On-Time Advisory Committee Comment List Southeast and Yakutat Crab, Shrimp and Miscellaneous Shellfish January 21–26, 2015

Juneau-Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee (Minutes 12/19/14)	AC 01
Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee (Minutes 12/11/14).	AC 02
Yakutat Fish and Game Advisory Committee (Minutes 12/19/14)	AC 03
Craig Fish and Game Advisory Committee (Minutes 12/2/14)	AC 04
Petersburg Fish and Game Advisory Committee (Minutes 12/10/14)	AC 05
Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee (Minutes 12/2/14)	AC 06
Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee (Minutes 11/8/14)	AC 07
Upper Lynn Canal Fish and Game Advisory Committee (Minutes 11/12/14)	AC 08

Juneau Douglas AC

Department of Fish and Game Caribou Conference Room

Call to Order: Time by 6:30 pm by Ed Buyarski, Chairman ١.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Mike Peterson-Alternate

Henry Webb-Commercial Fishing

Jason Kohlhase-Processor

Jesse Ross-Trapping(Secretary)

Richard Yamada- Charter Fishing-Saltwater

Michael Bethers-Sport fish/hunting/personal use

Ed Buyarski- Sport ish/hunting/personal use(Chairman)

Chris Miller- Commercial Fishing

Atlin Daughtery-Hunting Guide(Vice Chair)

Thatcher Brouwer-Commercial Fishing--via teleconference

Terry White-Charter Fishing-saltwater

Members Absent:

Kevin Maier-Fishing-freshwater

Kristine Trott-non consumptive personal use

Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 8

III. Approval of Agenda:

Unanimous

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date:

N/A

٧. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Adam Messmer-ADFG Fisheries Biologist Stephanie Sell-ADFG Area Wildlife Biologist Dave Love-ADFG Fisheries Dave Harris- ADFG Fisheries Frances Leach-Board Support

VI. **Guests Present:**

Jake Abbot- Public

VII. Old Business:

Terry White was unanimously voted in to fill Chris Conder's resignation seat of Charter Fishing-Saltwater Atlin Daugherty was unanimously elected to fill the vice chair seat that Mr.Conder vacated. Richard Yamada was designated to represent the JDAC at Sitka Finfish Mike Peterson was designated to represent the JDAC at Wrangell Shellfish

VIII. **New Business:**

Motion made to table issue of BOG moving from 2 year cycle to a 3 year cycle.



Southeast and Yakutat Crab, Shrimp, and Misc. Shellfish Meeting Jan. 21-27, 2015 **Alaska Board of Fisheries** Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form **Proposal Description Proposal BOG or BOF** Number Number Number **Supports or** Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal Opposes? Support Oppose **BOF** 59 Repeal the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan. Support Support as Amended 0 11 No problem or solution given. □ Oppose No Action Manage commercial Dungeness crab fishery with open season dates and areas to **BOF** 61 avoid handling of soft shell crab. Support Support as Amended 0 11 ○ Oppose No Action **BOF** This proposal is a comment and does not seek regulatory change. 67 Support Support as Amended Oppose No Action Repeal specific commercial Dungeness crab fishery closed waters in areas around **BOF** 69 Tenakee Inlet, Sitka Sound, and Port Althrop. Support Support 9 2 abstained. Proposal has no merit. as Amended 0 □ Oppose No Action **BOF 75** Close nearshore waters around Angoon to commercial Dungeness crab fishery. Support Support as Amended 0 3 8 abstained. □ Oppose No Action Close commercial Dungeness fishing around Portland Island and Point Lena near **BOF 77** Juneau. Support Support 3 abstained. No basis for this proposal, commercial fishing has a limited as Amended 0 8 season versus sport fishing. No Action Increase the pot limit from 4 pots per boat to 10 pots per vessel for personal use 82 **BOF** Tanner crab fishery in the Southeastern Alaska Area.



Support Support as Amended Oppose No Action	0	11	Not a valid proposal.
BOF	93		a harvest reporting permit for sport and personal use shrimp fisheries in
		waters of	Section 11-A.
Support Support as Amended Oppose No Action	11	0	AC supports as we see need for ADFG to have harvest data.
BOF	100	Clarify us A. fishery	e of other pot gear during a commercial shrimp season in Registration Area
Support Support as Amended Oppose No Action	11	0	
BOF	109		ommercial sea cucumber fishing periods in October and establish specific nes in November.
Support Support as Amended Oppose No Action	9	2	Not enough background information was given.
BOF	110	Allow increased trip limit and permit stacking in commercial sea cucumber fishery.	
Support Support as Amended Oppose No Action	3	6	2 abstained. Those in favor saw benefit in stacking permits, opposed members saw stacking of permits as unnecessary.

Adjournment: 10:00 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Jesse Ross Minutes Approved By: JDAC Committee

Date: 1/5/15



Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee December 11, 2014 Wrangell Fire Hall

Southeast and Yakutat Crab, Shrimp, and Misc. Shellfish Meeting Jan. 21–27, 2015 Alaska Board of Fisheries

- I. Call to Order: Seven PM by Chris Guggenbickler
- II. Roll Call: Members Present: (11)

Chris Guggenbickler, Chairperson

Brennon Eagle, Vice-Chair

David Rak, Secretary

Marlin Benedict, member

Bill Knecht, member

Janice Churchill, member

Tony Guggenbickler, member

Otto Florschutz, member

Alan Reeves, member

Winston J. Davies, member

Scott McAuliffe, alternate

Members Absent: (6)

Tom Sims, member

John Yeager, member

Brian Merritt, member

Robert Rooney, member

Jason Rooney, member

Mike Bauer, alternate

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Eight

List of User Groups Present: NA

- III. Approval of Agenda: Board of Fish Shellfish Proposals
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Tom Kowalske (DFG) Wrangell

Troy Thynes (DFG) Petersburg

Joe Stratman (DFG) Petersburg

- VI. Guests Present: Dave Brown (BOG) Wrangell; Dan Rudy, Wrangell Sentinel
- VII. Old Business: No old business
- VIII. New Business: Chris reported on the following:
 - 1. Deer proposal for Yakutat;
 - 2. Search for ADF&G Commissioner;
 - 3. SSRAA release of fall chums.



Southeast and Yakutat Crab, Shrimp, and Misc. Shellfish Meeting Jan. 21–27, 2015 **Alaska Board of Fisheries Proposal Description Proposal BOF** Number Number Number Supports or Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal Opposes? Support Oppose **BOF** 58 Repeal the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan. X Support The three S's (size, sex and season) are reasonable to keep in place to Support protect the crab stocks. The Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab as Amended Fisheries Management Plan has not been modified for loss of habitat with Oppose the increase and spread of sea otters. If the plan is not "repealed", this ☐ No Action 0 factor should be included into the plan. The plan has been used since 2000, 11 with only one year's harvest being under the quota. The AC opposes the addition of unnecessary restrictions into the fishery. Should the plan be "repealed", the Department would/should still have the ability to manage or close the crab season as needed. **BOF** Repeal the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan. 59 Support Support as Amended See comments/opinion for proposal #58. Oppose X No **Action BOF** 60 Repeal the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan. Support Support as Amended See comments/opinion for proposal #58. Oppose X No **Action** Manage commercial Dungeness crab fishery with open season dates and areas to **BOF** 61 avoid handling of soft shell crab. Support The Wrangell AC opposes this proposal because it would require extensive Support preseason surveys, at great cost to the Department, to set regulations for as Amended 0 11 the season. Commercial crabbers are doing their best to avoid soft shell crab X Oppose because of the low price they would be paid. A preseason survey is not No Action needed. Modify Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan with **BOF** 62 open seasons, areas, and harvest levels based on historic data. Support Support The Dungeness fishery is working well. The proposal would add a level of as Amended 0 11 survey the Department cannot afford. X Oppose

No Action

		Proposal Description		
BOF	Proposal Number			
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal	
BOF	63		reshold levels for opening and closing of summer and fall fishing seasons Southeastern Alaska Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan.	
Support Support as Amended Oppose XNNo Action			See comments/opinion for proposal #58.	
		Repeal se	ction of Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management	
BOF	64	Plan rega	rding summer season soft-shell crab catch that may allow fall season to	
		open.		
Support Support as Amended MOppose No Action	0	11	The Dungeness crabbers on the Wrangell AC testify there is not 50% mortality on soft shell crab handled by crabbers. The crabbers are not that rough on the soft shell crab. This proposal would seek to undo a clause the Department instituted in 2009.	
ВОГ	65	Extend re 30 to Feb	gion wide commercial Dungeness crab season closure date from November	
Support Support as Amended MOPPOSE No Action	0	11	The proposal would provide one Dungeness crab season description for all of SE-AK, and would add seasons in some areas where currently commercial seasons do not exist. The Wrangell AC opposes extending the Dungeness crab season by 3 months. The AC feels this change is not needed because the status quo works well. Increased fishing pressure in winter months is not good for female crabs because eggs may get ripped off in the pot mesh.	
BOF	66	Manage L	Jpper Lynn Canal commercial Dungeness crab fishery based on CPUE.	
Support Support as Amended Oppose XNo Action	- 55		Proposal is effort to restrict a commercial crab fishery in favor of a roadside sport fishery.	
BOF	67	This prop	osal is a comment and does not seek regulatory change.	
Support Support as Amended Oppose XNO Action			Proposal is a comment.	
BOF	68	This proposal is a comment and does not seek regulatory change.		
Support Support as Amended Oppose XNNo Action			Proposal is a comment.	

