

**On Time Advisory Committee Comment List  
Lower Cook Inlet Finfish  
December 8–11, 2013**

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**Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**William Jack Hernandez Hatchery**  
**941 N Reeve Boulevard**  
**November 12, 2013 at 6:30 pm**

Call meeting to order at 6:40 pm

Members Present: George Jacoby, Jim Stubbs, Kevin Taylor, Frank Neumann, Robert Peck, Jr, Joel Doner, Robert Caywood, Grant Klotz, and Mark Campbell

Members Absent Excused: Bruce Morgan, Kevin Sparrowgrove, Zach Stubbs, Vince Baldauf, Mike Priebe, Matthew Rogero, Sasha Ruesch

Public Present: Neil DeWitt

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Advise Guests of Public Testimony signup sheet – no one wished to testify

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Approve minutes from last meeting (Author - Kevin Sparrowgrove) tabled to next meeting.

Introduce Department Guests: Sherry Wright, Boards Support

**Old Business**

Approve minutes of the 2010 meetings – The committee reviewed the minutes at their meeting October 1, 2013. Moved to approve by George Jacoby 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Caywood. Motion approved unanimously.

**New Business – Lower Cook Inlet proposal comments**

#	Action Requested	AC Vote to Support or Oppose, any amendments and committee discussion
45	<b>5 AAC 28.4XX. New Section; 5 AAC 28.5XX. New Section; and 5 AAC 28.5XX. New Section.</b> Require 100 percent observer coverage on groundfish trawl vessels in state-waters of the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)</i>	Vote was 9 – 0 Support.  The committee was concerned with conservation of king salmon.
46	<b>5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section.</b> Allow party fishing in Cook Inlet saltwater sport fisheries.	3 – 6 Oppose It will create a new definition of bag limit. It blurs the line between the sport and commercial fishery. It is too broad would cover all species except halibut. If I'm going sport fishing it is for the experience of going fishing, but when I have party fishing and the kids are asleep they are not experiencing fishing while someone else reels in their fish. If this passed, they would need to change the entire other criteria that allows the limiting. This method seems to work.



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48	<p><b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 58.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section. Designate all waters where catch-and-release fishing occurs on salmon as single, unbaited, barbless-hook waters. (This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</b></p>	<p>0 – 9 Oppose.</p> <p>This takes a management tool away and there is no means to achieve this. There is no study to show the difference between the 2 hooks.</p>
49	<p><b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 58.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section. Establish criteria to designate waters in Cook Inlet as single, unbaited, barbless hooks waters. (This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</b></p>	<p>0 - 9 Oppose</p> <p>There is no designated single hook water in the state at this time. Circle hook helps reduce snagging fish.</p>
50	<p><b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section. Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for coho salmon in all Cook Inlet fresh waters. (This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</b></p>	<p>0 – 9 Oppose.</p> <p>This is un-enforceable and not practical. The study done by the department was done on one river the Little Su and it was done on lower river in tidal influence it had more to do with how the fish were handled.</p>
51	<p><b>5 AAC 58.030. Methods, means, and general provisions – Finfish. Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for coho salmon in the Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.</b></p>	<p>0- 9 Oppose</p> <p>Same as #50.</p>



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53	<p><b>5 AAC 56.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.</b> Prohibit anglers who are releasing a fish from removing the head of a fish out of the water. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>2-6-1 Oppose</p> <p>There are fisheries that already have this in regulation and this is unenforceable. Keeping the head of a fish in the water will not affect the mortality of that fish. Can understand the abuse of fish but this will not achieve this. There was discussion of an amendment to state that if to be released the fish be prohibited to be removed from the water. If it is going to be released it should not be netted. If you're going to release it, you shouldn't be playing it out. It is almost impossible to remove the hook without taking the head out of the water. One of the main killer of the fish is the hook going down into the gut or if the hook has gone in the gills.</p>
54	<p><b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section.</b> Prohibit sport fishing in major spawning areas where spawning fish are present in Cook Inlet salmon waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>0 – 9 Oppose.</p> <p>Department would have to mark and designate all of the spawning areas. This would eliminate many areas of a river for fishing. We need to be sensitive to sanctuaries for fish. The proposal should be more specific. How is "Major" spawning area defined? This is too broad. It would be better to find those spots that need protection and protect them. There are fishermen that are willing to help identify those spots. If you catch a fish that is spawning – you are on a spawning bed.</p>



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55	<p><b>5 AAC 56.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai Peninsula Area; 5 AAC 57.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 58.024. Harvest record required; annual limits; 5 AAC 59.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area; 5 AAC 60.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Knik Arm Drainages Area; 5 AAC 61.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Susitna River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 62.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the West Cook Inlet Area. Decrease Cook Inlet king salmon annual limit to two king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, of which only one can be from the Kenai River. (This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</b></p>	<p>0 – 9 Oppose</p> <p>This proposal simply restricts one user group. The department already has this tool available to them.</p>
56	<p><b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area. Decrease the Cook Inlet saltwater king salmon bag and possession limit to one king salmon and reduce the annual limit to two king salmon. (This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</b></p>	<p>0 – 9 Oppose</p> <p>This again limits one user group.</p>
57	<p><b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 58.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section. Limit amount of sport-caught fish that may be exported to 100 pounds of fillets. (This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</b></p>	<p>0 – 9 Oppose.</p> <p>It is too complicated, hard to implement and un-enforceable. This isn't the way to do what they probably intended. It could possibly be an annual limit. Once a person catches a fish it belongs to that individual to do with as they would like. People are seeing lots of tourist shipping boxes out. Concern if those are subsistence harvest, but that is enforcement's job to do enforcement. If they are doing something illegal, they should be busted for that, but if they are following the rules, they should be able to do what they would like with it. Exporting is a commerce term and is already controlled.</p>
58	<p><b>5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Close Anchor River to sport fishing on Wednesdays.</b></p>	<p>0 – 9 Oppose</p> <p>Once this is removed and the stocks come back, you can EO this. This would take away the opportunity. The regulation is made handle wide variation of runs.</p>



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59	<p><b>5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.</b> Delay reopening Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Stariski Creek to sport fishing by two weeks.</p>	<p>2 - 7 Oppose.</p> <p>The committee discussed using single hook with a hook size no larger than 3/8" hook gap. Opposing comments were that the numbers of kings in the river at this time are minimal to the run. The department has EO authority on this fishery if needed. The committee believes that hook restrictions would do the job and is the better solution. The committee also suggested limiting the line test size, but concern of how it would be enforced was stated. Fisherman should be able to fish for Dolly Varden using the hook restrictions and that would preserve the king fishery. Supporting comments stated if the fishery is open people will be fishing. The kings are getting pounded.</p>
60	<p><b>5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.</b> Modify sport fishing season to allow fishing during November and December on Lower Cook Inlet streams.</p>	<p>0 – 9 Oppose</p> <p>It is better to stay conservative and closed to let the fish rest through the winter to help them survive.</p>
61	<p><b>5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.</b> Reduce king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish on the Ninilichik River.</p>	<p>9 - 0 Support.</p> <p>In a period of low returns it helps and it standardizes the regulations with other rivers in the area.</p>
62	<p><b>5 AAC 62.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the West Cook Inlet Area.</b> Change the Clearwater Creek drainage closed-waters boundary description for sport fishing.</p>	<p>9 – 0 Support.</p> <p>This will clean up the closed area language and make it clear.</p>
63	<p><b>5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section.</b> Allow use of sport-caught pink and chum salmon for bait in the salt waters of Cook Inlet.</p>	<p>9 – 0 Support</p> <p>It might take more chums from the inlet. You can use sport caught chum and pink in PWS, but not in Cook Inlet. There is no conservation concern. There is some concern of those who do not know how to identify between a pink and a silver.</p>
64	<p><b>5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section.</b> Allow use of sport-caught pink salmon for bait in the salt waters of Cook Inlet.</p>	<p>9 – 0 Support.</p> <p>Not a biological concern.</p>
65	<p><b>5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section.</b> Allow use of sport-caught spiny dogfish shark for bait in the salt waters of Cook Inlet.</p>	<p>9 - 0 Support</p> <p>The department reported that these are slow</p>



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		<p>maturing fish and it might harm the population. Support- might as well use them if they are caught. These fish come through in schools. This doesn't ask to increase the bag limit, so a person would still be limited to how many they can harvest.</p>
66	<p><b>5 AAC 58.030. Methods, means, and general provisions – Finfish.</b> Allow use of archery gear for sport fishing in Cook Inlet salt waters.</p>	<p>0 - 9 Oppose</p> <p>There is a safety factor involved with this and there is no way for catch and release to be used.</p>
67	<p><b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.055. Upper Cook Inlet Salt Water Early-run King Salmon Management Plan.</b> Relocate the Bluff Point marker north to the southern Anchor River marker for management of Upper Cook Inlet saltwater early-run king salmon sport fishery.</p>	<p>1 – 8 Oppose.</p> <p>This makes it a fixed marker that is more easily seen. Oppose, this shortens it ¼ mile and it could increase the harvest of kings in the area, as it's pretty flat and seems to be a good place for kings. As June and July approach there could be kings holing up there. Perhaps they could move it south, rather than north.</p>
68	<p><b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.055. Upper Cook Inlet Salt Water Early-run King Salmon Management Plan.</b> Relocate the Bluff Point marker north to the southern Anchor River marker for management of Cook Inlet king salmon sport fishery.</p>	<p>0-8-1 Oppose.</p> <p>This will definitely increase the king harvest and it moves the marker line for lower Cook Inlet almost 9 miles north.</p>
69	<p><b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.055. Upper Cook Inlet Salt Water Early-run King Salmon Management Plan.</b> Modify the Upper Cook Inlet saltwater early-run king salmon season to end on June 24 instead of June 30.</p>	<p>0 – 9 Oppose</p> <p>This will increase the king harvest on the Anchor River.</p>
70	<p><b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.060. Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan.</b> Modify the date king salmon apply to the annual limit in the Lower Cook Inlet winter saltwater king salmon fishery from April 1 to May 1.</p>	<p>1-8 Oppose</p> <p>The bag limit would end March 1<sup>st</sup> but the season would extend for 1 month and would thus cause confusion and potential increase of king salmon harvest. Support- this would still only target feeders and not spawners and the people that benefit are the local community in their commerce. Department was unsure what the overall harvest would be.</p>



