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State of Alaska

Alaska Department of Fish & Game

Board of Fish Statewide Finfish Meeting

March 5th, 2013 Teleconference 1:00PM

I. Opening: 1:15PM

II. Roll Call: Quorum has been established

Chairman James Charles- Tuntutuliak

Greg Roczicka- Bethel

Steven Maxi- Napaskiak

Sandra Nicorai- Kwethluk

Henry Tikiun- Atmauthluak

Jackson Williams- Akiak

Noah Andrew- Tuntutuliak

John Andrew- Kwethluk

Staff & Guests:

Travis Ellison, Area Management Fisheries Biologist, Anchorage

Cassie Stockdale, Association of Village Presidents, Bethel

III. New Business- BOF Statewide Finfish Proposals

PROPOSAL 215 - 5 AAC 39.205. Criteria for the allocation of fishery resources among personal use, sport, and commercial fisheries.

Jackson Williams motion for no action

2nd- Sandra Nicorai

Unanimous in favor

PROPOSAL 216 - 5 AAC 39.2XX. Application of fishery management plans.

James Charles- I wanted to talk to the board of fish about that, because in the notes the department will defer to the management plan. When they make the management plan the application of fishery management plan as will follows. There is a little note, what I read a little while ago after they make the management plan I would want them to stick with the plan and not change it.

Greg Roczicka- Not to my reading of it this was put in by the Kenai River Sports man association, they are trying to go it says that there is no provision of... (reads from the proposal)



I think they are trying to get at with this proposal to have the perception in Anchorage, Crook Inlet, and Susitna are friendlier toward the sport fishery. I don't see anything about the in river fishery.

James Charles- Includes the Lower Kuskokwim. Did you read the issue?

Greg Roczicka- If the board adopts they will apply to the whole state. I'm a little worried about it. It's almost like a disclaimer, but it just formalizes it a little more. Clean up the language, where you have the differing subsistence uses of harvest targets...

James Charles- "Ya".

Greg Roczicka- That is about the only changes that clarifies and over rides the management plan. Especially since after we got what is passed at the AYK meeting. We have the strongest management plan in the whole state, if it can be used just to clear it up for other folks, but I wouldn't be against it.

James Charles- Earl and I were talking about supporting to help the area.

Jackson Williams- We just need a little more clarification, because of last year everything went hay-wire. Is it something like that proposal?

James Charles- This one here is to stick with the plans are for the keeping the escapement goals a priority. Do you understand?

Jackson Williams- Commissioner, to understand the application of the fishery management plan to acquire statewide management plan as follows.

James Charles- re-clarifies from the proposal (chapters of title 5) there should be anyway of stepping off the management plan to stick with the management plan.

Greg Roczicka- They are restating what is already there. Just reinforcing over writing a management plan. The escapement goals area already a management plans. This proposal is put in by Kenai to make the management stronger to make sure they get escapement into the Kenai. This doesn't really change anything for what we have out here.

John Andrew- I just got into the building and I'm here.

James Charles- Updates John Andrew.

Greg Roczicka- I can see where it would be worth supporting, I amend to make it states that it also includes in river escapement goals. To have an in river escapement goal to equal the harvest up and down the river to incorporate and establish and in river escapement goal to provide harvest for people too. That is not included in the proposal. I move to amend and include in river escapement goal.

Greg Roczicka- Proposal 216 highlighted and amended language page: for the purpose for the subsection (insert: in river escapement goals)

We do not have an escapement goal and I think it should be included.

Noah Andrew- Are you using sonar or something?

Greg Roczicka- Changes that they made in those goals in a range that are done though the weirs and bethel test fish.

Noah Andrew- I didn't understand. (*James Charles- Clarifies in Yupik.*)



Greg Roczicka- We do not have one, but keeps the door open that we may have one in the future.

(Clarification in Yupik.)

Motion to support with amendment include “in river escapement goals” - Greg

2nd- John Andrew

Question called.

Unanimous consent

PROPOSAL 217 - 5 AAC 39.223. Policy for statewide salmon escapement goals

Greg Roczicka- Again this proposal was put in, trying to apply into the statewide. It doesn't matter if it's named in there or not, it will be applied statewide. Statewide for kings and establish kings for the priority for fish species for the whole state. What he is asking for is the increase in the escapement goals and jeopardize to provide subsistence apply as much more often to not be in the same situation for the Kuskokwim even if we a, potentially put the department.

James Charles- Management plans for this area propos 105 is good for this area.

Motion to oppose number 217- Jackson Williams

2nd- John Andrew

Discussions/Questions -

James Charles- we already made a management plan for the Kuskokwim and has been amendment for Board of Fish in January. So this one here, like Greg said. This is opposed that this will not help our area.

Greg Roczicka- If they are looking for justification of no support of this:

Justification: You can't apply one standard for the whole state. Kings are a priority, but the way this proposal written is not for everyone.

Unanimous Consent

PROPOSAL 218 - 5 AAC 39.222. Policy for the management of sustainable salmon fisheries; and 5 AAC 39.223. Policy for statewide salmon escapement goals.