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BOF	Number				
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal		
•			ecific commercial Dungeness crab fishery closed waters in areas around		
BOF	69	-	nlet, Sitka Sound, and Port Althrop.		
X Support			Proposal would reopen closed areas. Department Biologist shared there are		
Support			no crab conservation concerns for Dungeness in the area to be opened. If		
as Amended Oppose	11	0	the area is not opened, the AC feels that if an area is closed to commercial		
No Action			crabbing it should also be closed to sport crabbing, but remain open for		
		_	personal use crabbing.		
BOF	70	Close con	nmercial Dungeness crab fishery in a portion of Hetta Inlet.		
Support			An allocation decision provides resource to Alaska residents. A conservation		
Support			decision should close a resource to all. The Wrangell AC generally opposes		
as Amended M Oppose			proposal for a commercial closure, unless the Department deems the closure		
No Action	0	11	necessary for crab conservation. The area should also be closed to the sport		
			take of crab, but the area would remain open for personal use. Everyone		
			should bear the burden for crab conservation. Unique to Wrangell is the		
			opportunity for a young person to build a skiff in high school class and		
505	-4	01	commercially fish crab close to town during the summer		
BOF	71	Close con	nmercial Dungeness crab fishery in a portion of Whale Pass.		
Support Support			An allocation decision provides resource to Alaska residents. A conservation		
as Amended			decision should close a resource to all. The Wrangell AC generally opposes		
X Oppose			proposal for a commercial closure, unless the Department deems the closure		
No Action	0	11	necessary for crab conservation. The area should also be closed to the sport		
			take of crab, but the area would remain open for personal use. Everyone		
			should bear the burden for crab conservation. Unique to Wrangell is the		
			opportunity for a young person to build a skiff in high school class and commercially fish crab close to town during the summer		
BOF	72	Class son			
Support	12	Close con	An allocation decision provides resource to Alaska residents. A conservation		
Support			decision should close a resource to all. The Wrangell AC generally opposes		
as Amended			proposal for a commercial closure, unless the Department deems the closure		
X Oppose			necessary for crab conservation. The area should also be closed to the sport		
☐ No Action	0	11	take of crab, but the area would remain open for personal use. Everyone		
			should bear the burden for crab conservation. Unique to Wrangell is the		
			opportunity for a young person to build a skiff in high school class and		
			commercially fish crab close to town during the summer		
BOF	73	Close commercial Dungeness crab fishery in a portion of Frederick Sound.			
Support			An allocation decision provides resource to Alaska residents. A conservation		
Support			decision should close a resource to all. The Wrangell AC generally opposes		
as Amended			proposal for a commercial closure, unless the Department deems the closure		
X Oppose	_	4.4	necessary for crab conservation. The area should also be closed to the sport		
☐ No Action	0	11	take of crab, but the area would remain open for personal use. Everyone		
			should bear the burden for crab conservation. Unique to Wrangell is the		
			opportunity for a young person to build a skiff in high school class and		
			commercially fish crab close to town during the summer		
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ВОГ	Proposal Number			
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal	
BOF	74	Close cor	nmercial Dungeness crab fishery in Big Bear/Baby Bear Marine Park near	
		Sitka.		
Support Support as Amended Oppose No Action	0	11	An allocation decision provides resource to Alaska residents. A conservation decision should close a resource to all. The Wrangell AC generally opposes proposal for a commercial closure, unless the Department deems the closure necessary for crab conservation. The area should also be closed to the sport take of crab, but the area would remain open for personal use. Everyone should bear the burden for crab conservation. Unique to Wrangell is the opportunity for a young person to build a skiff in high school class and commercially fish crab close to town during the summer	
BOF	75	Close nea	r shore waters around Angoon to commercial Dungeness crab fishery.	
Support Support as Amended Oppose No Action	0	11	An allocation decision provides resource to Alaska residents. A conservation decision should close a resource to all. The Wrangell AC generally opposes proposal for a commercial closure, unless the Department deems the closure necessary for crab conservation. The area should also be closed to the sport take of crab, but the area would remain open for personal use. Everyone should bear the burden for crab conservation. Unique to Wrangell is the opportunity for a young person to build a skiff in high school class and commercially fish crab close to town during the summer	
BOF	76	Close con Juneau.	nmercial Dungeness fishing in areas around Colt and Horse Islands near	
Support Support as Amended MOPPOSE No Action	0	11	An allocation decision provides resource to Alaska residents. A conservation decision should close a resource to all. The Wrangell AC generally opposes proposal for a commercial closure, unless the Department deems the closure necessary for crab conservation. The area should also be closed to the sport take of crab, but the area would remain open for personal use. Everyone should bear the burden for crab conservation. Unique to Wrangell is the opportunity for a young person to build a skiff in high school class and commercially fish crab close to town during the summer	
BOF	77	Close commercial Dungeness fishing around Portland Island and Point Lena near		
Support Support as Amended MOPPOSE No Action	0	Juneau.	An allocation decision provides resource to Alaska residents. A conservation decision should close a resource to all. The Wrangell AC generally opposes proposal for a commercial closure, unless the Department deems the closure necessary for crab conservation. The area should also be closed to the sport take of crab, but the area would remain open for personal use. Everyone should bear the burden for crab conservation. Unique to Wrangell is the opportunity for a young person to build a skiff in high school class and commercially fish crab close to town during the summer	

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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal	
BOF	78		ers to Game Creek and Gartina Creek near Hoonah to commercial ss crab fishing to improve subsistence fishery.	
Support Support as Amended MOppose No Action	0	11	An allocation decision provides resource to Alaska residents. A conservation decision should close a resource to all. The Wrangell AC generally opposes proposal for a commercial closure, unless the Department deems the closure necessary for crab conservation. The area should also be closed to the sport take of crab, but the area would remain open for personal use. Everyone should bear the burden for crab conservation. Unique to Wrangell is the opportunity for a young person to build a skiff in high school class and commercially fish crab close to town during the summer	
BOF	79	Close por levels reb	tions of Chilkat Inlet to commercial Dungeness crab fishing until harvest ound.	
Support Support as Amended MOppose No Action	0	11	An allocation decision provides resource to Alaska residents. A conservation decision should close a resource to all. The Wrangell AC generally opposes proposal for a commercial closure, unless the Department deems the closure necessary for crab conservation. The area should also be closed to the sport take of crab, but the area would remain open for personal use. Everyone should bear the burden for crab conservation. Unique to Wrangell is the opportunity for a young person to build a skiff in high school class and commercially fish crab close to town during the summer	
BOF	80	Modify pot limits, buoy marking requirements, responsible parties, and management provisions for the George Inlet super exclusive guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery.		
Support Support as Amended Oppose XNO Action			Considered, but not part of Wrangell fishing area.	
BOF	81	Modify sport fishing guide requirements in the George Inlet super exclusive guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery.		
Support Support as Amended Oppose XNO Action			Considered, but not part of Wrangell fishing area.	

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BOF	Proposal Number				
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal		
BOF	82		the pot limit from 4 pots per boat to 10 pots per vessel for personal use ab fishery in the Southeastern Alaska Area.		
Support Support as Amended Oppose X No Action			The Wrangell AC feels that if it takes 10 pots to catch a limit of crab in a location/hole, then there are too little/not enough crab in that location to support the personal use fishery.		
BOF	92	Increase legal size limit for blue king crab in subsistence, personal use, and commercial fisheries in Registration Areas A and D.			
Support Support as Amended Oppose XNNo Action			The Wrangell AC feels the BOF should increase the legal size for blue king crab to the same as red king crab.		
BOF	93		a harvest reporting permit for sport and personal use shrimp fisheries in Section 11-A.		
Support Support as Amended Oppose XNO Action			The Wrangell AC feels it is a good method to try and assess the personal use shrimp harvest/take in the waters of Section 11-A.		
BOF	95	Establish management direction to modify commercial pot shrimp fishery GHLs based on indicators of shrimp population size determined by CPUE, size data, and geographic distribution.			