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71	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.060. Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan.</b> Decrease the Lower Cook Inlet winter saltwater king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish, and establish an annual limit of two king salmon.	0 – 9 Oppose  These fish are feeders and not spawners and are mostly from southeast and Canada.
72	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.</b> Eliminate the third Saturday in August (late-run coho) from the youth-only fishery in the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon.	9 - 0 Support.  There will be no silvers returning anymore so no use having the fishery.
73	<b>5 AAC 77.545. Kachemak Bay Personal Use Dip Net Fishery Management Plan.</b> Require personal use-caught salmon in the China Poot dip net fishery to be marked.	9 - 0 Support.  There is no permit right now and this would put it into regulation.
74	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.</b> Decrease lingcod bag and possession limit in Cook Inlet from two to one.	0 - 9 Oppose  The habitat is capable of the limit as it is and no reason to change it at this time.
75	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.</b> Change the lingcod sport fishing season to begin on June 1 instead of July 1.	0 – 9 Oppose.  This would push the season into the spawning time.
76	<b>5 AAC 01.560. Fishing seasons and daily fishing periods.</b> Clarify open periods for subsistence salmon fishing in August in Seldovia Bay.	9 - 0 Support.  Housekeeping for department.
77	<b>5 AAC 21.200. Fishing districts, subdistricts, and sections.</b> Change line and descriptions separating the Port Dick North and South sections in the Outer District.	9 – 0 Support.  It makes management easier.
78	<b>5 AAC 21.200. Fishing districts, subdistricts, and sections.</b> Remove the "300 yards offshore" reference, and remove references to regulatory markers and replace with latitude and longitude coordinates for certain waters.	9 – 0 Support.  It modernizes the markers used
79	<b>5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters.</b> Close waters to commercial fishing within one statute mile of the terminus of any anadromous fish stream in Cook Inlet as measured from mean lower low tide, not mean high tide. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>	5 – 4 Support  This would move the setnetters out even farther and it would be harder to manage the harvest in that area. Where on the stream this would end up being is going to vary. The streams that are identified are on the Western Cook Inlet, but the beginning of the proposal also states all anadromous streams, which is confusing what he is seeking. Support- it moves the



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		net out farther to help more fish get in the rivers and it if for all of the west side rivers.
80	<b>5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters.</b> Amend waters closed to commercial fishing in Lower Cook Inlet.	9 – 0 Support.  It would modernize the marker locations using GPS points.
81	<b>5 AAC 21.331. Gillnet specifications and operations; 5 AAC 21.332. Seine specifications and operations; and 5 AAC 27.410. Fishing seasons for Cook Inlet Area.</b> Establish various management measures to address decline in returning king salmon to Cook Inlet, including requiring net gear be certified as avoiding king salmon interception and closing commercial herring fisheries. <i>(The finfish aspects of this proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet meetings. The king and Tanner crab aspects of this proposal will be considered during the Statewide king and Tanner Crab meeting.)</i>	0 - 9 Oppose  This is too broad and asks for too many things.
82	<b>5 AAC 21.XXX. Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan.</b> Create a management plan for Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery to determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA) and describe the location of the Tutka Bay Lagoon, Paint River, and Halibut Cove Lagoon SHAs.	The committee reviewed Proposals 82, 83 & 84 together and voted - 9 - 0 Support  It is allocative and would affect the sport fishery only. There is a sportfishing common property issue with these (if only the hatchery can have recovery on them). There were a lot of good ideas, just too much. Concern of over-production of hatchery fish and how much is sustainable was discussed. Support- there is the cost recovery aspect for the association and the department would be involved with the close or control of the fishery. Cook Inlet Aquaculture harvests fish for brood stock for the hatcheries. The department manages those fisheries in concert with Cook Inlet Aquaculture. The department should be the manager determining whether a fishery is closed or not. Without cost recovery the aquaculture may not be able to continue. They need all the support we can give them.
83	<b>5 AAC 21.377. Port Graham Salmon Hatchery Management Plan.</b> Modify management plan for Port Graham Salmon Hatchery to determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA) and describe the location of the SHA.	See comment on Proposal 82



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<b>84</b>	<b>5 AAC 21.373. Trail Lakes Salmon Hatchery Management Plan.</b> Create a management plan for Trail Lakes Salmon Hatchery to determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA); describe the location of the Bear Lake, China Poot and Hazel Lake, Tutka Bay Lagoon, and Kirchner Lake SHAs; and define fishing seasons within the SHAs.	See comment on Proposal 82
<b>85</b>	<b>5 AAC 21.376. Resurrection Bay Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.</b> Prohibit sport fishing in Resurrection River until the Bear Lake sockeye salmon broodstock goal is met.	0 – 9 Oppose  It would still allow the commercial fishery to continue after closing the sport fishery so it would be allocative.
<b>86</b>	<b>5 AAC 28.332. Groundfish pot storage requirements for Cook Inlet.</b> Modify Cook Inlet groundfish pot storage requirements.	9 - 0 Support.  A house keeping issue.
<b>87</b>	<b>5 AAC 28.371. Landing requirements for Cook Inlet Area.</b> Modify offloading requirements for groundfish.	9 - 0 Support.  A house keeping issue.

The advisory committee approved Jim Stubbs as their representative for the Lower Cook Inlet meeting.

Elections meeting will be held January 21, 2014 Expiring terms: Mark Campbell; Joel Doner; Bruce Morgan; Mike Priebe, Alternate; Kevin Sparrowgrove; Zach Stubbs; Joel Wagner, Alternate

Next meeting place and time; December 3<sup>rd</sup> either at King Career Center or the Hatchery at 6:30 pm  
 Agenda items: Arctic/Western BOG proposals. other??

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.



Meeting began at 7 pm at the Cooper Landing community building on Bean Creek Road.

Members Present: George Heim, Kyle Kolodziejski, John Pearson, Gerald Neis, William Shuster

Members Absent Excused: Ed Holsten, Robert Gibson, Mike Adams, Dr James Givens (resigned)

Members Absent Unexcused: Billy Coulliette, Erick Fish

Elections were held with the following results: Robert Gibson, Bill Shuster and Alex Kime were elected to serve three year member seats. Mike Adams was moved to serve as an Alternate.

**Lower Cook Inlet BOF proposal comments**

#	Action Requested	AC Vote to Support or Oppose, any amendments and committee discussion
43	<b>PROPOSAL XX - 5 AAC 28.36X. Cook Inlet Area State-Waters Groundfish Trawl Management Plan; 5 AAC 28.46X. Kodiak Area State-Waters Groundfish Trawl Management Plan; and 5 AAC 28.53X. Chignik Area State-Waters Groundfish Trawl Management Plan.</b> Create state-waters groundfish management plans for trawl vessels less than 58 feet in the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)</i>	0-6 Oppose Concern of king by-catch was expressed. Would a trawl fishery be sustainable in Cook Inlet? This would be another impact on halibut – we have recently heard discussion of limiting halibut harvest to one per person. Whatever comes up out of that net comes up dead.  <b>RECEIVED</b>  <b>NOV 18 2013</b>
44	<b>5 AAC 28.36X. Cook Inlet Area Pollock Management Plan; 5 AAC 28.46X. Kodiak Area Pollock Management Plan; and 5 AAC 28.53X. Chignik Area Pollock Management Plan.</b> Create state-waters walleye pollock management plans for Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)</i>	0-6 Oppose Same comments as Proposal 43  <b>BOARDS ANCHORAGE</b>
45	<b>5 AAC 28.4XX. New Section; 5 AAC 28.5XX. New Section; and 5 AAC 28.5XX. New Section.</b> Require 100 percent observer coverage on groundfish trawl vessels in state-waters of the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)</i>	6-0 The committee opposed trawling fishing in Cook Inlet, but if there was such a fishery, it should have 100% observance coverage.
46	<b>5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section.</b> Allow party fishing in Cook Inlet saltwater sport fisheries.	5-1 Support Little kids need help hooking their fish. It is already abused to a certain extent. Some of the senior citizens also get exhausted very quickly. Doesn't believe it is going to impact the overall fishery. The guided vessels are getting hammered on and the non-guided vessels are also doing this. The sooner people get their fish, the sooner they can move off the good spots. One member stated the only way he can fish is by proxy and you can't harvest halibut by proxy. There should be some age for



		children (a person could bring an infant on a boat in order to get two more fish). Someone would also have to be watching the infant rather than fishing.
47	<b>5 AAC 56.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area; 5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 59.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area; 5 AAC 60.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area; 5 AAC 61.110. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Susitna River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 62.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the West Cook Inlet Area. Prohibit use of barbed hooks while sport fishing for salmon in Cook Inlet fresh waters. (This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</b>	0-6 Oppose This is crazy. If the issue is mortality, barbless or not there is no difference. Would be tempted to amend to pertain only to rainbow trout, which this committee has proposed in the past. If you are going to catch and release (not many people do that) they should use barbless hooks to allow easier release. This is too broad in where they are trying to apply this regulation.
48	<b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 58.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section. Designate all waters where catch-and-release fishing occurs on salmon as single, unbaited, barbless-hook waters. (This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</b>	0-6 Oppose This is also too broad. Doesn't believe 95,000 kings were caught and released in Cook Inlet and don't know where those numbers came from.
49	<b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 58.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section. Establish criteria to designate waters in Cook Inlet as single, unbaited, barbless hooks waters. (This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</b>	Same comments as Proposal 48.
50	<b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section. Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for coho salmon in all Cook Inlet fresh waters. (This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</b>	Final vote on amended proposal 0-6 Opposed AMENDMENT: applied to the lower portion of the stream only Vote on the amendment – 5 - 1 The mortality decreases the further upstream the fish go. The fish are more vulnerable when they first enter the system. If this was applied to the lower 10-20 mile portions of the streams it would make more sense. The sockeye season is worse than this of people hammering the fish. There needs to be some ability to catch and release for fish that are getting spawned out. If people can only catch two fish, as soon as they get their 2 <sup>nd</sup> fish, they move off the area, allowing others to fish. Would support lower 20 miles on the Kenai (it will vary depending on the river system). There's more information needed for where to apply this and would look to the manager's to determine that.