Greg Roczicka- I did call up Art Nelson to get more background on this and he is trying to put the department in sustainable fishery. To have a target number in order to raise the level of concern or a sustainable harvest concerns to come up with these number in writing and get the board to establish numbers before we get to the point of getting numbers for the stocks of concern. The threshold it is not an escapement goal it is a warning sign for the yellow sign. That the department was suppose to come up with the numbers and they haven't.

Motion to support Proposal 218- Greg

2nd- Sandra Nicori

Question has been called.

Unanimous consent



PROPOSAL 219 - 5 AAC 39.975. Definitions.

James Charles- I would like to see a dictionary of words that are used in fishery management, the department always let us understand some way.

Greg Roczicka- I don't think we need no action on this. This is the same fellow that had 215. The definitions already exist; he can find everything that he asks about 2 pages behind (XXX).

No Action, Unanimous Consent

Proposal 220, 221, - No Action, Unanimous Consent

PROPOSAL 223 – 5 AAC 39.120. Registration of commercial fishing vessels.

Greg Roczicka- We already have this for our area and I think this is just a clarification.

James Charles-We have been on District 1, anyway.

Greg Roczicka- They are asking: The language is already put in the fishery management to apply on the Kuskokwim onto the statewide level.

Move to support proposal 223- Greg Roczicka

John Andrew- To support the permit number here moves to no action to transfer permits for. Let's move for no action, since we already have that.

Move to no action 223- John Andrew

2nd- Jackson Williams

Unanimous Consent

PROPOSAL 224 – 5 AAC 39.195. Announcement of emergency orders

John Andrew- To amend the language at least up to 2 days in advance of notification for announcement of emergency order.

Motion to amend and add 2 days notice to the current proposal- Jackson Williams

2nd- Greg Roczicka

Discussion- Jackson would that be just for the EO action notice, currently it is 24 hours for commercial, if you made it 48 hours... if July for commercial fishing 48 hours may not work for the commercial fishing.

Travis (ADFG)- this proposal in this regulation, this applies to all fisheries in AK. The big change here is that under the old regulation using telegrams to distribute, we don't have telegrams but we do have email and website.

James Charles- What about faxes to tribal office.

Travis (ADFG)- The way this is written and the department must let people know 1 or more of the following, we do most of these on the Kuskokwim.

Travis (ADFG)- This doesn't specify time of an E.O. going into effect, in the Kuskokwim it does have the provision of 24 hours of commercial fishing.



Jackson Williams- I move to amend with a two day notice. A lot of us on the Kuskokwim do not have internet or know how to use the internet, but our youth do. If we are at fish camp we don't have internet at fish camp.

Greg Roczicka- For this proposal this just replaces telegrams and phone with updated forms of communication. This doesn't stop the current notification form for the department to notify the people.

Unanimous Consent

Proposal 225,226 (NO ACTION< Unanimous Consent)

PROPOSAL 227 - 5 AAC 75.003. Emergency order authority. Provide the department with emergency order (EO) authority to restrict sport proxy fishing as follows:
5 AAC 75.003(1) The commissioner or an authorized designee may decrease sport fish bag and possession limits, annual limits, and restrict methods and means of harvest by emergency order when (B) the recreational harvest must be curtailed in any fishery for conservation reasons; **emergency orders may independently decrease proxy bag, possession, and annual limits;** the department may issue a "catch and release only" emergency order . .

Greg Roczicka- clarifies the support of proposal 227. We don't want to see subsistence fishery closed and see sports people fishing while subsistence is closed.

Move to support- Greg
2nd- Jackson
Unanimous consent

PROPOSAL 228 – 5 AAC 75.995. Definitions. Prohibit the practice of "high grading" by anglers as follows:

(4) "bag limit" means the maximum legal take per person per day, in the area in which the person is fishing, even though part or all of the fish are immediately preserved; a fish when landed and **not immediately released** [KILLED] becomes part of the bag limit of the person originally hooking it;

James Charles- Travis has this been used?

Travis (ADFG)- Yes, only thing that is changed is that this clarifies the "immediate release".

Move to support- Greg, principle of trophy fishing and the handling will damage the fish
2nd- Jackson
Discussion/ Question
Unanimous consent

PROPOSAL 229 – 5 AAC 75.006. Harvest record for finfish with an annual limit. Specify harvest record reporting requirements for additional sport fishing licenses and harvest records as follows:

(b) A person obtaining a duplicate **or additional** sport fishing license or duplicate **or additional** harvest record shall record on that form the information required by (a)(2) of this section for all finfish previously landed during that year that were subject to the harvest record reporting requirements of this section.

James Charles- Like what Beverly always tells us what people caught?

Travis (ADFG)- Clarifies the proposal

Greg Roczicka- I don't know if you can answer this, but how will this be enforceable Travis.



Travis (ADFG)- I don't know,

Greg Roczicka- how in the world is this enforceable?

Travis (ADFG)- When not reporting on the license the annual harvest, someone will always have the records somewhere.

Greg Roczicka- So they can be cited during post season.

Travis (ADFG)- I guess that would be possible.

Motion to support- Greg

2nd- John Andrew

Discussion has been called.