Support X Support as Amended Oppose No Action			The Wrangell AC feels this proposal would be a good place to provide input to the BOF on the direction the harvest levels should be moving in order to reflect the changes in size and CPU over time. The AC amended clause (E) in the proposal to include CPU changes over the course of the fishery. See Handout on next page below. The AC feels Districts 6 & 7 are good active management and would draw boats from other areas if amendment is not included. If the proposal passes as amended it would require other areas to adopt more active management for the fishery, similar to Districts 6 & 7.
			#95 Amendment Handout
			Shrimp Pot Management Plan changes
			ASSUMPTIONS
			The shrimp populations in Southeast are dynamic, both region wide, district wide and within individual districts and the management regime needs to respond to changes in populations of shrimp by increasing the harvest when populations are high and lowering catches when populations decline. Matching the harvest level to the level of the population will lead to a long term viable fishery and sustainability of the spot shrimp in Southeast. The commercial spot shrimp fishery can be used as a measure of the population level and the health of the resource and is currently the most wide spread data available in Southeast. The department and fishermen will each need to implement changes in how data is collected, received and used to best manage this fishery.
			How sircand cfn with be added
			MANAGEMENT TCOLS.
	11	0	Each fishing district will have a pre-season catch target level determined. This will either be a rolling 5 year average of the past catch or will be a set poundage based on the GHL that was established at the Board of Fish meeting in 1997. (Need to decide which one) The target catch level will be adjusted up or down in 15% increments or not adjusted based on 3 in-season indicators and their relation to the indicators in that district in the past 5 years. These 3 incleators are:
			The cpue for the first week of the fishery.
			The size of SJ, J and XL shrimp relative to L, M and S shrimp during the first week of the fishery.
			3. How the size and the cpue changes over the course of the fishery.
			Fishermen will need to report twice weekly their fish ticket data which will include the size mix of the shrimp harvested. Reporting periods will be Monday at noon for any fish tickets written on the preceding Thurday through Sunday and Thursday at noon for the preceding Monday through Wednesday. Both the department and fishermen will need to work together to make sure the data moves to the department in an efficient manner. This will require communication
			investments on the boat and in the department to send and receive the required information.
			REASON FOR CHANGE
			The current management does not respond well to changes in the population. This leads to lower catch rates when the population increases and may be over exploiting the resource when it declines which will lead to a longer time to rebuild. Currently the shrimp fleet is not motivated to move onto fresh ground since each area closes when a certain poundage is reached without regard to catch level or shrimp size. Over the past few seasons many areas in Southeast have not been fished because districts have closed without any effort in some portions of these districts. The pot shrimp fishery is a vital part of the fishing industry in Southeast which is not currently being managed to return as much as it can to the fishermen and to the Southeast economoy.
			During the period of 1991 to 1995 the season was open for 5 months in much of southern Southeast and 12 months in much of northern Southeast without regard to catches. In the areas where fishing was most intense, districts 1,2,3,6,7,10,12 and 13 the catch varied quite a bit from year to year. This was probably due to changes in the population. The current
Wrange	Il AC Minut	es 12/11/20)14 need to consider this time frame.

			Proposal Description		
BOF	Proposal Number				
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal		
ВОГ	96		dditional commercial pot shrimp fishery management flexibility in specific cales in Registration Area A.		
X Support Support as Amended Oppose No Action	11	0	The Wrangell AC feels this housekeeping proposal would provide needed flexibility to implement active management.		
BOF	97	Standardi	ze, limit, and reduce commercial shrimp pot gear in Registration Area A.		
Support X Support as Amended Oppose No Action	11	0	The Wrangell AC amends this proposal by removing the last sentence: "Each area will be allowed 25,000 pot lifts and will then close." As this is the largest geographic area in SE-AK the proposal as amended would help shell fish management in a large portion of SE-AK. There is a need for smaller geographic areas with common shrimp stocks.		
BOF	98	Modify co	ommercial pot shrimp fishery reporting requirements for Registration Area		
X Support Support as Amended Oppose No Action	11	0	Proposal 98 is connected to proposal 95 and the actions taken on the two proposals needs to be linked as tools needed to manage the fishery. The Wrangell AC would like size information collected for management. Shrimp size information is an important tool for management.		
BOF	99	Standardi	ze, limit, and reduce commercial shrimp pot gear in Registration Area A.		
Support Support as Amended MOPPOSE No Action	0	11	The Wrangell AC does not like the proposal overall because it would make the fishery less efficient. The AC would however favor the "one pull" requirement in the proposal. The AC would not favor additional pot reductions. The fishery already went through pot reductions years ago. The AC favors keeping the pot regulations as is. The shrimpers have settled into how to efficiently work the fishery. No additional changes in gear regulations should be made.		
BOF	100	Clarify use fishery.	e of other pot gear during a commercial shrimp season in Registration Area A		
Support Support as Amended Oppose XNNo Action			This proposal is from the Department, but the Wrangell AC questioned the problem the proposal is needed to address is. It appears the proposal would allow for sport and personal use/subsistence take while commercial fishing, up to the total number of pots legally allowed in the fishery. All pots are included in the legal limit for pots. This is not needed.		
BOF	104	Modify be	eam trawl gear specifications for Registration Area A.		
Support Support as Amended MOppose No Action	0	11	The Wrangell AC understands that currently there is no limit of gear for shrimp trawl. The fishing area and conditions dictates the gear to be used. There is not a problem with trawls in the Wrangell area; as currently there are only three trawl boats fishing the Wrangell waters. The proposal if adopted could make the fishery less efficient in some areas, and may keep big boats out of the fishery		

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BOF	Proposal Number				
Supports or	Number	Number	Comments / Discussion / Hist Dura and Comp. / Amondments to Durance		
Opposes?	Support	Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal		
BOF	106	Establish	a shrimp beam trawl fishery task force.		
Support Support as Amended Oppose XNNo Action			The Wrangell AC noted the proposed task force would be very small with only 3 fishers.		
BOF	107	Close a po	ortion of District 8 near Petersburg to commercial pot shrimp fishery.		
Support Support as Amended MOppose No Action	0	11	The Wrangell AC feels proposal 107 is similar to proposals 70 through 79, and feels there is ample opportunity to harvest personal use shrimp with the current regulations. The AC opposes the closure of a section of District 8 and a section of the Wrangell Narrows to commercial shrimp harvest.		
BOF	113	Prohibit fishing, around Cache Island, for bottom fish, crab, and shrimp by all users. This proposal is also scheduled for consideration during the Southeast and Yakutat Finfish meeting.			
Support Support as Amended Coppose No Action	0	11	The Wrangell AC opposes localized area closures by regulation. The Department already has the authority to close areas if needed for resource conservation. The AC opposes this allocative proposal to a gear group.		
BOF	239	Remove Registration Area A from the 72-hour Dungeness crab pot storage limitation requirement.			
Support Support as Amended Oppose XNO Action			The Wrangell AC noted that 7 days are allowed for removal of gear during August when weather is often good. And that 72 hours is allowed during the dark and often stormy weather in February. Extensions may be given if requested. In August there is a total area closure with all gear out of the area. In February there is a partial area closure.		

Adjournment: 9:15 PM

Minutes Recorded By: David Rak Minutes Approved By: Brennon Eagle Date: January 7, 2015

AC MEETING MINUTES

Friday, December 19, 2014

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:10p By Chairman: Casey Mapes

ROLL CALL: Casey Mapes, Larry Bemis, Bob Fraker, Reggie Krkovich, Nate Endicott, Sheri Nelson, Jonathan Pavlik and Jeremiah Pavlik

ABSENT: Scott Chadwick, Jesse Pavlik, Dave Stone, Herb Holcomb, Jeff Fraker and Loren Clark

ATTENDEES: Fish & Game, Gordy Woods and Ryan Scott. Harold Robbins, Sport fisherman, Rhonda Coston, CBY, Jim Capra, NPS, Jimmy Jensen, Fisherman and Trooper Brett Ledford.

Quorum Established:

ELECTIONS:

2014 Expired seats:

3-Three year seats: Scott Chadwick, Sport fish, Casey Mapes,

Trolling/Hunting and Jeff Fraker, Trapping.