		The issue is too complicated.
51	<b>5 AAC 58.030. Methods, means, and general provisions – Finfish.</b> Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for coho salmon in the Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.	0-6 Oppose Don't know of a study that establishes mortality of salt water catch and release fishing. Would tend to believe it would be a lower number. There is such a high predator/prey in the salt water, if you put an exhausted fish back in the water, they are more likely to become food for another fish. Silver salmon derby is another point – how would they continue doing that? If they are hatchery fish, they don't really have a problem.
52	<b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section.</b> Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for salmon in all Cook Inlet fresh waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>	Same comment as Proposal 50
53	<b>5 AAC 56.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.</b> Prohibit anglers who are releasing a fish from removing the head of a fish out of the water. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>	1-5 Oppose This committee submitted a similar proposal for rainbow trout that was not approved. Practicality doesn't work. Don't want to see people get ticketed when they are trying to do the right thing to release a fish. Discussion about the mortality if the head doesn't come out of the water. People that regularly fish are better at releasing and more organized for those picture opportunities – the weekend warriors are the ones that create a problem. Planning is important.
54	<b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section.</b> Prohibit sport fishing in major spawning areas where spawning fish are present in Cook Inlet salmon waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>	0-6 Oppose That would be the entire Russian River and almost all of the Upper Kenai.
55	<b>5 AAC 56.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai Peninsula Area; 5 AAC 57.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 58.024. Harvest record required; annual limits; 5 AAC 59.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area; 5 AAC 60.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Knik Arm Drainages Area; 5 AAC 61.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Susitna River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 62.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the West Cook Inlet Area.</b> Decrease Cook Inlet king salmon annual limit to two king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, of which only one can be from the Kenai River. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>	0-6 Oppose This may actually make sense. Not sure if it would hurt the guides. Those that may fish a couple of days may be hurt. Concern that this could cause an increase of catch and release fishing.



56	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.</b> Decrease the Cook Inlet saltwater king salmon bag and possession limit to one king salmon and reduce the annual limit to two king salmon. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>	0 – 6 Oppose This proposal asks that a king not be removed at all from salt water, which would be impossible to release.
57	<b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 58.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section.</b> Limit amount of sport-caught fish that may be exported to 100 pounds of fillets. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>	0-6 Opposed What if you are a family of seven. This is too limiting.
71	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.060. Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan.</b> Decrease the Lower Cook Inlet winter saltwater king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish, and establish an annual limit of two king salmon.	This makes no sense.
75	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.</b> Change the lingcod sport fishing season to begin on June 1 instead of July 1.	0-1-5 Oppose Would like the opportunity to fish for lingcod while they are fishing for kings. Is there a biological reason why it is closed till July 1? Thought that was why it was closed through June. Don't support pending halibut harvest bag limit that may be reduced and lingcod will get pounded if that happens.
79	<b>5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters.</b> Close waters to commercial fishing within one statute mile of the terminus of any anadromous fish stream in Cook Inlet as measured from mean lower low tide, not mean high tide. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>	3-0-3 Support During low tide there would only be a couple of water flows sufficient to allow fish, so they could easily be corked.
81	<b>5 AAC 21.331. Gillnet specifications and operations; 5 AAC 21.332. Seine specifications and operations; and 5 AAC 27.410. Fishing seasons for Cook Inlet Area.</b> Establish various management measures to address decline in returning king salmon to Cook Inlet, including requiring net gear be certified as avoiding king salmon interception and closing commercial herring fisheries. <i>(The finfish aspects of this proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet meetings. The king and Tanner crab aspects of this proposal will be considered during the Statewide king and Tanner Crab meeting.)</i>	This is complicated. There are some really good ideas and generally there is a concern of the king salmon stocks.



84	<p><b>5 AAC 21.373. Trail Lakes Salmon Hatchery Management Plan.</b> Create a management plan for Trail Lakes Salmon Hatchery to determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA); describe the location of the Bear Lake, China Poot and Hazel Lake, Tutka Bay Lagoon, and Kirchner Lake SHAs; and define fishing seasons within the SHAs.</p>	<p>This would allow a procedure for cost recovery. The committee would prefer to see some actual language of a plan so they would know what they are voting on. It would make sense to have a plan.</p>
85	<p><b>5 AAC 21.376. Resurrection Bay Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.</b> Prohibit sport fishing in Resurrection River until the Bear Lake sockeye salmon broodstock goal is met.</p>	<p>This should be shared among all user groups, not just sport fish groups and prohibit until the broodstock goal is met, but perhaps when it is projected to be met.</p>

Next meeting the committee will review Upper Cook Inlet BOF proposals for comments will be prepared at a meeting December 14, December 28<sup>th</sup> or January 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.



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**A. Call to order** at 6:06 pm by Chairman McCracken

**B. Roll Call:**

Members Present: Jim McCracken, Jim Hubbard, Jeanette Hanneman, Bob White, W.C. Casey, Diane Dubuc, Arne Hatch, Mark Clemens, Robin Collman.

McCracken offered introduction of the Committee members to any in the audience who were not familiar with individuals.

Quorum present; 8 members required.

Members Excused: Ezra Campbell, Jim Herbert, John Flood, Trent Foldager

Members Absent: Matt Hall

User groups present: Sport and Commercial Fish, Hunting, Conservation, Wildlife Viewing, Guiding, non consumptive users, personal use

Staff present: Dan Bosch and Mike Thalhausen ADF&G

Public present: Caroline Cherry, Wolfgang Kurtz, and Carl Hughes

**C. Approval of Agenda/Approval of minutes** from meeting of October 17, 2013:  
[Motion–Agenda Dubuc; Hatch] no objection

[Motion-Minutes Casey; White] approval as corrected

**D. Correspondence/emails:** Casey presented a notice from Seward Chamber of Commerce Director regarding placing a net pen in lagoon.

**E. Introduction of committee members/agency reps:**

Fish and Game Dan Bosch, Mike Thalhauser

Public Present: sign in sheet not available

**F1. Presentations:** Dan Bosch – Most of surveys were complete (5 out of 7) salmon and Japp Creek not surveyed due to rain.

**F. Citizens comments on Fish-Game issues:** Bob White asked about putting fish at the waterfall? Bosch replied the area had changed and there is now no area to put fish. White said in thirty years he has not seen any significant changes in that area.



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**G. Old Business:** none

**H. New Business:** Fish Proposals The following proposals concerning Lower Cook Inlet Finfish were deliberated and voted on during the November 7th Advisory meeting:

**Proposal 46** would allow party fishing in Cook Inlet saltwater.

Unanimous opposition 0-8-0.

We did not want to be the only area statewide where this is legal. The legal limit should stay with the individual, not the vessel.

**Proposals 47-49-&49** seek to ban barbed hooks in both fresh [47 & 48] and saltwater [49].

We grouped these 3 proposals and opposed all by a 0-8-0 vote.

Studies have shown that the use of barbless hooks reduces efficiency but does not reduce mortality. Anglers would fish for longer periods for the same amount of fish.

**Proposal 50** would prohibit catch and release fishing for coho in all Cook Inlet fresh water.

7 members opposed this proposal and there was 1 abstention. 0-7-1. Those opposed were concerned that once you reached your limit of coho; you would not be able to fish for other species.

**Proposal 51** would ban catch and release fishing for coho in Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay saltwater.

Unanimously opposed, 0-8-0. Resurrection Bay is managed by an escapement based management plan. mortality connected with catch and release fishing is reasonable.

**Proposal 52** seeks to prohibit catch and release fishing for all salmon in all Cook Inlet fresh waters. We took no action based on the votes on proposals 50 & 51.

**Proposal 53** seeks to prohibit anglers who are releasing a fish in the fresh waters of the Kenai Peninsula from bringing the fish's head out of the water.

We supported the spirit of this proposal and supported it 8-0-0. We did, however, realize that in practice enforcement would be problematic. There are situations when to quickly unhook a fish, the head would be removed from the water.



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**Proposal 54** would prohibit sport fishing in major spawning areas when spawning salmon are present.

We had a split vote [2-6-0] on this proposal with 6 opposed and 2 supporting. The majority felt this would close all freshwater fishing as just about every stream, creek, river, or drainage is salmon spawning habitat. The supporting votes did so believing it would close the Kenai River to sport fishing and they felt this was a good idea to protect the spawning beds of king & coho.

**Proposals 55 & 56** would decrease the Cook Inlet king salmon limit to 2 fish annually.

Opposed 0-8-0.

We addressed these proposals together. Part of the discussing centered on the fact that several proposals being debated at the Lower Cook Inlet meeting will also be discussed at the Upper Cook Inlet meeting and the Board will not debate or vote on these proposals at the December meeting. We opposed both proposals 8-0. There is no biological imperative, especially in Resurrection Bay. There are no natal king salmon streams in our bay. ADF&G has established a put and take fishery here. There were concerns that hatchery and wild fish would be treated the same.

**Proposal 57** would limit the amount of sport caught fish that may be exported to 100#s.

This proposal was opposed 8-0. We felt this proposal was poorly worded. Does this mean 100#s per person? What would happen to the angler that caught a 200 # halibut and was prohibited from taking it all home? Extensive logistical concerns were debated. Non resident commercial fishermen are not limited to a specific amount of home pack.

**Proposal 58** would eliminate Wednesday fishing on the Anchor River.

The vote was split on this proposal 5-3-0 to support.

Discussion centered on the suite of regulations enacted almost 18 years ago to protect the king salmon resource in the Lower Peninsula streams that were thrown out the window at the Lower Cook Inlet meeting 6 years ago at the urging of the then regional sport fish manager based in Homer. There was a vocal minority pleading with the Board to not lift the entire suite of regulations and encouraged them to proceed slowly by lifting one regulation at a time. The Board sided with the department and not only lifted the entire suite of regulations, but added additional fishing opportunity in the form of the Wednesday fishery. 6 years later, the resource is in trouble. The 3 votes to oppose did so because they



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felt the catch rate on Wednesdays was not of consequence and having a mid-week fishing period favored the locals.

**Proposal 59** would delay reopening of the Anchor, Deep Creek, and Stariski Creek by 2 weeks.

We supported this proposal 8-0-0.