Jackson- Ask for clarification on question to proposal.

Question has been called.

Unanimous Consent

PROPOSAL 230 - 5 AAC 75.005. Possession of licenses, stamps and harvest record. If duplicate licenses are issued, ensure that the section for season or annual limits is removed from duplicate as follows:

When duplicate licenses are issued the block or section for season limits will be crossed off or the duplicate will be identified so that season limit block cannot be used, or some other method to prevent the abuse of the annual limits established by the Board of Fisheries. The new computer generated licenses will have to be modified to identify the first one printed as the original and all other copies printed as duplicates or require duplicates to be issued by a vendor.

Motion: No Action- Greg

2nd- Jackson Williams

Unanimous Consent

PROPOSAL 231 – 5 AAC 75.995. Definitions. Define the term “compensations” as follows:
(52) “compensation” means direct or indirect payment, remuneration, or other benefits received in return for services, regardless of the source; in this paragraph, “benefits” includes wages or other employment benefits given directly or indirectly to an individual or organization, and any dues, payments, fees, or other remuneration given directly or indirectly to a fishing club, business, organization, or individual who provides sport fishing guide services; and does not include reimbursement for the actual daily expenses for fuel, food, or bait;

Motion to support- Greg: other than money,

2nd- Jackson Williams

Discussion/question

Unanimous Consent

PROPOSAL 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 243, 244, 245, 247, and 249

Motion for No Action- John Andrew

Unanimous Consent



PROPOSAL 248 – 5 AAC 39.290. Closed waters and 5 AAC 39.975. Definitions

Motion to Support- John Andrew

2nd- Greg

Noah Andrew said: Boundaries on these closed areas are different for commercial fishing and subsistence fishing. The boundary lines should stay the same like down here in Tuluksak that the markers are not moved throughout the summer; Noah's concern was about the boundary lines being moved.

Greg Roczicka- This proposal is only specific to commercial fishery and not the existing subsistence fishery.

Question.

Unanimous Consent.



PROPOSAL 224 **ACTION: (7) In Favor (0) Oppose (0) Abstain**
DESCRIPTION: Announcement of emergency orders
DISCUSSION: Support Dept. of Fish & Game in common sense update for delivering emergency orders.

PROPOSAL 225 **ACTION: (0) In Favor (7) Oppose (0) Abstain**
DESCRIPTION: Policy for implementation of permit stacking
DISCUSSION: The risk with stacking is the potential to eliminate opportunities for families in the future.

PROPOSAL 226 **ACTION: (7) In Favor (0) Oppose (0) Abstain**
DESCRIPTION: Update regulations to accurately reflect changes to the statewide Sport Shark Fishery Management Plan
DISCUSSION: We believe this is necessary clarification and support ADF&G.

PROPOSAL 227 **ACTION: (7) In Favor (0) Oppose (0) Abstain**
DESCRIPTION: Emergency Order Authority to restrict sport proxy fishing
DISCUSSION: Good policy, we support ADF&G.

PROPOSAL 228 **ACTION: (7) In Favor (0) Oppose (0) Abstain**
DESCRIPTION: Prohibit the practice of “high grading”
DISCUSSION: Good policy, we support ADF&G.

PROPOSAL 229 **ACTION: (7) In Favor (0) Oppose (0) Abstain**
DESCRIPTION: Harvest record for finfish with an annual limit
DISCUSSION: Good policy, we support ADF&G and Dept. of Public Safety.

PROPOSAL 230 **ACTION: NO COMMENT**
DESCRIPTION:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 231 **ACTION: (7) In Favor (0) Oppose (0) Abstain**
DESCRIPTION: Define the term “compensations”
DISCUSSION: Clarification is good. If a term is going to be used, it needs to be clearly defined.

PROPOSAL 232 **ACTION: (7) In Favor (0) Oppose (0) Abstain**
DESCRIPTION: Use of sport caught fish as bait
DISCUSSION: Support ADF&G on need for clarification.

PROPOSAL 233 **ACTION: (0) In Favor (7) Oppose (0) Abstain**
DESCRIPTION: Exemption for use of felt soles for disabled or handicapped fishermen
DISCUSSION: The issue of felt soles has to do with protection of the stream from cross contamination and should not be allowed for anyone regardless of physical abilities.



PROPOSAL 234 **ACTION: (7) In Favor (0) Oppose (0) Abstain**
DESCRIPTION: Ban use of lead weights in fresh & salt waters in Alaska sport fisheries
DISCUSSION: Support protection of wildlife.

PROPOSAL 235 **ACTION: (0) In Favor (7) Oppose (0) Abstain**
DESCRIPTION: Establish mandatory reporting system for statewide sport fisheries
DISCUSSION: This is imposing another unproductive burden on Dept. of Fish & Game.

Supplemental Proposals

PROPOSAL 236 **ACTION: (0) In Favor (7) Oppose (0) Abstain**
DESCRIPTION: Criteria for the allocation of fishery resources
DISCUSSION: This proposal points out a problem, but offers no practical solution that would be appropriate to statewide management. Any reasonable solution would have to be area by area.