3-Two year seats: Sheri Nelson, Subsistence, Jonathan Pavlik, Commercial fish, Loren Clark, Commercial fish.

5-One year seats: Jeremiah Pavlik, Commercial fish, Bob Fraker, Sport fish, Jesse Pavlik, Commercial fish, Nate Endicott, Commercial fish and Dave Stone, Sport fish.

Seat expires in 2015: Reggie Krkovich, Sport fish, Herb Holcomb, Hunting/Fishing and Larry Bemis, Hunting/Trapping.

Motion to vote in and reinstate all former board members: Scott Chadwick, Casey Mapes, Sheri Nelson, Loren Clark, Jonathan Pavlik, Jeremiah James, Bob Fraker, Jesse Pavlik, Nate Endicott and Dave Stone. No new nominations.

Motion: Reggie/Bob F. Support. All Ayes. 0 Nays.

Chair/Three year: Casey Mapes M/Sheri M/Reggie Support. All Ayes. Vice/Three year: Scott Chadwick Secretary/Two year: Sheri Nelson M/Bob M/Reggie. Support. All Ayes.

Board of Fish & Game: Introduction of Ryan Scott. Discussion: Board of Fish Meeting, January 9-13, 2013

Larry will attend meeting for three days through the weekend.

Changes in the Board of Fish, new Acting Fish Commissioner, Neil Barton retirement, very little turnover on board. Moose season observations, bear, wolf,

goat and surveys.



Reggie Krkovick: Excuses himself from meeting. He votes affirmative on all votes to be made at this meeting.

P 22: Hunting season and bag limits for moose. Motion to support. Manby Shore move back 2 weeks, to August 15-December 1. This will provide increased hunting opportunity and decrease pressure on the Situk/Anklin.

Motion: Bob/Jeremiah Support. All Ayes. 0 Nays.

P 24: Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Motion to support. Will allow for a hunt if numbers increase. Keep as is.

Motion: Nate/Jeremiah Support. All Ayes. 0 Nays.

P 84: Fishing seasons for Registration Area D. Motion to approve. Reduce pots. King Crab 100-40 pots. Allow for a test fishery.

Motion: Jonathan/Jeremiah Support. All Ayes. 0 Nays.

P 90: Lawful gear Registration Area D. Motion to approve. Reduce commercial Tanner crab pot limit in Area D. 100-40 pots. Add a test fishery. Hopefully, will allow for a small fishery to what's out there.

Motion: Nate/Bob Supported. Unanimous.

P 157: Reduce the king salmon size limit from 28 inches or greater in length to 26 inches or greater in length in SE Alaska.

MOTION TO OPPOSE. Motion: Sheri/Bob Supported. Unanimous.

P 161: Allow for single hook only sport angling in all fresh waters of the Yakutat Area, Cape Fairweather to Cape Suckling, from January 1 to December 31. Motion to Support: Bob/Larry Supported. Unanimous.

P 162: Prohibit multiple hooks and barbed hooks in al fresh waters of the Yakutat Management Area.

Motion to Support: Bob/Sheri 7-Ayes. 1-Nay. Jeremiah

P 163: Change bag and size limit. By ADF&G. Reason: to much pressure on a small system and too much of a public nuisance with parking.

Motion to Support: Bob/Nate Supported. Unanimous. Trooper Ledford pointed out that on the drainage side of the road a boundary would need to be in place.

Motion by: Nate Endicott Seconded by: Larry Bemis to discuss in a boundary in committee. Should be salt-water low tide line across lagoon entrance.

Supported. Unanimous.

P 164: Proposal to restrict angling in Village Lagoon and accompanying lakes to youth under the age 18 only.

Motion: Nate/Bob Supported. Unanimous.

P 211: Remove the sunset clause from Yakutat Area commercial salmon set gillnet permit-stacking regulation.

Motion: Nate/Jeremiah Supported. Unanimous. Was only lightly used. But worked very well with no conflicts.

P 212: Allow the owner of two commercial salmon set gillnet permits to fish both permits throughout the Yakutat Area.

Motion: Nate/Jeremiah Supported. Unanimous.

P 214: Remove depth restrictions form commercial salmon set gillnet gear. Unlimited.

Motion: Jeremiah/Nate 6-Supported. 1-Larry Opposed.

P 215: Allow commercial salmon set gillnets up to 60 meshes deep after July 1 in Yakutat Bay only.

Motion: Nate/Jonathan Supported. Unanimous.

P 216: Clarify gillnet specifications in the East River in September. 8", 20 fathoms strict, move to first Sunday to Monday.

Motion: Jeremiah/Nate Supported. Unanimous.

P 217: Establish an opening date for the Tsiu River commercial salmon fishery. Tisu River will be on the third Sunday in August.

Motion: Jonathan/Nate Supported. Unanimous.

P 218: Redefine closed water in the Lost River.

Motion to redefine: Bob/Jeremiah Supported. Unanimous.

P 219: Establish new salmon statistical area in Yakutat Bay. Need to add language in committee to clarify, East of the line would be open area.

Motion: Nate/Jeremiah Support. Unanimous.

P 220: Modify the winter boundary line for the commercial salmon troll fishery. Move to the next click out.

Motion: Bob/Nate Support. Unanimous.

P 221: Expand the winter commercial salmon troll fishery in the Yakutat Area by adding Icy Bay Stat area.

Motion: Nate/Jeremiah Support. Unanimous.

Call to close meeting.

Motion: Casey/Larry Supported. Unanimous.

Adjourned: 9:03p

Minutes prepared by: <u>Sheri Nelson</u>

Craig Advisory Council meeting December 2, 2014 Draft Minutes

Quorum:

Mike Douville

Chuck Haydu

Ellen Hannan

Steve Merritt

Steve Stumpf

Fred Hamilton

Stu Merchant

Bill Farmer

Public in Attendance:

Jeff Reeves Steve Berthume Jim Dennis Skip Fabrey Rafael Ramirez Craig Schwanke

Meeting called to order @ 7:10PM

Minutes Approved from last meeting, March 25, 2014

BOG or	Proposal		Proposal Description
BOF	Number		
Support	Number	Number	Comments/Discussions, Amendments to proposal
or	Support	Oppose	
Oppose			
BOG	12	Reduce	bag limit for hunting and trapping wolves in unit 2.
Oppose	0	8	We do not think it is necessary to have GPS
			locations on traps or snares. Since a small number
			of trappers harvest the majority of the quota
			limiting the harvest to 5 per person annually does
			not make sense. It will not fill the quota.
BOG	13	Change i	management levels for unit 2 to include all causes of
			mortality.
Oppose	0	8	What constitutes harvest? How wounded does a
			wolf have to be to be considered in the math?
BOG	14	Reduce t	the wolf harvest to 20% of the preseason population
			and account for wounded animals.
Support	8	0	The 30% quota has been reached twice in the last
			15 years, (1999 & 2013). Discussion started along

		the lines of keeping the current quota in place but drop down if necessary. ADF&G says wolves can
		sustain a 38% overall mortality. There was
		concern locally at a meeting last November that the
		wolf harvest is too high and that lowering the
		harvest from 30% would sit better within the
		community. We support this proposal but our one
		concern with it is that the illegal harvest should not
		be considered since there is no proof.
BOG	15	Allow trappers to take beavers with a firearm.
Support	8	0 No reason Beavers cannot be taken with a firearm
BOG	27	Open deer season early for elders and physically limited.
Oppose	0	8 Deer season is plenty long enough as it is.
BOG	29	Require traps are checked at frequent intervals.
Oppose	0	8 Weather and other factors could be an issue if a
оррозс	Ü	specific timeframe is imposed.
BOG	30	Repeal the need for GPS coordinates on a bear bait station.
Oppose	0	8 Hunters need to be responsible for their bait
оррозс	Ü	stations and this is a tool enforce it.
BOG	32	Allow the transfer of resident harvest tickets to a relative
		within the second degree in kindred.
Support	6	0 We feel that that this is an opportunity for a family
		member to be able to hunt bear that may have been
		denied a tag by the drawing process. 1 member
		abstained
		The following is a general discussion on why the Craig AC
		voted the way we did on the Shrimp Fishery proposals below
		(96, 97, 98, 99). At last BOF there were concerns about the
		way fishery is being managed. Numbers released this year
		showed that the majority of the districts suffered a reduction
		in harvest. There are concerns due to large concentration of
		effort in small areas. We would like to see districts split to
		spread the fleet out and fish broader areas. There are also
		concerns of selling an inferior product (small shrimp) that sell
		for less. Upwards of 30% of the product from our local area is
		small shrimp. Our objective is to have guidelines similar to
		Canada where small shrimp are not sold but released to grow.
		This will promote a healthier fishery and bring higher prices
DOF	0.6	for our product.
BOF	96	Allow pot shrimp fishery management flexibility in specific
C	0	fishing locales.
Support	8	0 Divide District 1 into those distinct commencial not shairon
BOF	97	Divide District 1 into three distinct commercial pot shrimp
Cumera and	0	fishing areas.
Support	8	0



BOF	98	Modify Commercial shrimp pot Fishery reporting		
		requirements.		
Support	8	0		
BOF	99	Standar	dize, reduce, and limit commercial shrimp pot gear.	
Oppose	0	8		
BOF	110	Allow increased trip limit and permit stacking in sea		
		cucumber fishery.		
Oppose	0	8	This will benefit people that want to get in and out	
			quick.	
BOF	111	Allow	lepartment to set trip limits on Geoducks based on	
		market conditions		
Support	8	0	This will bring in a higher value for the product.	
			Supply/Demand	

There was a discussion regarding a 3 year board cycle for game. All Members were in agreement for a 3 year cycle.