King salmon are vulnerable to hooking and associated mortality by fishermen fishing for dollies. Delaying the reopening of these waters would give later returning kings a chance to get upriver. before a fishery that allows bait and multiple hooks is allowed.

**Proposal 60** would modify the sport fishing season on Lower Cook Inlet streams to allow fishing during November & December.

We supported this proposal 7-0-1 and felt it would not restrict fishing opportunity or greatly effect mortality. The member abstaining did so because they believed this proposal was not in their area of expertise.

**Proposal 61** would reduce the king salmon limit on the Ninilchik River to one fish.

This proposal was supported 7-0-1. This proposal would make the bag limit consistent with other Lower Peninsula streams. The Department has EO authority to increase the bag limit if escapement goes over the upper range of the escapement goal. The abstaining member did so for the same reason as the previous proposal.

**Proposal 63** would allow use of sport caught pinks and chums for bait in the saltwaters of Cook Inlet.

We discussed this proposal but did not vote on it. We supported the concept of using pinks as they are not a stock of concern, but opposed using wild chum as bait.

**Proposal 64** would allow the use of sport caught pinks for bait in Cook Inlet saltwaters.

We supported this proposal 8-0-0.

This would bring Lower Cook Inlet in line with Prince William Sound. It was stated that these fish would become part of the bag and possession limit.

**Proposal 65** would allow the use of sport caught dog fish as bait in Cook Inlet.

This proposal was supported 7-1.

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Discussion centered on the fact that anglers are not retaining their limits now. The opposing vote was concerned that dogfish take too long to reproduce.

**Proposal 71** would decrease the winter king salmon bag & possession limit to 1 fish with a 2 fish annual king salmon limit.

We opposed this proposal 0-8-0 for the same reasons we opposed proposals 55 & 56.

The winter fishery has never reached the GHL. This is an allocation issue with no biological imperatives.

**Proposals 82, 83, & 84** would change hatchery management plans for Tutka Bay, Port Graham, & Trail Lakes.

We grouped these proposals together and unanimously opposed all three 0-8-0.

The Department stated that there has not been a management plan for the last 2 years. Everything seems to be working as bag limits and escapement are OK. There was considerable discussion concerning the negative effects of the revised management plan. Each of these proposals would change current sport fish management to allow EO management for cost recovery as well as broodstock concerns. Currently the Department manages by EO only for broodstock.

Dianne Dubuc was approved to represent the AC at the BOF LCI meeting.

**I. Citizens comments on Fish-Game issues:** none

**J. Response to Fish-Game issues by AC members/agency reps:** none

K. Schedule for next meeting: November 14, 2013 at 6:00pm to discuss Game proposals. Sherry Wright requested election meeting to be held January 16, 2014 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm [White, Casey]

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J. Hanneman and D. Dubuc

Approved and Final Corrected Version  
November 14, 2013  
Jim Herbert  
SWD AC Secretary



Meeting began at the Multi-Purpose room at 7:05 pm.

Members Present: Robert Purpura, Buck Brown, Dave Chartier, Matt Gallien, Keith Gain, Alvin Swick, Walt Sonen, Kelly Brennan, Allison Miller

Members Absent Excused: Bryan Chartier, Michael Opheim, Layla Pedersen, Mary Klinger

Public Present: Jordan Cameron, Keith Swick, John Viksiva, Jeane Merchant

Elections were held with the following results: Warren Brown and Keith Swick as one year alternates, and Keith Gain, Mary Klinger and Jordan Cameron as three year members.

Jason Herreman provided a report on wildlife populations and harvest records to date.

Sherry Wright provided a report on the Joint Board meeting.

**BOG Interior Region proposal discussion**

#	Action Requested	AC Vote to Support or Oppose, any amendments and committee discussion
130	085.045 (13) Re-authorize the antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15(C).	8 – 0 Support Department is interested in some targeted area hunting, due to increased road kill of moose.
175	Defines which ACs will have jurisdiction on the antlerless moose reauthorizations.	Will discuss at another meeting.

Carol Kerkvliet provided a report on the stocking program.

**BOF Lower Cook Inlet proposal discussion**

#	Action Requested	AC Vote to Support or Oppose, any amendments and committee discussion
43	<b>PROPOSAL XX - 5 AAC 28.36X. Cook Inlet Area State-Waters Groundfish Trawl Management Plan; 5 AAC 28.46X. Kodiak Area State-Waters Groundfish Trawl Management Plan; and 5 AAC 28.53X. Chignik Area State-Waters Groundfish Trawl Management Plan.</b> Create state-waters groundfish management plans for trawl vessels less than 58 feet in the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)</i>	0 – 8 Oppose Can't support any kind of trawling in state waters.



44	<p><b>5 AAC 28.36X. Cook Inlet Area Pollock Management Plan; 5 AAC 28.46X. Kodiak Area Pollock Management Plan; and 5 AAC 28.53X. Chignik Area Pollock Management Plan.</b> Create state-waters walleye pollock management plans for Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>1 – 7 Oppose Support a Pollock fishery and would like to see a removal of Pollock in order to regain shrimp and crab populations. Mid-water Pollock fisheries are often prosecuted along the bottom. Would still like to see a plan. Trawling is not something they could support.</p>
45	<p><b>5 AAC 28.4XX. New Section; 5 AAC 28.5XX. New Section; and 5 AAC 28.5XX. New Section.</b> Require 100 percent observer coverage on groundfish trawl vessels in state-waters of the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>8 – 0 Support In the federal trawl season, vessels can still go within three miles and under federal law, they are only required to have % coverage. If they go into state waters, we would support 100% observer coverage.</p>
46	<p><b>5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section.</b> Allow party fishing in Cook Inlet saltwater sport fisheries.</p>	<p>0 – 8 Oppose This used to be legal, then illegal and now a request to make legal again. This was so abused by deck hands to ensure people got their limits, that is why it was made illegal. If it was specific only to small children there would be some support. All others get their own.,</p>
48	<p><b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 58.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section.</b> Designate all waters where catch-and-release fishing occurs on salmon as single, unbaited, barbless-hook waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>7-1 Support If this can lower the mortality rate of people playing with the fish, it will benefit. Other states have barbless areas for catch and release fisheries. If the amount of time it takes to release a fish is a factor in mortality, it makes sense that a barbless hook is a better method. When an area has been designated as a catch and release area, there is a mortality related to the plague upon those fish. Areas have already been declared a problem, which is often why they become catch and release. Opposing view heard from the biologist that it doesn't make that significant difference and had several years of experience, agrees that the placement of the hook is the main mortality. Sport fishing hooks are pretty small compared to the commercial hooks.</p>
54	<p><b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section.</b> Prohibit sport fishing in major spawning areas where spawning fish are present in Cook Inlet salmon waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>8-0 Support Seems like the only way from hooking fish and filleting them out is to close specific areas of the river. Witnessed video of people on Willow Creek using trout gear and hooking the kings over and over, dragging them out on the beach and releasing them. They were having a good old time and figured since they had trout gear on their poles they were good. This is just wrong.</p>



55	<p><b>5 AAC 56.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai Peninsula Area; 5 AAC 57.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 58.024. Harvest record required; annual limits; 5 AAC 59.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area; 5 AAC 60.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Knik Arm Drainages Area; 5 AAC 61.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Susitna River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 62.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the West Cook Inlet Area.</b> Decrease Cook Inlet king salmon annual limit to two king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, of which only one can be from the Kenai River. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>0- 6 – 2 Oppose This proposal is unclear if they intend to include the winter fishery and for that reason oppose. This is a mixed stock fishery.</p>
56	<p><b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.</b> Decrease the Cook Inlet saltwater king salmon bag and possession limit to one king salmon and reduce the annual limit to two king salmon. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>0 – 6 – 2 Oppose Same reasons as Proposal 55, two fish if pretty restrictive.</p>
57	<p><b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 58.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section.</b> Limit amount of sport-caught fish that may be exported to 100 pounds of fillets. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>1-7 Oppose This has come up before at Seldovia AC meetings. They are concerned with the amount of fish that seems to be shipped out of the state. The question of what about halibut came up. What does a person do with the remainder of the fish. If a person catches the fish, they should be able to keep it. Observance at the airport of many people that would travel to Alaska annually and return (financing their trip by the amount of fish they caught). Also people have observed so many people leaving at the airport with the biggest coolers and almost everyone at the airport carrying the same. It should be regulated from the how much you can catch end, not how much you can take out.</p>
63	<p><b>5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section.</b> Allow use of sport-caught pink and chum salmon for bait in the salt waters of Cook Inlet.</p>	<p>7-1 Support The fishery doesn't need any more pressure. It would come out of their catch of the day.</p>
65	<p><b>5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section.</b> Allow use of sport-caught spiny dogfish shark for bait in the salt waters of Cook Inlet.</p>	<p>8-0 Support Would like thin them out any way possible.</p>
71	<p><b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.060. Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan.</b> Decrease the Lower Cook Inlet winter saltwater king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish, and establish an annual limit of two king salmon.</p>	<p>0-8 Oppose There is no justification for this. There are very few fish caught during the winter fishery.</p>
73	<p><b>5 AAC 77.545. Kachemak Bay Personal Use Dip Net Fishery Management Plan.</b> Require personal use-caught salmon in the China Poot dip net fishery to be marked.</p>	<p>7-0-1 Support This is to align this fishery with the other dipnet fishery regulations. There will still not be a permit required. In the spirit of making the regulations consistent it would be good for</p>