PROPOSAL 237 **ACTION: NO COMMENT**
DESCRIPTION:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 238 **ACTION: (0) In Favor (7) Oppose (0) Abstain**
DESCRIPTION: Allow one permit holder who owns two drift gillnet permits to use 200 fathoms drift gillnet gear, and operate the gear from a single vessel
DISCUSSION: The risk with stacking is the potential to eliminate opportunities for families in the future.

PROPOSAL 239 **ACTION: NO COMMENT**
DESCRIPTION:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 240 **ACTION: NO COMMENT**
DESCRIPTION:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 241 **ACTION: NO COMMENT**
DESCRIPTION:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 242 **ACTION: NO COMMENT**
DESCRIPTION:
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL 243 **ACTION: (7) In Favor (0) Oppose (0) Abstain**
DESCRIPTION: Forage Fish Management Plan
DISCUSSION: Addresses the reality for the need of the herring to be recognized as a forage fish.



PROPOSAL 244
DESCRIPTION:
DISCUSSION:

ACTION: NO COMMENT

PROPOSAL 245
DESCRIPTION:
DISCUSSION:

ACTION: NO COMMENT

PROPOSAL 246
DESCRIPTION:
DISCUSSION:

ACTION: NO COMMENT

PROPOSAL 247
DESCRIPTION:
DISCUSSION:

ACTION: NO COMMENT

PROPOSAL 248

ACTION: (7) In Favor (0) Oppose (0) Abstain

DESCRIPTION: Closed waters and 5 AAC 39.975

DISCUSSION: We can see the need for clarification and unification of management regulations.

PROPOSAL 249
DESCRIPTION:
DISCUSSION:

ACTION: NO COMMENT



Noatak and Kivalina AC Meeting 2.18.13
Excerpt from minutes 2.18.13

Statewide Allocation, Management Plans and Policies

Proposal 215

Motion: To abstain from voting on proposal 215

All Support

Opposed: None

Discussion: N/A

Motion Result: Abstain from voting

Proposal 217

Motion: Motion to abstain from voting on proposal 217

Seconded

All Support

None Opposed

Discussion:

The state of Alaska is coming up with a management plan for kings. The relationship has to do with how the currents go and there are cycles.

The gentleman who submitted this is a commercial fisherman down in Kodiak.

Motion Result: To abstain from voting on proposal 217

Proposal 218

Motion: Motion to support proposal 218

Seconded:

All Support

Opposed

Discussion:

Brendan Scanlon: This group is mostly dealing with Yukon Kings and the Lower Yukon

Carmen Daggett: Explains escapement goal range movement.

Brendan Scanlon: Explains escapement goals.

Harley: I would tend to side with the Bering Sea Fisherman's because they are closely associated with our group.

Motion Result:

Motion carries to support proposal 218

Proposal 225-Permit Stacking

Motion to abstain from voting on proposal 225

All Support

Opposed

Discussion: I don't like this proposal at all.

Brendan Scanlon: This won't change anything about sport fishing.

I don't want to touch this proposal at all.

Motion Result: AC abstained from voting on proposal 225

Proposal 227

Motion to abstaining from the proposal 227

Support:

Opposed:

Discussion: This is a sport fishery proposal; it wouldn't affect subsistence fishers at all.



Questions about catch and release. There is about a 10% catch and release mortality. On our river it is getting worse with catch and release. Do you think a lot of it is hunters who just bring fishing rods with them? Every year it is increasing with sport fishers here, because they hear about our big trout that we can get.

Brendan Scanlon: Explains that it costs a lot of money to get out here. Explains that there is a guiding service that operates for just French people. They are casting where our caribou route crossing is. I told many of them to move, and they said they would and when I go back out there they are still there.

Carmen Daggett: you may want to approach the Unit 23 user conflict group.

Brendan Scanlon: Explains the number of harvested trout on the Noatak River ~420 fish were caught out of the Wulluk. We have a mail out harvest survey and a guide book.

Public Comment: I wonder how many of the fish were released. That should be on the form

Brendan Scanlon: I would bet that most of the people that come out here and catch fish and release them.

Public Comment: Explains that it is concerned about the catch and the release death rate. We find all kinds of white stuff on them. We take the fish home we don't release them.

Public comment: Sometimes we go up river and people have been catching a releasing and the fish don't bite and then we just wasted our gas getting there.

Brendan Scanlon: The statewide harvest survey is online you can get information about sport fisherman to the statewide harvest survey estimates.

Public Comment: Would like to get the data of released fish.

Resident discussion versus in state permits. Guides cannot issue proxy permits.

Public Question: Inquires about residents and non-residents and who would be affected by this permit.

Brendan Scanlon: I don't think it is going to affect you guys at all.

We have too many regulations bothering us.

Result: Abstained from voting on proposal 227

Proposal 228

Motion to support proposal 228

Seconded

All Support

None opposed

Discussion:

Brendan Scanlon: Gives an example of high grading

Focused towards the sports fisherman?

Brendan Scanlon: yes

Motion Result: Motion carries to support proposal 228

Proposal 229

Motion to abstain from voting

All Support

None Opposed

Discussion:

Brendan Scanlon: Explains an example of losing a fishing license and the stamps that go with it.