Stu Merchant will be the Craig AC member attending the Board of Game meeting

Bill Farmer will be the Craig AC member attending the Southeast Shellfish meeting

Next meeting set for Thursday Jan. 29, 2015 If we have unfinished business this meeting will continue on Feb. 3

Meeting Adjourned At 9:10pm



Petersburg Advisory Committee

December 10, 2014
Petersburg Borough Assembly Chambers

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 18:34 by committee chair, Bob Martin

II. Roll Call:Members Present: 7Members Absent: 5

Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 7

Members Present:

Bob Martin, Chairman, crab
Joel Randrup, vice-chair, crab/conservation
Max Worhatch, secretary, undesignated
Jerry Dahl, seine
Andy Knight, hand troll
David Benitz, hunting/trapping
Kirt Marsh, archery

Members Absent:

Ryan Littleton, longline
Stan Malcolm, sport/charter
Wes Malcolm, sport/personal use
Arnold Enge, gillnet
Ben Case, undesignated
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: None noted

III. Approval of Agenda:

Agenda approved by unanimous consent

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from 11/20/14 were not presented, or moved on.
 - V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Kevin Clark, Joe Stratman, Patrick Fowler, Kelli Wood

VI. Guests Present:

Frank Neidiffer, Ted Sandhofer, Steve Burrell, Desi Burrell, Angela Denning

VII. Old Business: Chairman opened nominations for our three open seats. One troll, one undesignated, one dive. Max Worhatch nominated Frank Neidiffer for the troll seat. He was elected by unanimous vote. Jerry Dahl nominated Ted Sandhofer for undesignated seat. He also was elected by unanimous vote. Both new members were seated and participated the rest of the meeting.



VIII. New Business: Next two meetings were scheduled for January 7 and 8, 2015 at 18:30, at Petersburg Borough Assembly Chambers, if available. Chairman indicated he would check on availability, and would advise the committee if a new location was necessary. It was noted that two committee members would not be attending, Max Worhatch and David Benitz due to conflicting schedules. We then moved into addressing proposals. Ted Sandhofer was excused to address other responsibilities. Ted returned and sat in starting with proposal 63. Committee member Andy Knight excused for comfort during discussion of BOF proposal 108. He returned for BOF proposal 109.

This space may be used to record minutes

Southeast and Yakutat Crab, Shrimp, and Misc. Shellfish Meeting Jan. 21–27, 2015 Alaska Board of Fisheries

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form **Proposal Description Proposal BOG or BOF** Number Supports or Number Number Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Opposes? Support Oppose **Proposal** Repeal the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management **BOF** 58 Plan. □X Support Committee by unanimous consent agreed to address proposals Support as 58,59, and 60 together as they all called for the same thing. Proposal Amended 58 was authored by committee secretary, Max Worhatch. He gave □ Oppose his reason for the proposal, citing it as an ineffective management □ No Action tool, being implemented only once in 14 years. He said he felt size, sex and season were adequate tools for Dungeness management, noting it has been used for many decades in California, Oregon and Washington. with good results. He also noted that we fish less time, have more restrictive pot limitations, 0 8 and have a higher minimum size restriction than all these areas. Worhatch also said that the areas that produce the most pounds are also the same areas that receive the most fishing pressure. Joe Stratman gave a brief history of the current regulation. There was discussion about the one instance of early closure that occurred in 2013, as to why it was closed and whether it was effective. Joe Stratman indicated the department had no opinion to offer at this time. The issues of proposals 59 and 60 were also touched on. There was no opposition voiced by anyone in the room. Repeal the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management **BOF** 59 Plan. □X Support Support as Amended 0 8 See Proposal 58 □ Oppose

□ No Action				
BOF	60	Repeal the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan.		
□XSupport □ Support as Amended □ Oppose □ No Action	8	0	See Proposal 58	
BOF	61		Manage commercial Dungeness crab fishery with open season dates and areas to avoid handling of soft shell crab.	
□ Support □ Support as Amended □X Oppose □ No Action	0	8	First comment was that the molt cycles are not the same throughout southeast, making a region wide opening based on hard crab difficult. It was mentioned by a committee member that with the current budget constraints it was improbable that such a survey would be funded. It was mentioned that other states have an	



			industry funded crab survey for quality and recovery.
		Modify S	outheastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management
BOF	62	•	open seasons, areas, and harvest levels based on historic data.
□ Support □ Support as Amended □X Oppose □ No Action	0	8	Budget constraints was again brought up. Implementation would cause a concentration of effort in localized areas that wouldn't otherwise see this effort.
BOF	63	seasons u	nreshold levels for opening and closing of summer and fall fishing under the Southeastern Alaska Dungeness Crab Fisheries nent Plan.
□ Support □ Support as Amended □ XOppose □ No Action	0	9	First comment was that size sex and season management was adequate. There was effort discussion. It was mentioned that you can't estimate effort for harvest projection. Effort discussions led into sea otters. Comment was made by committee member that current federal management of sea otters was hindering the state of Alaska in their efforts to manage their resources.
BOF	64	Managen	ection of Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries nent Plan regarding summer season soft-shell crab catch that may season to open.
□ Support □ Support as Amended □X Oppose □ No Action	0	9	Joe Stratman told us The paragraph in question was added to the current management plan in 2009 to address the high soft shell component during the summer seasons of 2007 and 2008. It is a useful tool. Economically this is a good tool for allowing harvest in a healthy biomass. Concerned was expressed over proponents use of "50% soft-shell mortality study." Joe was asked if there was a peerreviewed soft-shell mortality study. He said there is one, but he wasn't that familiar with it, and he assumed it was peer-reviewed. Committee member asked what the definition of a soft crab would be.
BOF	65		gionwide commercial Dungeness crab season closure date from er 30 to February 28.
OX Support Support as Amended Oppose No Action	6	2	One committee member abstained. The benefits of a longer season and a larger area were mentioned. No concerns for the resource at this time. Several crabbers are on committee and discussion was that effort, were this management plan be implemented, would be very light in the winter months due to weather and daylight conditions. Some on committee expressed that it was too much to ask for. One committee member liked the 08:00 start time, many concurred.
BOF	66	Manage l	Jpper Lynn Canal commercial Dungeness crab fishery based on
□ Support □ Support as Amended □X Oppose □ No Action	0	9	It was brought up that fluctuations in crab populations are common, with or without increased effort. Implementing this as a management plan could cause even more effort in years when it is open.
BOF	67	This prop	osal is a comment and does not seek regulatory change.
□ Support □ Support as Amended □ Oppose	Click here to enter	Click here to enter	We didn't address.