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		them all to be the same. There have been complaints about a free for all there. There are skiff loads of fish going out of there and no enforcement.
74	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.</b> Decrease lingcod bag and possession limit in Cook Inlet from two to one.	6-2 Support The charter industry may have a better idea of what is going on in the fishery as they are out there daily. 20 years ago nobody was catching ling cod in this area. Seems like their populations have increased in this area. If the limit is still 36 inches, would tend to believe there are still lots of little fish on their way. Having fished ling cods, there are always so many of them. Consideration that the Homer charter fleet is catering to their customers and if they are asking to self-police, they may have good reason. Prefer to be proactive.
76	<b>5 AAC 01.560. Fishing seasons and daily fishing periods.</b> Clarify open periods for subsistence salmon fishing in August in Seldovia Bay.	8 – 0 Support This will clarify which days are open for subsistence fish. This is housekeeping.
79	<b>5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters.</b> Close waters to commercial fishing within one statute mile of the terminus of any anadromous fish stream in Cook Inlet as measured from mean lower low tide, not mean high tide. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i>	0-8 Oppose This is an anti-commercial fishing proposal.
80	<b>5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters.</b> Amend waters closed to commercial fishing in Lower Cook Inlet.	Tabled at the meeting for Robert to obtain further information. Robert spoke to Glenn Hollowell, relayed his information to the members and we are all in agreement of <b>support</b> for Proposal 80. This is the fourth time that we discussed this issue. They are just trying to clarify where these boundaries are. They started with visible markers, then went to GPS long/lats. Each time they changed the way they marked the fishery, the fishery moved. The regulatory marker disintegrates and a variety of things. People assumed things were going to be business as usual but they weren't. The committee would like to get more information on this. Did anyone put boots on the ground to see where those coordinates actually are? Tabled to get more information and will poll the committee.
81	<b>5 AAC 21.331. Gillnet specifications and operations; 5 AAC 21.332. Seine specifications and operations; and 5 AAC 27.410. Fishing seasons for Cook Inlet Area.</b> Establish various management measures to address decline in returning king salmon to Cook Inlet, including requiring net gear be certified as avoiding king salmon interception and closing commercial herring fisheries. <i>(The finfish aspects of this proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet meetings. The king and Tanner crab aspects of this proposal will be considered during the Statewide king and Tanner Crab meeting.)</i>	0-8 Oppose There is no such thing as a certifiable set net gear that avoids king salmon. This is another anti-commercial fishing proposal.



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82	<b>5 AAC 21.XXX. Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan.</b> Create a management plan for Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery to determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA) and describe the location of the Tutka Bay Lagoon, Paint River, and Halibut Cove Lagoon SHAs.	8 – 0 Support Support the hatchery’s cost recovery prioritization. This is similar to how they operate PWS. Believe the Cook Inlet Aquaculture puts a lot of thought into their work.
83	<b>5 AAC 21.377. Port Graham Salmon Hatchery Management Plan.</b> Modify management plan for Port Graham Salmon Hatchery to determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA) and describe the location of the SHA.	8 – 0 Support Same comments as Proposal 82.
84	<b>5 AAC 21.373. Trail Lakes Salmon Hatchery Management Plan.</b> Create a management plan for Trail Lakes Salmon Hatchery to determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA); describe the location of the Bear Lake, China Poot and Hazel Lake, Tutka Bay Lagoon, and Kirchner Lake SHAs; and define fishing seasons within the SHAs.	8 – 0 Support Same comments as Proposal 82.
87	<b>5 AAC 28.371. Landing requirements for Cook Inlet Area.</b> Modify offloading requirements for groundfish.	Kelly Brennan had to leave 7 – 0 Support This gives you some leeway so if a processor is unable to take care of everyone within 24 hours. This eliminates the need to ask for that exemption.

Next meeting will be Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Multi-purpose room to finalize LCI proposals (Prop 81), determine if a representative will be attending the BOF LCI meeting in Anchorage and begin discussion of UCI BOF proposals.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.



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AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Niuihik

DATE (of meeting): 10/15/2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve VANek, David Martin,  
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John Macombs, Gary Deiman, Tiffany Stonciper,  
Daron Berger, Jeff Berger

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:  
Greg Guschewski

Norbert Miller  
MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES  NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: NONE - they were contacted  
but Dept. didn't have their comments ready and  
the local biologist can't have an opinion without approval.

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting <sup>Recessed</sup> ~~Adjourned~~: 10:15 PM Till Oct. 22, 2013

Steve Vanek  
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Minutes - 10/15/2013

- ① Minutes of last meeting Read & approved
- ② announcement - Bill Walker will have a meet and greet at paradisios - 4-6 pm Thurs, Oct. 17, 2013
- ③ David Martin - Reviewed the B.F work session which he attended. Met new Board member, Fritz Johnson
- ④ Jan. 14, 2014 will be elections for AC Members.
- ⑤ Lower Cook Inlet Board meeting at Egan Center in Anchorage Dec. 8-11. Comments due by Nov. 19.
- ⑥ Steve Vaneht moved; seconded by John McCombs, that David Martin or his designee be our Rep. at the lower Cook Inlet meeting.
- ⑦ - we began proposals on Lower Cook Inlet.
- ⑧ Recessed at 10:15 PM until next Tues. Oct. 22, 2013.

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#	Action Requested	AC Support or Oppose and comments
43	<b>PROPOSAL XX</b> - 5 AAC 28.36X. Cook Inlet Area State-Waters Groundfish Trawl Management Plan; 5 AAC 28.46X. Kodiak Area State-Waters Groundfish Trawl Management Plan; and 5 AAC 28.53X. Chignik Area State-Waters Groundfish Trawl Management Plan. Create state-waters groundfish management plans for trawl vessels less than 58 feet in the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas. (This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)	Failed - 10-0 Since it is only for these areas we oppose. Should be statewide
44	5 AAC 28.36X. Cook Inlet Area Pollock Management Plan; 5 AAC 28.46X. Kodiak Area Pollock Management Plan; and 5 AAC 28.53X. Chignik Area Pollock Management Plan. Create state-waters walleye pollock management plans for Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas. (This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)	Failed 10-0 There are concerns about kings being caught.
45	5 AAC 28.4XX. New Section; 5 AAC 28.5XX. New Section; and 5 AAC 28.5XX. New Section. Require 100 percent observer coverage on groundfish trawl vessels in state-waters of the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas. (This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)	passed 10-0 if trawling is allowed there should be 100% observer coverage
46	5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section. Allow party fishing in Cook Inlet saltwater sport fisheries,	Failed 10-0

This would set a bad precedent, just because many do it is no reason to condone it.



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47	<p>5 AAC 56.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area; 5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 59.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area; 5 AAC 60.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area; 5 AAC 61.110. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Susitna River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 62.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the West Cook Inlet Area. Prohibit use of barbed hooks while sport fishing for salmon in Cook Inlet fresh waters. (This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</p>	<p><u>Passed</u> <u>8</u> yes <u>2</u> no          Barbless hooks reduces C&amp;R mortalities somewhat. In many current sport fisheries the catch and release (C&amp;R) mortality is larger than the harvest. With new information on the total C&amp;R mortalities, by following the salmon to determine if it spawned or not and the viability of the spawn &amp; Fry, questions F&amp;G <del>data</del> mortality numbers as being low by 5 to 6 times and the real mortality numbers jeopardizes the salmon runs and future production. Oregon &amp; Washington uses single, barbless <sup>hooks</sup> the upper Kenai rainbow fishery &amp; the lower Peninsula steelhead fishery are single hook barbless or single hook.</p>
48	<p>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 58.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section. Designate all waters where catch-and-release fishing occurs on salmon as single, unbaited, barbless-hook waters. (This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</p>	<p><u>Passed</u> <u>10</u> yes <u>0</u> no          See Prop. 47 comments and agree with issue!</p>



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49	5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 58.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section. Establish criteria to designate waters in Cook Inlet as single, unbaited, barbless hooks waters. (This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)	<u>Passed</u> <u>10</u> yes <u>0</u> no see comment on Prop. 47 Agree with the what will happen if nothing is done; comments.
50	5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section. Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for coho salmon in all Cook Inlet fresh waters. (This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)	<u>Passed</u> <u>8</u> yes <u>2</u> no No's wanted no change. This provides sport fishing opportunity and harvest for food and eliminates the wanton waste from catch & release mortality. Coho are more succceptable to C&R mortality, up to 70%, than other salmon. 70% mortality can destimate small coho tributaries.
51	5 AAC 58.030. Methods, means, and general provisions - Finfish. Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for coho salmon in the Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.	<u>Passed</u> <u>7</u> yes <u>3</u> no See comments Prop. #50
52	5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section. Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for salmon in all Cook Inlet fresh waters. (This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)	<u>Passed</u> <u>8</u> yes <u>2</u> no See issue; comments and who is likely to benefit: This creates a responsible sport fishery and greatly reduces waste. This provides food. New C&R mortality data shows high number - C&R salmon don't spawn. No's wanted to keep catch & release fishing
53	5 AAC 56.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Prohibit anglers who are releasing a fish from removing the head of a fish out of the water. (This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)	<u>Failed</u> <u>0</u> yes <u>10</u> no Concept is good but not a practice solution. It is better to not have catch & release. There are many stress related factors to C&R mortality even when the head is not taken out of the water. Lactic Acid build up etc.



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54	5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section. Prohibit sport fishing in major spawning areas where spawning fish are present in Cook Inlet salmon waters. (This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)	<p><u>Passed 10-0</u></p> <p>This makes so much sense, how could anybody be opposed. Fisherys that have seasons are prohibited from fishing during spawning. Only salmon are allowed to be harassed in their spawn areas</p>
55	5 AAC 56.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai Peninsula Area; 5 AAC 57.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 58.024. Harvest record required; annual limits; 5 AAC 59.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area; 5 AAC 60.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Knik Arm Drainages Area; 5 AAC 61.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Susitna River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 62.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the West Cook Inlet Area. Decrease Cook Inlet king salmon annual limit to two king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, of which only one can be from the Kenai River. (This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)	<p><u>Failed 10-0</u></p> <p>If necessary; bag limit can be reduced by E.O. or a fishery can be closed by E.O. as state management dictates.</p> <p>Leave it at <del>as</del> is.</p>
56	5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area. Decrease the Cook Inlet saltwater king salmon bag and possession limit to one king salmon and reduce the annual limit to two king salmon. (This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)	<p><u>Failed 10-0</u></p> <p>see proposal <u>55</u></p>



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58	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Close Anchor River to sport fishing on Wednesdays,	<u>passed 10-0</u> It has been closed by E.O. CAN Wed. for a good reason. It should not have been opened in the first place.
59	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Delay reopening Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Stariski Creek to sport fishing by two weeks,	<u>passed as amended 10-0</u> Amended to include Ninilchik River also as kings are still entering Ninilchik River <del>also</del> and need to be protected, <u>passed 10-0</u>
60	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Modify sport fishing season to allow fishing during November and December on Lower Cook Inlet streams,	<u>passed 10-0</u> It used to be opened. will not affect steelhead since no fishing above 2 mile marker except for dollies. will not have much affect when rivers are ice covered.
61	5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Reduce king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish on the Ninilichik River,	<u>Tie 5-yes; 5-NO</u> yes votes - hook and release on wild kings causes mortality. after a wild salmon is caught an angler can still fish for a hatchery fish. no votes - felt that fishery is enhanced so hatchery fish can be caught even if a wild salmon has to be released.