Motion Result: AC abstained from voting on proposal 229



Proposal 230

Motion to abstain from voting on proposal 230

All Support

None Opposed

Discussion:

Brendan Scanlon: Almost exactly the same as the one we had before accept it is proposed by a different group.

Motion Result: AC abstained from voting on proposal 230

Proposal 232

Motion to abstain from voting on proposal 232

All Support

None Opposed

Discussion:

Brendan Scanlon: Explains an example of this proposal.

Motion Result: Abstained from voting on proposal 232

Proposal 233

Motion: Motion to support proposal 233

All Support

Discussion:

Carmen Daggett: Explain the reasoning behind felt bottom soled boots

None Opposed

Motion Result: Motion carries to support proposal 233

Proposal 234

Motion to support proposal 234

All Support

Discussion:

We do use a lot of lead weights though.

The size of weights is what is important

None Opposed

Motion Result: motion carries to support proposal 234

Proposal 235

Motion to support proposal 235

Seconded:

All Support

None Opposed

Discussion:

Brendan Scanlon: Right now the information that we get from sport fishing is from the sport harvest surveys.

This would improve the data for number of fish caught by sport harvest.

Explains where the Native Village of Eyak is.

This is a statewide proposal.

Motion Result: AC supported proposal 235



Northern Norton Sound Excerpt from 10.30.12 Meeting Minutes

Proposal #216

Comments: Roy Ashenfelter: inquires about his proposal being statewide.

Jim Menard: It seemed like to set some escapement goals outside the management plan, and it was made by Kenai sportsman fishing and they grabbed a bunch of different areas.

Roy Ashenfelter: This is a statewide proposal. We won't meet again for this year. I wanted to make sure if there were comments on this.

Adem Boeckman: I don't like it when people tell the rest of the state what they should do. Essentially Cook Inlet is using the whole state to get this proposal passed and I don't like it when they do that.

Adem Boeckman: I would like to vote this down

All opposed to proposal 216

None in support

Motion Fails

Proposal 218:

Charlie Lean: there should be a bottom line for escapement; it would include some streams in Norton Sound. It is asking the department has said the regulation has been in place for a long time. There has never been a SET set in the state.

This should occur, the downside to this it could be used as an endangered species act thing. The Nome River failed to meet the SET river threshold; it might close fishing for everything in the Nome sub district. SFA is looking for lever to push area M around and Pollock by catch. It is a little bit scary. I think there should be a bottom line. The scary thing is if they hit it. It is something that the Bering Sea fisherman's association wanted me to bring to the AC. It is a double edged sword. This will tie Jim's hands; it would completely close everything down. If were that low it would be below the escapement goal. There has never been one of these.

Jim Menard: Sub district 1 was listed as stock of conservation concern and Golovin and Elim were listed as yield concerns. We have never been that low again. We did establish an SET. We are (Nome) still a conservation concern and the management concern between districts 2 and 3.

Adem Boeckman: questions effects of working the fishing of the crash.

Jim Menard: it is kind of after the fact. How low is the SET. We had a low SET on the Snake that produced a return.

Charlie Lean: the SET is the number when you



Paul Kosto: Is this a useful for Jim Menard for your tool box?

Jim Menard: No

Proposal 218

None Support

All in Opposition

Motion fails



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Meeting began at 6:42 pm at the King Career Center, located at 2650 E Northern Lights Blvd in Room 109.

Members Present: Bruce Morgan, Kevin Sparrowgrove, Grant Klotz, Frank Neumann, Robert Caywood, Joel Doner, Robert Peck, Jr, Vince Baldauf, Mike Priebe, George Jacoby

Members Absent Excused: Kevin Taylor, Jim Stubbs

Members Absent Unexcused: Mark Campbell, Matthew Rogero, Sasha Ruesch, Zach Stubbs, Joel Wagner

Public Present: Neil DeWitt, Erich Pili and Eli Mullins (students in Mr Woods Natural Resources class)

Department Present: Sherry Wright, Boards Support

Advise Guests of public testimony signup sheet

Agenda was approved.

Public testimony - None

Old Business – MOU letter was sent to Jennifer Yuhas.

Comments to the BOF regarding Statewide Proposals

Statewide Allocation, Management Plans, and Policies

PROPOSAL 215

Action: No action

Description: Address allocations by percentages.

Discussion: The committee talked about this concept a couple years ago and this is a rehash of that issue.

PROPOSAL 216

Action: Support 7 - 3

Description: Require statewide adherence to salmon fishery management plans.

Discussion: The board addressed this under a Cook Inlet meeting and a concern of broadly covering the entire state with the same brush was deemed to be unwise, as it would potentially take tools away from the area managers. This works in Cook Inlet, because of the political and contentious fishery, but that is not necessarily the case everywhere. One member supports it because he felt it provides direction to the department. Concern of lack of harvest for subsistence in some areas of the state (Nome was mentioned) was a reason for support.

PROPOSAL 217

Action: Support 7 – 2-1

Description: Mandate statewide priority for management of king salmon.