□ No Action	text	text	
BOF	68	This proposal is a comment and does not seek regulatory change.	
□ Support □ Support as Amended □ Oppose □ No Action	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	same as 67
BOF	69		ecific commercial Dungeness crab fishery closed waters in areas enakee Inlet, Sitka Sound, and Port Althrop.
OXSupport Support as Amended Oppose No Action	9	0	Discussion was that there was plenty of personal use and subsistence opportunity. Committee member asked the department personal if there had ever been a closure for the personal use or subsistence fisheries for Dungeness in the southeast region. The answer was no.
BOF	70	Close com	nmercial Dungeness crab fishery in a portion of Hetta Inlet.
□ Support □ Support as Amended □X Oppose □ No Action	0	9	All discussion was limited to opposition of proposal. Sea otters were mentioned in discussions about commercial fishing losing area.
BOF	71	Close con	nmercial Dungeness crab fishery in a portion of Whale Pass.
□ Support □ Support as Amended □X Oppose □ No Action	0	9	Very little discussion, other than there is already a closed area there, this would just make it bigger. Previously visited proposal, 70, was referenced.
BOF	72	Close con	nmercial Dungeness crab fishery in a portion of Frederick Sound.
□ Support □ Support as Amended □X Oppose □ No Action	1	8	Proposer of proposal 72, Steve Burrell was in attendance. He would like to see an area close to Petersburg designated for sport and personal use and subsistence only. He cited commercial complaints of sea otter predation as a good reason to have a reserve for seeding other areas. He was asked if he was calling this a conservation issue and he said he was. He was asked why he didn't close it to all fisheries then. Joe Stratman told us that 106-44, the area in question, has 53k pound average the last ten years, with 15 unique permits fishing it on average. Commercial effort was discussed. Commercial interests mentioned losing area, condensing an already crowded fleet. The area is open year round for personal use and subsistence. This gives personal use and subsistence 8 months to fish while the commercial fleet is closed. Sea otters were mentioned again in losing area conversation. It was pointed out that the resource is considered healthy, so conservation is not an issue.
BOF	73	Close con	nmercial Dungeness crab fishery in a portion of Frederick Sound.
□ Support □ Support as Amended □X Oppose □ No Action	0	9	This proposal is just a larger version of the previous. Burrell asked if the committee would be willing to close it for 5 years, then open it again. No motion to amend.
BOF	74	Close con	nmercial Dungeness crab fishery in Big Bear/Baby Bear Marine Park
□ Support □ Support as	0	9	Very little discussion. Earlier votes on closed area to commercial fish cited.



Amended X Oppose					
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BOF	75	Close ne	arshore waters around Angoon to commercial Dungeness crab fishery.		
□ Support □ Support as Amended □X Oppose □ No Action	0	9	question called immediatly. No discussion.		
BOF	76	Close con	nmercial Dungeness fishing in areas around Colt and Horse Islands		
□ Support □ Support as Amended □X Oppose □ No Action	0	9	The fact that Juneau already has a large area closed to commercial crabbing was cited. It was mentioned that the area could be highly productive and was important to the commercial fleet.		
BOF	77	Close con	nmercial Dungeness fishing around Portland Island and Point Lena		
□ Support □ Support as Amended □X Oppose □ No Action	0	9	Again, the large area surrounding Juneau that is closed to the commercial fishery was cited.		
BOF	78		ters to Game Creek and Gartina Creek near Hoonah to commercial ss crab fishing to improve subsistence fishery.		
□ Support □ Support as Amended □X Oppose □ No Action	0	9	Some discussion about the area, for those not familiar.		
BOF	79	-	Close portions of Chilkat Inlet to commercial Dungeness crab fishing until harvest levels rebound.		
□ Support □ Support as Amended □XOppose □ No Action	0	9	No discussion.		
		Modify p	ot limits, buoy marking requirements, responsible parties, and		
BOF	80	_	nent provisions for the George Inlet superexclusive guided sport		
□ Support		ecotouris	m Dungeness crab fishery.		
□ Support as Amended □X Oppose □ No Action	0	9	There was a short discussion about soft-shell mortality. Seems benign since crab are released, but why have more gear then?		
BOF	81	Modify sport fishing guide requirements in the George Inlet superexclusive guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery.			
□ Support □ Support as Amended □X Oppose □ No Action	0	9	Not a lot of discussion, other than it appeared the proposal was too restrictive.		

		Increase t	the pot limit from 4 pots per boat to 10 pots per vessel for personal
BOF	82		er crab fishery in the Southeastern Alaska Area.
□ Support		asc raille	is that hanci y in the southeastern Alaska Alea.
SupportSupport as			Our discussion centered around 4 pots being adequate for personal
Amended	0	9	use. It was mentioned that proposers motives might be motivated
□X Oppose			by "prospecting" for commercial Tanner crab.
□ No Action			, , ,
BOF	83	Repeal cl	osure of Tanner crab sport and personal use fishery two weeks prior
ВОР	6	to July 1 i	n the Southeastern Alaska Area.
□ Support			Joe stratman filled us in on the particulars of the regulations in
□ Support as	•		effect. It was mentioned that a two week closure was not a lot of
Amended	0	9	time, giving plenty of oppourtunity to harvest sport and personal
□X Oppose □ No Action			use.
		Establish	golden king crab commercial fishery in Registration Area D under
BOF	84		oner's permit.
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A NO ACTOR		Establish	logbook requirement and standards for commercial king crab
BOF	85		n Registration Area D.
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POE	96	Modify la	wful gear to allow use of square king crab pots in Registration Area
BOF	86		D.
□ Support			Four committee members abstained in this vote. Comments were
□ Support as			made that this would allow gear that was made illegal to this fishery
Amended	0	5	be legalized, and there was a reason it was. Bycatch of halibut and
□X Oppose □ No Action	J		black cod were mentioned as a concern. The BOF previously visiting
- NO ACTION			this discussion for registration area A the last board of fish cycle was
		Dod	brought up.
BOF	87		he commercial king crab pot limit in the waters of Yakutat Bay and
		Russell Fj	ord from 100 pots per vessel to 40 pots per vessel.
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□X No Action	text	text	
BOF	88		operation of commercial pot gear for groundfish before and during
	5	a comme	rcial king or Tanner crab season.
□ Support			People felt it would be an advantage for pre-season scouting of
□ Support as			crab, especially if square cod pots were used. People also
Amended □X Oppose	0	9	questioned the effectiveness of pots for cod in southeast. Someone
□ No Action			pointed out that bait and hooks work very well for cod and is
	0.0		currently legal gear for this time frame.
BOF	89	Create ne	w commercial golden king crab fishery area in Cross Sound.



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BOF	90	Reduce co	ommercial Tanner crab pot limit in Registration Area D.
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□ Oppose	enter	enter	Click here to enter text
□X No Action	text	text	
BOF	91	Correct a	district reference for Holkham Bay and a misspelling of Point Astley.
□X Support		50110000	
□ Support as			
Amended	9	0	Purely housekeeping to address misspelling in regulation, as well a
□ Oppose			correction of the management area.
□ No Action			
		Increase I	egal size limit for blue king crab in subsistence, personal use, and
BOF	92	commerc	ial fisheries in Registration Areas A and D.
□X Support			
□ Support as			These crab have small local populations. The 10 yr. average landings
Amended	9	0	is 193 pounds a season. Department says the current size limit is
□ Oppose			arbitrary and not based on biological data.
□ No Action			,
BOF	93		a harvest reporting permit for sport and personal use shrimp
	33	fisheries i	n waters of Section 11-A.
□X Support			Department personnel indicated that they would like to get a
□ Support as			handle on sport and personal use harvest of shrimp. Low
Amended			abundance in 11-A necessitated this. Department personnel was
□ Oppose			asked if creel surveys were not adequate. They indicated they were
□ No Action	0	_	not in this instance. Committee member pointed out that the
	9	0	department, in a discussion at the last BOF cycle for shellfish about
			requiring reporting cards for sport and personal use, that the
			department was adamant about the accuracy of a creel survey. It
			was mentioned that in management of a resource, all take-outs
			need to be accounted for, and that this was a good proposal.
		Establish	a spawner index management system for the Southeastern Alaska
BOF	94		ial spot shrimp fishery.
□ Support			Department staff gave us a comparison between the current
□ Support as			management and the proposed management. We felt there were
Amended			many complex issues and we had limited experience with them. The
□ Oppose			only permit holder was Jerry Dahl. He recommended No Action, as
□X No Action	Click	Click	he felt the Shrimp Task force would be meeting soon and they could
	here to	here to	better address the issues. He recommended the same for proposals
	enter	enter	95,96,97,and 98. Our committee supports Shrimp Task Force efforts
	text	text	to improve management of the commercial pot shrimp fishery, but
			is not comfortable supporting or opposing these individual
			proposals which may interfere with each other even though they
			may be working toward the same goals.
		F., 111.	
BOF	95		management direction to modify commercial pot shrimp fishery
		GHLs base	ed on indicators of shrimp population size determined by CPUE, size



		data, and	geographic distribution.	
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BOF	96		additional commercial pot shrimp fishery management flexibility in shing locales in Registration Area A.	
□ Support □ Support as Amended	Click here to	Click here to	See 94	
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BOF	97	Standardi	ize, limit, and reduce commercial shrimp pot gear in Registration Area A.	
□ Support □ Support as Amended □ Oppose □x No Action	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	See 94	
BOF	98	•	Modify commercial pot shrimp fishery reporting requirements for Registration Area A.	
□ Support □ Support as Amended □ Oppose □X No Action	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	See 94	
		Standardi	ize, limit, and reduce commercial shrimp pot gear in Registration	
BOF	99		Area A.	
□ Support □ Support as Amended □X Oppose □ No Action	0	9	Our shrimper committee member said he was opposed to a pot reduction. He said it would promote "double hauling", an action he claims is bad for the resource. He felt the "one pull per day" would be unenforceable. An audience member commented to the effect that any law was enforceable. Another committee member commented that he sold out of pot shrimping because people double hauled.	
BOF	100	Clarify u	se of other pot gear during a commercial shrimp season in	
	100	Registrati	on Area A. fishery.	
□X Support □ Support as Amended □ Oppose □ No Action	9	0	House cleaning for the department.	
BOF	101	Revise the Southeastern Alaska Pot Shrimp Fishery Management Plan to include an April to October commercial fishery, regionwide, for non-spot shrimp.		
□ Support □ Support as Amended □X Oppose □ No Action	1	8	Bycatch was an issue raised with this one. There is a fully allocated fishery for spot shrimp. Bycatch mortality of spots could effect quotas.	