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62	5 AAC 62.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the West Cook Inlet Area. Change the Clearwater Creek drainage closed-waters boundary description for sport fishing.	Passed - 10-0 house keeping.
63	5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section. Allow use of sport-caught pink and chum salmon for bait in the salt waters of Cook Inlet.	Failed - 1-9 - People are NOT confused, different areas have different regulations all the time. Pink and chums are a food fish. should not encourage as bait.
64	5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section. Allow use of sport-caught pink salmon for bait in the salt waters of Cook Inlet.	NO action - see proposal 63
65	5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section. Allow use of sport-caught spiny dogfish shark for bait in the salt waters of Cook Inlet.	Passed 10-0 since there is no directed food fish on these, they could be used for bait.
66	5 AAC 58.030. Methods, means, and general provisions - Finfish. Allow use of archery gear for sport fishing in Cook Inlet salt waters.	Failed 1 yes - 9 no yes vote wanted the opportunity, no votes felt that there was really no fish that could be shot with an arrow Also new gear type should not be introduced
67	5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.055. Upper Cook Inlet Salt Water Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Relocate the Bluff Point marker north to the southern Anchor River marker for management of Upper Cook Inlet saltwater early-run king salmon sport fishery.	Failed 10-0 leave it as is. GPS points are easily identified Most boats now have GPS equipment.

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68	5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.055. Upper Cook Inlet Salt Water Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Relocate the Bluff Point marker north to the southern Anchor River marker for management of Cook Inlet king salmon sport fishery,	<u>NO action - see #67</u>
69	5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.055. Upper Cook Inlet Salt Water Early-run King Salmon Management Plan. Modify the Upper Cook Inlet saltwater early-run king salmon season to end on June 24 instead of June 30,	<u>Failed 10-0</u> Maintain the current regulations until low king run issue is resolved. There are still kings going into Deep creek at this time which are not later run kings
70	5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.060. Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan. Modify the date king salmon apply to the annual limit in the Lower Cook Inlet winter saltwater king salmon fishery from April 1 to May 1,	<u>Failed 10-0</u> Leave it as is until low king salmon issue changes. There will be some spawning kings present in Kachumak Bay after april 1st because some are caught at Nivilchik in april.
71	5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.060. Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan. Decrease the Lower Cook Inlet winter saltwater king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish, and establish an annual limit of two king salmon,	<u>Failed 9-0</u> (one person had to leave so now only 9 left.) The winter king season is popular because there is no season limit. This proposal is too restrictive.
72	5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area. Eliminate the third Saturday in August (late-run coho) from the youth-only fishery in the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon	<u>Failed - 9-0</u> we think Bear creek coho should again be used. This is a put and take, no spawning and minimal straying if any.

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73	5 AAC 77.545. Kachemak Bay Personal Use Dip Net Fishery Management Plan. Require personal use-caught salmon in the China Poot dip net fishery to be marked,	Passed 9 yes 0 no Agree with Depart. we thought they had to mark them already.
74	5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area. Decrease lingcod bag and possession limit in Cook Inlet from two to one,	Passed 7 yes 2 no Lingcod are slow growing and the sport pressure and harvest have increase dramatically in the last five years, more charters are targeting lingcod and Rock fish. No votes said one is not enough.
75	5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area. Change the lingcod sport fishing season to begin on June 1 instead of July 1,	Failed 3 yes 6 no Kings are depleted, near shore halibut are depleted now they want to deplete slow growing lingcod. yes votes wanted earlier opening.
76	5 AAC 01.560. Fishing seasons and daily fishing periods. Clarify open periods for subsistence salmon fishing in August in Seldovia Bay, as follows:	Passed 9 yes 0 no house keeping
77	5 AAC 21.200. Fishing districts, subdistricts, and sections. Change line and descriptions separating the Port Dick North and South sections in the Outer District,	NO ACTION we don't know enough about it & don't want to stick our noses in LCI Selma's business.
78	5 AAC 21.200. Fishing districts, subdistricts, and sections. Remove the "300 yards offshore" reference, and remove references to regulatory markers and replace with latitude and longitude coordinates for certain waters,	Failed 0 yes 9 no Department should fund the placement of regulatory markers. The markers work well for a visual image for fishermen & enforcement. A lot of soiling is done with Jittney which are work Skiffs & absent GPS & other electronics.
79	5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters. Close waters to commercial fishing within one statute mile of the terminus of any anadromous fish stream in Cook Inlet as measured from mean lower low tide, not mean high tide. (This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)	Failed 0 yes 9 no This would close much if not all of the west side to commercial fishing and revert back to unmanageable and unenforceable regulations. The current regulations for the W. side were developed by F&G enforcement and commercial fishermen and approved by the BOF to resolve unique problems the extensive mud flats creates. The current plan resolved these problems and created an orderly & manageable fishery for both enforcement and the commercial fishermen. Coho stocks are healthy and harvested well below harvestable exploitation rates. The 2010

coho CQR mortality occurring every day in these rivers and small streams are subject to diminishing the Coho Spawners and future production



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80	5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters. Amend waters closed to commercial fishing in Lower Cook Inlet.	<i>Failed</i> <i>Oves 9 no</i> Should use physical markers, GPS use on small jetties is problematic. A physical marker is constant visual aid when working on deck & not monitoring a GPS.



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81	<p><b>5 AAC 21.331. Gillnet specifications and operations; 5 AAC 21.332. Seine specifications and operations; and 5 AAC 27.410. Fishing seasons for Cook Inlet Area.</b>          Establish various management measures to address decline in returning king salmon to Cook Inlet, including requiring net gear be certified as avoiding king salmon interception and closing commercial herring fisheries. <i>(The finfish aspects of this proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet meetings. The king and Tanner crab aspects of this proposal will be considered during the Statewide king and Tanner Crab meeting.)</i></p>	<p><u>Failed 9-0</u> This proposal does not address king salmon problems in River such as hook and release, fishing in spawning beds, sorting through kings to get the largest. King salmon decline problems are not just in the ocean but are exasperated by in River management. What about sockeye starvation in lakes caused by overescapement?</p>
82	<p><b>5 AAC 21.XXX. Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan.</b> Create a management plan for Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery to determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA) and describe the location of the Tutka Bay Lagoon, Paint River, and Halibut Cove Lagoon SHAs, :</p>	<p><u>passed - 9-0</u> This clarifies the special Harvest Area</p>
83	<p><b>5 AAC 21.377. Port Graham Salmon Hatchery Management Plan.</b> Modify management plan for Port Graham Salmon Hatchery to determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA) and describe the location of the SHA,</p>	<p><u>passed 9-0</u> see #82</p>
84	<p><b>5 AAC 21.373. Trail Lakes Salmon Hatchery Management Plan.</b> Create a management plan for Trail Lakes Salmon Hatchery to determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA); describe the location of the Bear Lake, China Poot and Hazel Lake, Tutka Bay Lagoon, and Kirchner Lake SHAs; and define fishing seasons within the SHAs,</p>	<p><u>Passed 9-0</u> see # 82</p>



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85	5 AAC 21.376. Resurrection Bay Salmon Management Plan and 5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area. Prohibit sport fishing in Resurrection River until the Bear Lake sockeye salmon broodstock goal is met.	Passed 9-0	Cook Inlet Agriculture Association has not achieved their egg take goal in the past & the natural escapement of 10,000 fish has not been met in the past before the newly created sockeye fishery was implemented. If CFAA doesn't get eggs or cost-recovery money to continue the stocking then the program goes away. There would not be a sports fishery then because the natural sockeye production doesn't produce enough. Also could jeopardize the ability for CFAA to raise lake smolt for the City of Homer since salmon derby.
86	5 AAC 28.332. Groundfish pot storage requirements for Cook Inlet. Modify Cook Inlet groundfish pot storage requirements,	NO ACTION	not enough information and no AD F+G personnel available
87	5 AAC 28.371. Landing requirements for Cook Inlet Area. Modify offloading requirements for groundfish.	NO ACTION	see # 86



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The Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee met on October 8<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of discussing BOF LCI proposals. They also met on November 12<sup>th</sup> and took up Prop 74.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

**Members Present:** Michael Craig, David Bayes, Tom Hagberg, Dave Lyon, Lee Martin, George Matz, Marvin Peters, Gary Sinnhuber, Dennis Wade, Jim Meesis, Gus Van Dyke.

**Members Not Present:** Ty Gates, Joey Allred, Pete Wedin, Tom Young

**Public Present:** Beaver Nelson, Malcolm Milne

**Agency Staff Present:** Jason Herremen (ADF&G), Roger MacCambell (Div. of Parks)

The committee approved Dave Lyon to attend the BOF LCI meeting as their representative.

#	Action Requested	AC Support or Oppose and comments
43	<b>PROPOSAL XX - 5 AAC 28.36X. Cook Inlet Area State-Waters Groundfish Trawl Management Plan; 5 AAC 28.46X. Kodiak Area State-Waters Groundfish Trawl Management Plan; and 5 AAC 28.53X. Chignik Area State-Waters Groundfish Trawl Management Plan.</b> Create state-waters groundfish management plans for trawl vessels less than 58 feet in the Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)</i>	Support – 0, Opposed – 11  This is taking money from other fisheries and giving it to a new fishery.  Moved by Lee, seconded by Michael
44	<b>5 AAC 28.36X. Cook Inlet Area Pollock Management Plan; 5 AAC 28.46X. Kodiak Area Pollock Management Plan; and 5 AAC 28.53X. Chignik Area Pollock Management Plan.</b> Create state-waters walleye pollock management plans for Cook Inlet, Kodiak, and Chignik management areas. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Chignik, Lower Cook Inlet, and Kodiak Finfish meetings.)</i>	Support – 0, Opposed – 11  This is taking money from other fisheries and giving it to a new fishery.  Moved by Michael, seconded by Thomas.
46	<b>5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section.</b> Allow party fishing in Cook Inlet saltwater sport fisheries, as follows:	Support -1, Opposed – 7, Abstain -2.  This amounts to creating a loophole that is not fair to fishermen who play by the rules.  Moved by Michael, seconded by Thomas

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47	<p><b>5 AAC 56.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area; 5 AAC 57.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 59.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area; 5 AAC 60.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Knik Arm Drainages Area; 5 AAC 61.110. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Susitna River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 62.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the West Cook Inlet Area.</b> Prohibit use of barbed hooks while sport fishing for salmon in Cook Inlet fresh waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>Support – 0, Opposed – 9, Abstain -2.</p> <p>Poorly written and poor use of data. Need better science.</p> <p>Moved by Michael, Seconded by Thomas.</p>
48	<p><b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 58.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section.</b> Designate all waters where catch-and-release fishing occurs on salmon as single, unbaited, barbless-hook waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>Support - 0, Opposed – 10, Abstain - 1</p> <p>Poorly written and questionable interpretation of data.</p> <p>Moved by Michael and seconded by Thomas.</p>
49	<p><b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 58.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section.</b> Establish criteria to designate waters in Cook Inlet as single, unbaited, barbless hooks waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>Support – 1, Opposed – 9</p> <p>Support -1, Opposed – 9</p> <p>Moved by Michael and seconded by Thomas.</p>
50	<p><b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section.</b> Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for coho salmon in all Cook Inlet fresh waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>Support – 6, Opposed – 1, Abstain – 4</p> <p>We think the mortality data is not correct, but support the concept.</p> <p>Moved by Michael and seconded by Thomas.</p>
51	<p><b>5 AAC 58.030. Methods, means, and general provisions – Finfish.</b> Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for coho salmon in the Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area, as follows:</p>	<p>Support – 0, Opposed – 10, Abstain -1</p> <p>No one does this.</p> <p>Moved by Michael and seconded by Thomas.</p>



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52	<p><b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section.</b> Prohibit catch-and-release fishing for salmon in all Cook Inlet fresh waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>Amendment by Michael and seconded by Thomas Including steelhead which are in same genus as our other five species of salmon. Support – 9, Opposed -2 Amended proposal Support – 6, Opposed – 4. Abstain -1</p>
53	<p><b>5 AAC 56.120. General provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.</b> Prohibit anglers who are releasing a fish from removing the head of a fish out of the water. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>Support – 10, Abstain -1</p>
54	<p><b>5 AAC 56.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 57.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 59.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 60.XXX. New Section; 5 AAC 61.XXX. New Section; and 5 AAC 62.XXX. New Section.</b> Prohibit sport fishing in major spawning areas where spawning fish are present in Cook Inlet salmon waters. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>Support -2, Opposed – 2. Abstain – 7  The proposal is not specific enough as to what is a major spawning area. Abstain votes wanted more specific details.  Moved by Marvin and seconded by Thomas</p>
55	<p><b>5 AAC 56.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai Peninsula Area; 5 AAC 57.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Kenai River Drainage Area; 5 AAC 58.024. Harvest record required; annual limits; 5 AAC 59.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages Area; 5 AAC 60.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Knik Arm Drainages Area; 5 AAC 61.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the Susitna River Drainage Area; and 5 AAC 62.124. Harvest record required; annual limits for the West Cook Inlet Area.</b> Decrease Cook Inlet king salmon annual limit to two king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, of which only one can be from the Kenai River. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>Support – 0, Opposed – 10, Abstain -1  Too restrictive and would not allow winter king fishery.  Moved by Michael</p>
56	<p><b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.</b> Decrease the Cook Inlet saltwater king salmon bag and possession limit to one king salmon and reduce the annual limit to two king salmon. <i>(This proposal will be considered at the Lower and Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meetings.)</i></p>	<p>Support – 0, Opposed – 10, Abstain -1  Too restrictive and would not allow winter king fishery.  Moved by Michael</p>
58	<p><b>5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.</b> Close Anchor River to sport fishing on Wednesdays, as follows:</p>	<p>Support – 10, Opposed – 0, Abstain -1.  Moved by Marvin and seconded by Michael</p>



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59	<b>5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.</b> Delay reopening Anchor River, Deep Creek, and Stariski Creek to sport fishing by two weeks, as follows:	Support – 3, Opposed – 6, Abstain – 2  ADF&G can use EO's to accomplish the same thing. We favor solution #1.  Moved by Gary and seconded by Michael
60	<b>5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.</b> Modify sport fishing season to allow fishing during November and December on Lower Cook Inlet streams, as follows:	Support – 0, Opposed – 11  Moved by Marvin and seconded by Michael
61	<b>5 AAC 56.122. Special provisions and localized additions and exceptions to the seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the Kenai Peninsula Area.</b> Reduce king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish on the Ninilichik River, as follows:	Support – 11, Opposed -0  Moved by Michael and seconded by Marvin
63	<b>5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section.</b> Allow use of sport-caught pink and chum salmon for bait in the salt waters of Cook Inlet, as follows:	Support – 9, Opposed – 0, Abstain -3  Moved by Michael and seconded by Thomas
65	<b>5 AAC 58.0XX. New Section.</b> Allow use of sport-caught spiny dogfish shark for bait in the salt waters of Cook Inlet, as follows:	Support – 10, Abstain -1  Moved by Michael and seconded by David
66	<b>5 AAC 58.030. Methods, means, and general provisions – Finfish.</b> Allow use of archery gear for sport fishing in Cook Inlet salt waters, as follows:	Support – 10, Opposed – 0  Moved by Dave and seconded by Dennis
67	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.055. Upper Cook Inlet Salt Water Early-run King Salmon Management Plan.</b> Relocate the Bluff Point marker north to the southern Anchor River marker for management of Upper Cook Inlet saltwater early-run king salmon sport fishery, as follows:	Correction needed for proposal Delete: Relocate the Bluff Point marker north to the southern Anchor River marker for management of Upper Cook Inlet saltwater early-run king salmon sport fishery, as follows:  Support – 11, Opposes – 0  Moved by Michael and seconded by Dennis
68	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.055. Upper Cook Inlet Salt Water Early-run King Salmon Management Plan.</b> Relocate the Bluff Point marker north to the southern Anchor River marker for management of Cook Inlet king salmon sport fishery, as follows:	Support – 0, Opposed – 10  Not recommended  Moved by Thomas and seconded by Michael
70	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.060. Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan.</b> Modify the date king salmon apply to the annual limit in the Lower Cook Inlet winter saltwater king salmon fishery from April 1 to May 1, as follows:	Support – 0, Opposed – 11  This would allow fishing for kings when spawninf kings are in the vicinity.



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71	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area and 5 AAC 58.060. Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan.</b> Decrease the Lower Cook Inlet winter saltwater king salmon bag and possession limit to one fish, and establish an annual limit of two king salmon, as follows:	Support – 0, Opposed – 11  There is no correlation between winter kings and kings hat return to spawn in the area.  Moved by Marvin and seconded by Michael
72	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.</b> Eliminate the third Saturday in August (late-run coho) from the youth-only fishery in the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon, as follows:	Support 10, Opposed – 0, Abstain – 1  Moved by Michael and seconded by Dennis
73	<b>5 AAC 77.545. Kachemak Bay Personal Use Dip Net Fishery Management Plan.</b> Require personal use-caught salmon in the China Poot dip net fishery to be marked, as follows:	Support – 11, Opposition – 0  Moved by Michael and seconded by Lee
74	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.</b> Decrease lingcod bag and possession limit in Cook Inlet from two to one, as follows:	Support 3 – Oppose 6 – Abstain 1  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Exploitation of lingcod currently considered low by ADFG</li> <li>○ Habitat and Age distribution considered healthy</li> <li>○ Said that ADFG would oppose this proposition based upon decreased angler access to the resource.</li> </ul>
75	<b>5 AAC 58.022. Waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits; and special provisions for Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay Saltwater Area.</b> Change the lingcod sport fishing season to begin on June 1 instead of July 1, as follows:	Support – 0, Opposed – 10  Moved by Michael and seconded by David
77	<b>5 AAC 21.200. Fishing districts, subdistricts, and sections.</b> Change line and descriptions separating the Port Dick North and South sections in the Outer District, as follows:	Support – 11, Opposed – 0  Logical change.  Moved by Michael and seconded by Lee
78	<b>5 AAC 21.200. Fishing districts, subdistricts, and sections.</b> Remove the "300 yards offshore" reference, and remove references to regulatory markers and replace with latitude and longitude coordinates for certain waters, as follows:	Support – 11, Opposed – 0  Moved by Dave and seconded by Dennis
82	<b>5 AAC 21.XXX. Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan.</b> Create a management plan for Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery to determine harvest priorities within the special harvest area (SHA) and describe the location of the Tutka Bay Lagoon, Paint River, and Halibut Cove Lagoon SHAs, as follows:	Amendment by Thomas to delete #3 relating to Halibut Cove Lagoon Support 10, Opposed – 0. On amended proposal Support – 9, Abstain – 1.



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Members Present: Stephen Bartelli, Jehnifer Ehmann, Gerrit Dykstra, Keith Westfall, Mike Buirge, Israel Payton, Mel Grove, Jeff Tuttle, Andy Couch.

Members Absent: Eric Beckman-Excused, Bill Folsom-Excused, David Young-Excused, Dane Crowley-Excused, Dan Montgomery-Excused, Tony Jones-Excused, Stephen Darilek, Max Sager.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Jehnifer Ehmann

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNIZE GUEST AND DEPARTMENT STAFF -- Patrick O'Connor, Lyn Carden from rep. Lynn gattis office and Neil DeWitt, member of the public

PERSONS TO BE HEARD --

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (5/15/13 minutes already approved 9/3 email vote)

MOTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA By Stephen Bartelli 2nd by

A. -- **report from BoF workshop** -- Andy Couch reported the ADF&G report to the Board in Girdwood

**DISCUSS TIMELINE and METHOD FOR WORKING THROUGH UCI FISHERY PROPOSALS** . Would the Committee prefer to have a subcommittee work on the fishery proposals or would the Committee. Keith was interested in how a subcommittee would work. Israel suggested that not all of the fishery proposals would need to be discussed -- Northern area concerns should be addressed as a priority item. Stephan thought a fisheries subcommittee was a good idea as did Israel. It was also mentioned the idea of Fishery Subcommittee volunteers are --- Israel, Steven, Andy, Jehnifer. Jehnifier will extend an invitation to other AC members and the public to participate. 7 o'clock meeting times place TBA.

**DISCUSS DATE OF ELECTION**– JANUARY Wednesday 22<sup>ND</sup> -- fits Sherry Wright's schedule at this time --- no objections.

**Arctic and Board of Game proposals to be submitted**

C. **DISCUSS JOINT BOARD REPRESENTATION OCT 12-16** -- Jehnifer asked if anyone would be attending from this committee. Israel and Mel might be available -- and have Jehnifer's designation for both working together to represent the Advisory Committee.

I. **BOARD OF FISHERIES PROPOSALS -- motions to approve by Mel 2nd by Israel.**

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**Proposal 46 -- would allow party fishing in Cook Inlet saltwater fisheries.** Mel and Steven both spoke in favor -- especially considering the high cost of charters. Andy Couch mentioned some of the negative aspects -- other restrictions may be necessary to control harvests within a specific limitation of the amount of available resource. **Motion passed 6 -3-0.**

**Proposal 47 -- This proposal seeks to reduce harvest or fish mortality only within the sport fisheries.** Allowing sport catch only with the use of barbless single hooks greatly reduces the amount of fish people interested in harvesting their own fish for food may be able to catch. Fish caught on barbless hooks could still be released by people --- and there would still be hook and release mortality even with barbless single hooks. There is a significant amount of drop out mortality from gillnets as well --- would the proposers support a similar amount of mortality based on a reduction in commercial net size as well. **Motion opposed unanimously 0-9-0.**

**Proposal 48 --** the data in the table provided seems all out of proportion. Members commented they certainly did not catch and release as many fish per person as seem to be represented in this proposal. Much too strong in that anywhere anyone might choose to release a salmon in fresh water only unbaited barbless hooks would be allowed. **Motion unanimously opposed 0-9-0.**

**Proposal 49 --** similar overly restrictive proposal on the sport fisheries. On what basis does the proposer suggest that 70% of all coho salmon hooked and released in the Mat-Su Valley die before spawning. ADF&G should provide their own data on this figure. **Motion opposed unanimously 0-9-0.**

**Proposal 50 --** this proposal seems to be aimed at taking all or nearly all sport fishing opportunity away. There are several legitimate reasons to release coho salmon. Fish that are released have a greater opportunity to survive than those that are harvested. Figures in this proposal are exaggerated --- on what basis does the proposer base the argument that 69% of coho salmon caught and released in the lower 15 or 20 miles of freshwaters die specifically from that experience. ADF&G should comment on these figures. In the case of Little Susitna River coho salmon catch and release mortalities have been addressed in several ways --- regulations that do not allow fishing the remainder of the day after harvesting a limit of salmon. No bait allowed in the fishery until after August 5. **Motion opposed 0-9-0.**

**Proposal 51 -- motion opposed unanimously 0-9-0.** Opposed from the standpoint of clarity. This proposal does not mention the solution to the issue. Is the proposer suggesting that in saltwater anglers should harvest all coho salmon they catch regardless of bag limit? Is the proposer suggesting that all saltwater fishing for all species ceases after an angler harvests a limit of coho salmon?

**Proposal 52 --** Without catch and release of specific species -- the only option when certain species are in low abundance is No FISHing. This proposal would take away a specific management tool from sport fisheries. **Motion opposed 0-9-0**

**Proposal 53 --** it is very difficult to keep a fish's head in the water at all times when releasing a fish. It is already generally understood that fish should be kept in the

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water as much as possible --- but why punish someone if a fishes head comes out of the water before release. **Motion opposed 0-9-0.**

**Proposal 54 --** Many spawning areas already have fishing restrictions or closures in specific areas. There are other species that may be fished for without harming spawning salmon. **Motion opposed 0-9-0.**

**Proposal 55 --** Seems to be an allocative proposal that only takes king salmon harvest away from the sport fisheries. At past abundance levels the resource can support greater harvest levels and has for long numbers of years. A lower seasonal limit can be enacted by emergency orders during times of low abundance as ADF&G has currently been doing. Is there any kind of corresponding reduction that this proposer is suggesting for the commercial industry. **Motion opposed 0-9-0.**

**Proposal 56 -- Motion opposed 0-9-0.** There are already restrictions in place and ADF&G has emergency order authority to adjust these limits in times of resource shortage.

**Proposal 57 Opposed 0-9-0.** Difficult or nearly impossible to consistently enforce. Over limits and selling of sport caught fish are already illegal. Making a regulation that impacts already legal users does not necessarily deter people who are already break regulations --- but it does impose significant impacts on legal anglers. Under this proposed regulation all people would have to do to get around the proposed regulation is not fillet their fish.

**E. BOARD COMMENTS**

ADJOURN 9:30 PM



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Members present Crawford, Ermold, Speakman, Hamrick, VanDevere, Maher, Carmichael, Joseph, Brandt, P.Shadura, Roberts, Corr

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Unexcused members C.Shadura, Bucy,

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Excused members Dykema, Erkeneff

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Jeff Selenger and Carol Kirkvliet from ADFG were present. Also Steve Miller and John Morton from the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge were also present.

Steve Miller presented the refuge argument to close both the brown bear hunt and the predator hunt on Skilak loop. Miller stated that current harvest levels were not sustainable. When questioned on the fact that the public did not want to sustain the level of bears it was not in the refuge management plan. Morton backed up the refuge stance. Sellinger stated that the department did not agree with the refuge on the closure. Miller stated that refuge had right to institute its own wildlife management plan when state plan was not in step with refuge. Members of the public made comments. All were in favor of keeping the hunt open. AC was not behind refuge on this issue.

Kirkvliet from ADFG presented proposals for the lower Cook Inlet BOF meeting. Committee agreed to wait for upper Cook Inlet meeting to discuss proposals that would be considered at both Cook Inlet meetings.

**PROPOSAL 46** 0/11 against

Committee felt that this would allow for people taking advantage of this rule. This would not be in the best interest of fair chase and sport fishing ethics.

**PROPOSAL 51** 0/10/1 against

ADFG stated that mortality is not as high as stated in proposal. Coho are usually not released in the marine fisheries. Most anglers stop fishing for Coho once a limit is reached. Would this outlaw release of Coho that are caught incidental to fishing for other species?

**PROPOSAL 58** 2/9 against

Majority feels that if conservation measures are needed ADFG has EO power to close fishery. Putting closure in place, when hopefully the King Salmon runs return to healthy numbers, seems too permanent.

**PROPOSAL 59** 11/0 Support

ADFG proposal. Mostly Kings present in this closure period. Few if any other species of salmon present. May prevent some anglers from retaining illegal Kings.

**PROPOSAL 60** 10/0/1 Support

This reverses rule change from 3 years ago. No biological concern. Most of these waters close by freezing over this time anyways. May allow a little more opportunity for the small number of anglers tough enough to fish this time period. Abstention was for lack of info.

**PROPOSAL 64** 8/3 Support

This is our proposal. Majority felt that using sport caught Pinks for bait would not be a conservation concern. Pinks are usually caught while fishing for other species. Release mortality on pinks may be



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high. Pinks are high quality bait for other species of fish. All daily limits should apply on Pinks. Will make regulation consistent across the south central coast. This is already in regulation in PWS waters. Opposition felt that Pinks are a valuable resource. Pink salmon can currently be purchased for use as bait, that have been caught in commercial fisheries.

**PROPOSAL 65**

10/0/1 Support

While we had never heard of using dogfish for bait, we had no problem with the proposal. There is a large abundance of dogfish.

**PROPOSAL 74**

0/10/1 Against

Majority felt that there was not a conservation concern. This is a remote fishery in a difficult location to access. No reason to restrict access to this fishery at this time.

**PROPOSAL 82,83,84**

Unanimous Support

Will help provide an orderly fishery. Resolves confusion

Set next meeting for the 13<sup>th</sup> of November.

Meeting adjourned



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Members Present, Crawford, Roberts, Joseph, VanDevere, Carmichael, Brandt, Erkeneff, Corr, Hamrick, Dykema

Unexcused members, C.Shadura, Bucy,

Excused members, Speakman, Maher, P.Shadura

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### Discussion on BOF LCI proposals

#### PROPOSAL 45

8/0 Support

Having more info on bycatch issues is not a bad thing. 100% observer coverage helps get the right numbers.

#### PROPOSAL 61

7/1 Support

Majority felt that the proposal was appropriate

#### PROPOSAL 62

Unanimous in Support

ADFG proposal. It is to clarify current regulations.

#### PROPOSAL 66

0/8 Against

Archery fishing regulations in other areas of the country are for rough or introduced species such as carp and gar. We felt that there is no room for another method of take. Did not feel that it was an appropriate method for a sport/commercial species.

#### PROPOSAL 68

0/7/1 Against

Majority felt that it opened up too much area when there are concerns of King returns to Cook Inlet streams.

#### PROPOSAL 69

0/7/1 Against

Majority felt that the current regulations were appropriate. There is areas open to fish currently outside these closed areas.

#### PROPOSAL 70

0/4/3 Against

Need more info. Are there genetic studies to show these are healthy stocks of fish? What percentage are not Cook Inlet fish.

#### PROPOSAL 72

Unanimous support

While we did like to remove a youth opportunity, the fact that the fish are no longer present makes it some common sense. If the fish were to be brought back then the season should be returned.

#### PROPOSAL 73

Unanimous support

ADFG proposal. We thought the proposal was already a regulation.



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### PROPOSAL 75

0/8/0 Against

Majority felt that the spawning timing prevents this proposal. If studies were to show that the nest guarding was completed before July 1 then this could be brought back up.

Majority voted to allow Crawford to represent the AC at the lower Cook Inlet BOF meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