Discussion: We have a lack of Chinook statewide, and no ideas offered to change anything. We hear a lot of concerns about what is causing, but just keep reducing the goals. Let's get more fish in the river. A member of the public expressed the idea that allowing the fish to reach



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escapement, then allow all users to utilize the fishery once escapement is met. The motivation of the author is agreeable to all, but the way of getting to that was not agreeable to all. The three year average return is cited by year, but the escapement numbers are what are written in the proposal. You have to go by the total run numbers. A graph of Kenai River escapement goal was provided. The maximum sustained yield is the amount that we should be aiming for. The real question is do we want to manage for something other than maximum sustained yield? The impression is that managers are more concerned with what people are saying and the social aspects, than managing the fish. There are systems that need the MSY goals in order for the fish to continue and a blanket raising the goal 2% annually, is not the best way to make that happen. Lots of people have lots of paper, but what I believe is what I see on the river – there are fewer fish. This proposal also may go against the Sustainable Salmon Fisheries policy. There was concern that some of us may be dead before we get out of this “cycle”. Everyone agrees that there are fewer kings. A desire to keep doing what we are doing is definitely not where the committee wants to be. A member of the public spoke that part of the reason there are fewer fish is that we have more people fishing here now than we did 25 years ago. Flooding in the Trapper Creek area has also contributed to the decline of fisheries there. Fertilizing those fish by netting the males and transporting them to where the females are is something that has been suggested, but not tried in that area. Closer to the mouth of the river are where more kings are harvested, but they also are harvesting reds.

PROPOSAL 218

Action Opposed 0 - 10

Description: Established a sustained escapement threshold (SET) for stocks listed as yield or management concern.

Discussion:

PROPOSAL 219

Action Opposed 0 – 8 - 2

Description: Define terms, including “maximum sustained yield”, “optimum sustained yield”, “sustained yield”, and “mixed stock fishery”.

Discussion: This will remove confusion. They are already defined.

COMMERCIAL

Groundfish

PROPOSAL 220

Action Support unanimous

Description: Allow groundfish registration by facsimile, telephone, or e-mail.

Discussion: The committee supports the concepts and the department in this proposal.

PROPOSAL 221

Action Support unanimous

Description: Remove federal; regulatory reference.

Discussion: The committee supports the concepts and the department in this proposal.

General Provisions

PROPOSAL 222

Action Support unanimous

Description: Require a CFEC permit holder to provide proof of identification when attempting to sell fish or at the request of a peace officer.



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Discussion: The committee supports the concepts and the department in this proposal.

PROPOSAL 223

Action: Support unanimous

Description: Specify area registration requirements for salmon net fishing vessels.

Discussion: The committee supports the concepts and the department in this proposal.

PROPOSAL 224

Action: Support unanimous

Description: Revise emergency order (EO) announcement process to add email or facsimile as means of notification.

Discussion: The committee supports the concepts and the department in this proposal.

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PROPOSAL 226

Action Support unanimous

Description: Update regulations to accurately reflect changes to the statewide *Sport Shark Fishery Management Plan* which allowed for an increase bag and possession limit of spiny dogfish shark and no annual limit requirement.

Discussion: The committee supports the concepts and the department in this proposal.

PROPOSAL 227

Action: Support unanimous

Description: Provide the department with emergency order (EO) authority to restrict sport proxy fishing.

Discussion: The committee supports the concepts and the department in this proposal.

PROPOSAL 228

Action: Support unanimous

Description: Prohibit the practice of “high grading” by anglers.

Discussion: The committee supports the concepts and the department in this proposal.

PROPOSAL 229

Action: Support unanimous

Description: Specify harvest record reporting requirements for additional sport fishing licenses and harvest records.

Discussion: The committee supports the concepts and the department in this proposal.

Proposal 230

Action: Support as amended, 9 – 1

Discussion: Support with amended: Mandatory 24 hour reporting to ADF&G. It is a good idea to keep up to date on data for the department.

Oppose- The proposal isn't specific enough and if you lose your license before the season for a species even started you would not be able to use it.

Proposal 231

Action: Support unanimous

Discussion: Committee supports the department generated proposal.

Proposal 232 Action- Support unanimous

Discussion - Committee supports the department generated proposal.

Proposal 233 Action- Support, 6-2-2

Discussion: Comments for support- It will help handicapped fisherman to enjoy fishing safely.



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Comments against- The shoes that are now used are safe enough for everyone.

Proposal 234 Action- oppose, 1-9

Discussion: Comments in support- It will only affect the smaller lead that is used and it is good for the environment.

Comments oppose- It is not needed right now and the lead is not posing a hazard at this time.

Proposal 235 Action-oppose, 0-9-1

Discussion: Reference the amendment to proposal #230 that we made. It is a good idea.

Proposal 249 Action-oppose, 1-9

Discussion: Comments in support- It does try to let the setnetters fish even with low returns and tries to eliminate the windows concept for most of week period..