BOF Support	102		otter trawl as legal trawl gear in commercial shrimp trawl fishery in		
I □ Sunnort		Registrati	Registration Area D.		
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BOF	103		maximum vessel length for beam trawl shrimp fishery in on Area A.		
□ Support □ Support as Amended □X Oppose □ No Action	0	9	One member said efficiency could be addressed with gear limitations. It would limit frozen at sea business models, a high end market. Larger vessels have an easier time processing at sea. It was mentioned that there are only 5 active beam trawl permits. Limits a small underutilized fishery from growth.		
BOF	104	Modify be	eam trawl gear specifications for Registration Area A.		
OX Support Support as Amended Oppose No Action	8	1	The point was made that length of beam seemed satisfactory to limit efficiency. Total weight also seen as a limiting factor. The multiple net part of the proposal made for comments regarding efficiency, prosecution, and possible enhancement of quality. With no stock worries, and an underutilized resource, most comments were favorable. It was mentioned that in the past there have been conflicts between Dungeness fishermen and shrimpers while fishing.		
		Clarify co	ommercial beam trawl registration location as ADF&G office		
BOF	105	specified	by the department.		
□X Support □ Support as Amended □ Oppose □ No Action	9	0	This was described as another house cleaning proposal.		
BOF	106	Establish	a shrimp beam trawl fishery task force.		
□ Support □ Support as Amended □ Oppose □X No Action	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text		
BOF	107	Close a po	ortion of District 8 near Petersburg to commercial pot shrimp		
□ Support □ Support as Amended □X Oppose □ No Action	0	9	Proponent Steve Burrell spoke to this proposal. He described fishing this past fall and having a commercial shrimper move into the area described in the proposal. It is a popular spot for personal use fishermen. Several of the committee use it for personal use needs, myself included. Our shrimp pot committee member said the reason it is such a good place is that the gear is generally soaked longer, targeting only the larger shrimp. The commercial season for pot gear was open approximately 20 days in 108-60, which includes the area described in the proposal, on the 10 year average. 9 of the last 15 seasons had commercial activity in 108-60. There is currently one, sometimes two beam trawl operations that could be		
			affected negatively.		
BOF	108	Clarify we	affected negatively. eekly commercial fishing periods for sea cucumbers.		



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Amended			
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O NO ACTION		Reduce c	ommercial sea cucumber fishing periods in October and establish
BOF	109		shing times in November.
_		specific in	
□ Support			It was noted that there were no divers present to give perspective.
□ Support as			Committee member volunteered that in conversations about the
Amended OX Oppose	0	9	proposal with two divers, they were opposed. Their feeling, as
□ No Action			transmitted by the member, was that they would rather get the
- NO ACTION			season over with than spread it out over time.
BOE	110	Allow inc	reased trip limit and permit stacking in commercial sea cucumber
BOF	110		fishery.
□X Support □ Support as Amended			One member abstained in this vote. Reduction of participants and an increase in individual value. A question was raised concerning the number of latent permits. We didn't have that information.
Oppose			Permit values would probably increase, making entry level more
□ No Action			challenging. Information we did have was that there are only 155
	7	1	transferable permits, compared to 234 non-transferable. Over time,
			as non-transferable age-out of the fishery, will reduce permits and
			users resulting in an increase in value. Remarks were offered on
			similar past stacking proposals for other fisheries and how they
			were dealt with.
205	444	Allow dep	partment to set trip limits on geoduck harvest based on market
BOF	111	condition	S.
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OX NO ACTION		Fstablish	a weekly trip limit of 1,000 pounds of geoduck clams for each CFEC
BOF	112		older with no more than two permit holders on a vessel.
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□X No Action	text	text	
			ishing, around Cache Island, for bottomfish, crab, and shrimp by all
BOF	113	users. This proposal is also scheduled for consideration during the Southeast	
		and Yaku	tat Finfish meeting.
□ Support			
Support as			With no specific stock concerns, closing to all users seemed
	0	9	,
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Amended □X Oppose □ No Action			exteme.

BOF Proposal 239

support:9 oppose:0 We visited one Statewide proposal.

Comment was made that once an area is closed, it is closed. current regulations



seems to assume that gear left in the water in a closed area while another area is open will be used to harvest illegal crab. The regulation clearly states gear can only be left in the water if the doors are tied open and bait removed.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 22:05

Minutes Recorded By: Max Worhatch
Minutes Approved By: Bob Martin

Date: Jan 7, 2015

Sitka Advisory Committee December 2, 2014

Legislative Information Office, 201 Katlian Street, Suite 103

I. Call to Order: 6:32PM by John Murray, Chairman

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Brian Massey, Bradley Shaffer, Jerry Barber, Kim Elliot, Randy Gluth, Moe Johnson, Dick Curran, Jessica Gill, John Murray, Peter Roddy (via telephone) Members Absent: Tad Fujioka, Jeff Feldpausch, Karen Johnson, Cody Loomis, Floyd Tomkins

Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: Resident Sport Fish, At Large, Hand Troll, Hunting, Seine, Longline, Subsistence, Alternative 1, Power Troll, Shellfish (via phone)

III. Approval of Agenda:

No agenda was published, but the Chairman overviewed proposals to discuss this evening.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: November 18th, 2014 Meeting minutes were not available at this time.

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Eric Coonrandt; Troy Tydingco; Phil Mooney; Joe Stratton via phone in Petersburg

VI. Guests Present:

Harvey Kitka, Richie Davis, Mike Svenson, Roger Ingman

VII. Old Business:

BOG proposal #11, BOF proposal #65

VIII. New Business:

No new business was discussed.

IX. Minutes Recording

John discussed D. Vex comments. Discussion regarding herring proposals ensued. John reminded everyone about 5 open seats; elections on December 10. Phil Mooney distributed F&G's analysis and recommendations. After proposal #64 was discussed and voted on, Pete discussed the ability of the alternate members to vote on proposals. It was mentioned that because we have absent members at this meeting, that they are allowed to vote. Pete discussed the November 18 meeting, with a full roster present, the alternates still voted. Jessica looked into the regulations, and noted that the alternates function as a full AC member in the event that other members aren't present. Because the Sitka AC has two empty seats, the alternates are allowed to vote. Brian asked for an overview of shrimp management in Southeast Alaska. Eric (ADF&G) mentioned there are six factors that ADF&G looks at as indicators (carapace length, size at which male to female (L50), catch rates, fishery CPUE, logbook information, size mix), but in areas without a stock assessment survey, they rely on CPUE without soak times. Brad asked about SEFA's alliance/membership. Richie mentioned they were a reputable agency in effect for 12 years. Brian asked if proposal 108 is trying to extend the season. Eric mentioned it was clarifying fishing periods.

Southeast and Yakutat Crab, Shrimp, and Misc. Shellfish Meeting Jan. 21–27, 2015 **Alaska Board of Fisheries** Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form **Proposal Description Proposal BOG or BOF** Number Number Supports or Number Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal Opposes? Support Oppose Repeal section of Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management **BOF** 64 Plan regarding summer season soft-shell crab catch that may allow fall season to open. □ Oppose Brian moved to adopt, Jerry seconded. Joe (ADF&G)—review of what proposal is asking. If adopted, the ADF&G season will curtailed the fall season, lead to high rates of dead loss, less accurate harvest estimates. Background on the fisheries management plan: this section was added in 2009 by ADF&G. Estimate produced is generally accurate. To have a full fall season, ADF&G determines estimate is off based on first week's landings. 9 1 Brian—Is that 50% mortality number accurate? Joe—it's hard to say what kind of mortality is associated with soft-shell conditions. Handling mortality has to do with handling on deck and type of boats. Pete—will oppose proposal, dock price of crab dropped in Petersburg because of California crab harvest is so large. The variables in Dungeness fisheries are difficult; believes 50% mortality is ludicrous. Jerry called the question. Extend regionwide commercial Dungeness crab season closure date from November **BOF** 65 30 to February 28. Brian moved to adopt, Pete seconded. Joe- would extend fall season for Dungeness. Brian—clear up what area A is? John—all of SE except Yakutat. Joe—biological basis for seasons, a June 15 start avoids that biological need. John—deleting sections 1 and 2 would delete special use area in Sitka. Joe— #2 is deleting Whale Pass' fall season. This prop would extend the season three months. It would increase exploitation rate and decrease subsistence and personal use fisheries. Brad—other props are looking for subsistence/personal use closures. Pete—extending the fall season would not overlap the molt season, and a small effort during the extended season

1 9 would occur. Raises prices, no biological reason to close the fishery. Would reduce crab available for nonresidents and seiners; changing the structure of the fleet. It would not affect special use area. Would like to see a uniformed, harmonized season for all of southeast. Brian—can't vote to delete sections 1 and 2, and he won't as the Sportfish seat. Kim—can't support as subsistence seat. John—point of clarity: by deleting sections 1 and 2 what are the intentions? Pete—proposed language would replace section 2. This is just substitute language. We're deleting sections 1 & 2, and substituting #3. All of southeast would become the same. Brian called the question. **BOF** Manage Upper Lynn Canal commercial Dungeness crab fishery based on CPUE. 66 ○ Oppose Pete moved to adopt, Dick seconded. Brian—what does CPUE of 2 mean? 5, 5 Joe—CPUE does not take into account soak time. Proposed by upper lynn 0 abstain canal AC, with current data, we don't have pots per soak. Brain called the

question.



BOF	69	Repeal specific commercial Dungeness crab fishery closed waters in areas around		
	03	Tenakee Inlet, Sitka Sound, and Port Althrop.		
No Action			Pete moved to adopt, but no one seconded.	
ВОГ	74	Close con Sitka.	nmercial Dungeness crab fishery in Big Bear/Baby Bear Marine Park near	
Oppose	3	6, 1 abstain	Brad moved to adopt, Jessica seconded. Brian—how big is the park itself? John—not sure. Pete—has crabbed in both bays, doesn't believe creation of park is trying to do away with commercial crabbing. Adamantly opposed to this proposal. It was questioned who the proposer was. Kim—proposer isn't a charter operator. Brian called the question.	
BOF	75	Close nearshore waters around Angoon to commercial Dungeness crab fishery.		
Oppose	0	10	Pete moved to adopt, Dick seconded. Pete—it's one person closing down open fishery waters. Adamantly opposed, believes crab industry is opposed too. Richie Davis (Public)—this isn't a new concept to close the area for personal use fishing. It doesn't make any sense to keep closing fisheries. It's pervasive, and these proposals will not stop. Please stop supporting these proposals. John—it's about 45 miles of waterways in that area. Jerry called the question.	
BOF	82		the pot limit from 4 pots per boat to 10 pots per vessel for personal use ab fishery in the Southeastern Alaska Area.	
Support	6	3, 1 abstain	Pete moved to adopt, Brian seconded. Brian—why do you want to see more pots on sport fishery? Pete—a group of people recently went out, caught nothing because of limit on pots, but if pot limits are increased, they might have caught them. John—Is this maybe an overuse thing? Joe—bag and possession limit is 30 tanner crabs. If adopted, would increase harvest in personal use fishery, and may have use of prospecting for commercial. Use may increase significantly. It would likely increase the harvest for personal use harvest, and ADF&G will be neutral. Richie—what's the timeframe that the commercial crabbers have to stay out of water even with recreation gear? John—2 weeks. Joe—it's 30 days. Pete—neither the fisherman nor the vessel can operate personal use/ sport gear 30 days before fishery, no matter what boat. Brian called the question.	
BOF	83	Repeal closure of Tanner crab sport and personal use fishery two weeks prior to July 1 in the Southeastern Alaska Area.		
	2	7, 1 abstain	Pete moved to adopt, John seconded. Pete—regulation came about from ADF&G's proposal 3 or 6 years ago because people were taking "stock" prior to the July 1st king crab season. Concerns about taking only one king crab, and people taking it during other crabbing activities. Joe—this would repeal the two weeks sport/personal use season. Would make it open year round. Difficult to distinguish between king crab pots and tanner pots. ADF&G personal use in this proposal to alleviate stress from people setting tanner pots before July 1 then pulling them on July 1 full of king crab. John—is the open date set? Joe—by regulation, July 1-March 31, if by July 1 stock assessment not completed, they won't open (keep it closed by emergency orders), then open once data is ready. Stock assessment isn't complete by July 1, but set bag limits based on previous year's data. John—when does fishery actually open then? Joe—king crab July 1- March 31; surveyed areas don't open, and bag limits are 1 red/blue king crab per person. Jerry called the question.	
BOF	88		operation of commercial pot gear for groundfish before and during a ial king or Tanner crab season.	

Oppose	1	9	Pete moved to adopt, Brian seconded. Pete—there's a pot fishery for Pacific cod (P. cod), and soon in state waters for black cod, but there probably won't be a gear conflict. Statewide, P. cod pots cannot be used 72 hours prior to crab fishery. In Southeast, pot boats can't fish in both fisheries. P. Cod pots are not good at catching crab, vice versa (different openings, size restrictions, etc.). Believes 72 hour restrictions are sufficient. Brian—triggers in pots the same? Pete—differently designed pots. Richie—what's the harvest by pots? Maybe a gear conflict between longline cod fishing and pot fishing? Pete—by regulation, cod pots can't be on a longline, it's legal in southeast and it just changes that you can fish closer to the crab fishery (14 days vs. 30 days). Joe—facilitates prospecting, though legal gear is different, king crab is still caught in cod pots. No limit on cod pots= difficult to enforce king crab harvest. ADF&G thinks this would subvert the pot limits. John—is there a way to keep the crab out? Joe—works with crab fishery, but not familiar with sablefish survey, which uses pots, or if pots used in survey is the same as P.cod fishery. John—common to use pots for P.cod? Eric—no, it's not. Pete—there are two Clarence strait pot permits; out west it's a big fishery. Thinks proposal might need amendment for pot limits. 20 pot limit for bait fishery. All for rules that prevent cheating. John—besides Clarence, are people using cod pots to fish in Area A? Pete—has some pots, has been experimenting. Eric—you can do it, but no one does. Brian called the question.		
BOF	89	Create ne	Create new commercial golden king crab fishery area in Cross Sound.		
⊠ Oppose	3	6, 1 abstain	Pete moved to adopt, John seconded. Brian—golden and brown used interchangeably? Pete—it's more marketable. Has set pots out there, and golden crabs exist. Believes the fleet should be allowed to poke around. Joe—there are 7 fishing areas defined in regulation. This proposal would set a new Guideline Harvest Level/Guideline Harvest Rate (ghl/ghr); fishing effort could be distributed into area. Small harvest in 1970s, 3 harvesters, confidential data. No additional data to set a ghl/ghr in Cross Sound. Decreased fishing effort in 7 existing areas, so it's not warranted to open to new area. Strict permits, instead of new fishery. John—wouldn't this act as someone doing assessment work for ADF&G? Because budgets are low? Joe—we don't have stock assessment work on golden crabs, and data sets are fishery dependent. Proposal seeks to establish a new area and an unknown level of harvest, and ADF&G doesn't have any info to set harvest levels. If people are interested, ADF&G prefers it's done through a commissioner's permit rather than adding a whole new area because ADF&G can control harvest conditions. Brian called the question.		
BOF	92	Increase legal size limit for blue king crab in subsistence, personal use, and			
Support		commerc	ial fisheries in Registration Areas A and D. Brian moved to adopt, Jerry seconded. Joe—proposal standardizes size		
⊠⊇ahhoir	10	0	limits for all legal fisheries for all crab species. Don't have any idea of magnitude of blue kings harvest in personal use/subsistence harvest. Commercial harvest is low of blue kings, but fishery is mostly as a bycatch fishery in other fisheries (need a permit to take in other fisheries). Hokum Bay, Glacier Bay, Snettisham, