle hooks cause less stress on the fish in Catch & Release?

Proposal 41/42 8 Favor 4 Oppose 2 Abstain

Comments adopt Pete 2nd Lee

Guiding on the Anchor causes too much pressure on some of the areas (Grass Hole) etc.

Limit of 2 clients a day may help.

Should guiding be allowed on the Anchor?

Proposal 43 0 13 Oppose 0

Proposal 44/45/46 12 Favor 2 Oppose 0

Comments adopt Pete 2nd Lee

Fish & Game Biologist Carol discussed this proposal.

Go back to 2008. Use EO to close & open.

Proposal 48 14 Favor 0

Comment adopt Dave 2nd Pete

Move to just South of Anchor Point Day Marker. This would clarify the outer line-would cause no harm.

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Proposal 49 11 Favor 1 Oppose 2 abstain

Comments adopt Trina 2nd by Dave

Bow & Arrow was discussed- this would be an opportunity for archers- it would be harmless- and would be fun.

Proposal 50 2 Favor 6 Oppose 6 Abstain

Proposal 51 With amendment 14 Favor 0

Amend to add Ling Cod to Management Plan.

Committee supports more restrictions on Rockfish.

Biologist Charley Trowbridge discussed ways to release rockfish without harm.

If charter operators are cut out of Halibut – they will target all other fish.

Long-lived fish need more protection and need to be recorded – so data can be used.

Create a Management Plan.

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Ath: Shannon

Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Meeting 10/27/2010;

6:30 pm at ADF&G Rabbit Creek Rifle Range

Comments on LCI-BOF proposals

Minutes of review from Fishery Proposal book by Jim Stubbs, Anchorage AC Fisheries Cha

These minutes were approved by our board on 10-27-2010

Ref; 2010-2011 Board of Fisheries Proposal Book; Pages , Proposals 1-319

Proposal number	Subject; Author	Support	Oppose	TNA
10	SUPPORT; Housekeeping proposal by ADF&G	X		
11	SUPPORT; Housekeeping proposal by ADF&G	X		
12	SUPPORT; Puts into regulation Trail Lakes Hatchery Sockeye Salmon Management Plan, After 5 year trial this fishery should improve to between 350-400K return with 50% allocated to sport fishing and personal use fishery.	X		
13	OPPOSE; Board of Fish stated sport harvest could not be restricted to meet cost recovery. There is a lack of information for our board to support this proposal Anch AC voted 11-0-0 to take no action on this proposal			X
14	SUPPORT; Personal Use fishery takes place at terminal fishery, therefore the fish have already passed the commercial fishery. CIAA, Cost recovery should take priority since this fishery was created for that purpose. If CIAA does not receive a cost recovery from the fishery they have no reason to continue stocking. In this case the fishery will disappear completely.	X		
15	SUPPORT; Not much impact on herring stock, we support this proposal	X		
16	Support; Housekeeping proposal by ADF&G, causing no change in management plan	X		
17	TAKE NO ACTION			X

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Proposal number	Subject; Author	Support	Oppose	TNA
18	OPPOSE; Tanner crab would be a heavy by catch with this type gear Tanner crab are currently depressed in this area		X	
19	TAKE NO ACTION; this is an allocate proposal			X
20	SUPPORT; 1/4 mile fly fishing zone, no biological concerns	X		
21	OPPOSE; No biological reason, Coho stock is sound		X	
22	SUPPORT; This proposal would make west side remote area bag limits all the same	X		
23	SUPPORT; this proposal should have been changed at 2008 BOF meeting. Commercial fishery got their provisions back from the emergency restriction in the year 2000	X		
24	SUPPORT; The information to set a range is available, years 2003-2010	X		
25,26,27	Support concept; But, Deep Creek has never been open on Wednesday or weekends before Memorial Day Weekend	X		
28,29,30	SUPPORT; Conservative approach, King salmon returns have been weak the last few years, Revert back to 2007 bag limits.	X		
31,32,33	SUPPORT; Restrictions on the use of bait would benefit the outgoing steelhead escapement and help the process during a week king salmon return	X		
34,35,36	SUPPORT; We support restrictions on size of hooks and "no bait" on the Anchor and Deep Creek Rivers	X		
***	offer amendment; Add Ninichik River and Stariski Creek to this proposal			
37	SUPPORT; Fishing persons are fishing prominate holes holding king salmon after the season has closed for king salmon	X		

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Proposal number	Subject; Author	Support	Oppose	TNA
38,39,40	SUPPORT; This proposal would help protect steelhead during the cold winter months when they are most vulnerable.	X		
41, 42	SUPPORT; We support NO GUIDING on these SMALL walk to fish streams as this fishery is used by sport anglers and this is a hot topic among them. Amendment; to include Ninilchik River and Stariski Creek	X		
43	SUPPORT; This proposal would help ADF&G with enforcement issues and compliance for sport fisher persons using this area	X		
44,45,46	SUPPORT; A rollback to the 2007 regulations, King Salmon stocks have been weak the past 3 years. A conservative approach to the fishery should be used ensuring our king salmon stocks are strong for generations to come. Should be considered under means and methods of fishing	X		
47	SUPPORT; To be used only when ADF&G issue and emergency order to close the Anchor River or Deep Creek Rivers, this is a conservation issue	X		
48	SUPPORT; Moves lines North of Anchor Point	X		
49	OPPOSE; This proposal requires too much interaction with the public, it is also a safety concern by ADF & G.		X	
50	OPPOSE; This is a social issue, no biological concern to support this proposal		X	
51	OPPOSE; This is not the time or place to craft a management plan. The ADF&G is currently working on a plan but does not have all the parts completed.		X	