Comments opposing- There was no consensus of members of the task force. It was a total waste of time and effort to just come up with a way to let the setnetters fish when there is no or lower king returns. The task force didn't really come up with any new ideas to alleviate the harvest of king salmon by the setnetters, and all the dept. did was dumb down and lower the escapement goal. It appears that they will try and shoot for the lower end of the goal and then still be able to let the setnetters fish. It gives the B of F a scapegoat by saying we had this task force and implemented this proposal and it didn't change anything. There were no ideas to put more king salmon into the river. There was no discussion about the consensus on number 3 and no actual times for the ESSN to be able to fish and the fact that when there are a lot of reds in they catch fewer kings in a period and when there is less reds they catch more kings in a period.

Next meeting place and time; April 2, 2013, 6:30pm at the hatchery.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.



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ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME: PWS/CRD

Location (City, town, village): Cordova

Members Present: Jason Fardle, Dan Nichols, John Greenwood, Tavis Baker, John Renner, Chris [unclear], Tom Carpenter, Troy Tirrell, Mark King, Ardy Hanson, John Bacci, Vic Jones

Members Absent _____

Members Excused _____

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

ADF&G Staff Present: Dave Crowley, Jeremy Botz, Steve

Time meeting called to order 7:00 AM / PM

Old Business and New Business: -- Use additional pages

Time Meeting Adjourned 9:30 AM / PM

Signature: Jason Fardle
Committee Secretary

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Proposal 215: No action.

Proposal 216: Opposed 12 to 0. Comments: Cook Inlet is a very complicated management plan these principals shouldn't be applied State wide and are redundant. If the department wanted this proposal they would have brought it forward.

Proposal 217: Opposed 12 to 0. Comments: Mandated priority of one species to the detriment of all others is not sound biological management.

Proposal 218: Opposed 12 to 0. Comments: Very difficult to come up with a definition of SET and a single number for any stock would be extremely hard to come with and manage for.

Proposal 219: Opposed 12 to 0. Comments: Already defined under general provisions in regulation book.

Proposal 220 and 221: In favor. Comments: Easier registration techniques are good. Email was inadvertently admitted.

Proposal 222: In favor 12 to 0

Proposal 223 and 224: House Keeping. No action.

Proposal 225: 12 to 0 Opposed. Comments: Each fishery has its own characteristics and harvest practices. Concept not applicable state wide.

Proposal 226: No action.

Proposal 227: 12-0 In favor. Comments: Good idea.

Proposal 228: 12-0 In favor. Comments: Great idea. Support department.

Proposal 229: 12-0 In favor. Comments: Easier to enforce and prosecute violations.

Proposal 230: 12 to 0 Opposed. Comments: Would alter state process for duplicate licenses prohibitively expensive and 229 takes care of it.

Proposal 231: 12 to 0 In favor. Comments: Would clarify regulations and assist enforcement.

Proposal 232: Take no action until further clarification.

Proposal 233: 12 to 0 Opposed Comments: Should be specific criteria for proposal. Invasive species are a real threat to some Alaska fisheries.

Proposal 234: 12 to 0 Opposed Comments: Lead weights are not a problem.

Proposal 235: 8 In favor, 3 Opposed. Comments: All user groups should be held accountable for up to date and accurate information. Additional bureaucracy would tie up enforcement resources. Waste of time and money. Possible federal funding source. Trapping reports, shell fish reports, subsistence reports most other harvest have reporting requirements. What's up with salmon sports fishing.

Proposal 236: 12 to 0 Opposed. Comments: Proposal lacks detail. It may fall outside the boards authority.

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Board members apply background and experience and use individual discretion and the system has worked for decades. Seems to be trying to alter the 8 criteria by assigning weights would obviously be allocative.

Proposal 243: 12 to 0 Opposed: Comments: herring has a defined biomass and management plan separating them from the rest of the forage fish. Could prevent any new fisheries such as the biomass at Wingham island in area E. Opposed to board generated proposal except in times of a conservation concern.

Proposal 247: 12 to 0 Opposed: Comments: Original proposal was done by an ACR then morphed into a board generated proposal. AC was unclear if proper public process was followed. Long term history of a fishery by locals with no conservation concerns. Lodges already have 5 out of 7 days with no commercial fishing on the river. The river could change course and the locals could lose the entire commercial fishery. Float houses operated by this lodge have been detrimental to small local Coho systems close to Cordova. Such as Hole in the Wall and Alice Cove.

Proposal 248: 6-Oppose and 6-abstain. Comments: There needs to be a better definition of the terminus of the salmon stream. A readily identifiable point needs to be chosen for each stream. This would clarify a definition for enforcement a rearing as opposed to a spawning stream. The AC would prefer a defined point at a creek mouth or better yet visual markers.

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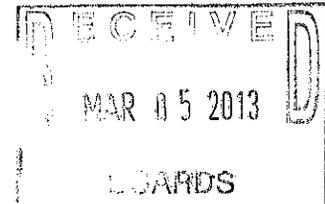


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Subject: Comments from the Unalaska / Dutch Harbor Advisory Committee meeting held on January 24, 2013 in Unalaska, AK for Proposals included in the Alaska Board Fisheries Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues meeting March 19-24 2013 in Anchorage AK.

Proposal 218-5 AAC 39.222. Policy for the management of sustainable, salmon fisheries; and 5AAC 39.223. Policy for statewide salmon escapement goals. Establish a sustained escapement threshold (SET) for any stock listed as a yield or management concern as follows: ADFG Kodiak staff draft comments on proposal #218 were neutral on this proposal. Motion to take no action on #218, made by Gregory, second was made by Goodfellow.

Discussion: It appears that this proposal isn't needed at this time by the department as they have enough tools to work with. So the committee decided to take no action which was supported 7-0.

Proposal 220 – 5AAC 28.020 Groundfish area registrations. Allow groundfish registration by facsimile, telephone, or e-mail as follow: Motion to support proposal by Rowland, the second was by Kochuten. ADFG draft staff comments were in support of this proposal.

Discussion: Committee comments were brief, committee members and public comment by harvesters thought this was an excellent idea, and would really help with getting registrations done when ADFG offices were closed, and on weekends. The committee supported proposal #220 7-0.

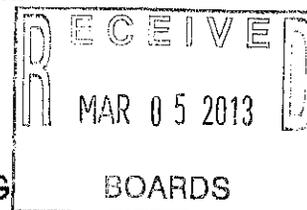
Proposal 221 -5AAC 28070. Groundfish possession and landing requirements. Remove regulatory reference as follows: Motion to support #221

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by Rowland the second was made by Shockley. ADFG proposal, draft ADFG staff comments were in support of this ADFG proposal.

Discussion: Housekeeping proposal, to straighten out some incorrect regulatory language. Committee voted 7-0 to support proposal # 221.

Proposal 226- 5AAC47.020 General Provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area 5AAC 55.022. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Prince William Sound Area; 5ACC 58.022 Waters; seasons, bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet- Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area; 5AAC 64.022 Waters; seasons, bag, possession, and size limits; for Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Island Area and 5AAC75.012 Sport Shark Fishery Management Plan. Update regulations to accurately reflect changes to the statewide Sport Shark Fishery Management Plan which allowed for increase bag and passion limit of spiny dogfish shark and no annual limit requirement as follows: Motion to support by Gregory the second was by Rowland. This was an ADFG proposal and the staff draft comments supported this proposal.

Discussion: Committee felt this was a housekeeping issue to clarify regulations on the harvest of spiny dogfish, committee supported proposal # 226 by a vote of 7-0.

Proposal 227-5 ACC75.003. Emergency order authority. Provide the department with emergency order authority to restrict sport proxy fishing as follows: Motion to support by Rowland the second was made by Gregory.

Discussion: This was another ADFG proposal and the staff draft comments supported this proposal. Committee felt this was a housekeeping issue to give the department the EO authority to restrict proxy limits for sport fishing, committee asked for definition of proxy fishing, and supported proposal # 227 by a vote of 7-0.

Proposal 243- 5AAC 39.212 Forge Fish Management Plan. This proposal would add Pacific Herring to the forage fish category, moving it out of the finfish category. This was a Board of Fisheries generated proposal. Modify Forge Fish Management Plan by the adding of Pacific Herring as follows: Motion to support by Goodfellow the second was made by Rowland.

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Discussion: The draft ADFG comments did not support this proposal, and the committee wanted clarification on why this proposal was needed, and asked about potential impacts to other fisheries in the Bering Sea if the bycatch of Pacific Herring increased. The committee felt that this proposal wasn't needed and the motion to support failed 7-0.

Proposal 245 -5AAC 34.610(d). Fishing seasons, for Registration Area O.

Change the vessel size limits in state waters from 172°W long to 179°W long for the Aleutian Island Red King Crab fishery as follows (d), During a fishing season opened under (a) of this section in the waters of Alaska between 172°W. long and 179°W.long the commissioner may issue a permit only to vessels that are less than 60' feet in overall length to fish for red king crab. Motion to support made by Gregory the second was made by Rowland.

Discussion: The ADFG draft staff comments took no position on this proposal. The committee discussed that this area hasn't opened in many years and the department would have to do a survey before it could be opened. There was concern that if this area did open that the larger crab vessels wouldn't be allowed in this area. Most of committee members thought it would be years before it opened and if it did, the quota would be very small and therefore it would make sense to allow the 60' under vessels to harvest this small amount. The committee voted 6-1 to support proposal #245.

Proposal 246- 5AAC 34.625(X) Lawful gear for registration Area O.

Establish a pot limit of 10 pots per vessels for the red king crab from 172°W long to 179° W. long as follows: in the red king crab fishery from 172°W long to 179°W long. Established under 5AAC 34.610(a) no more than 10 pots may be operated from a validly registered vessels. Motion to take no action by Gregory, the second was made by Rowland.

Discussion: ADFG staff draft comments took no position on this motion. The main points discussed by the committee focused on if this pot limit would carry over into the federal waters, and if it did carry over the committee believed it shouldn't be supported. No consensus was reached by the committee. The motion to take no action carried 4-3.



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This concludes the Unalaska AC's comments on the proposals to be addressed at the Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues scheduled March 19-24, 2013 in Anchorage AK.



Frank Kelty Date 3-5-13

Unalaska/Dutch Harbor AC Chairman

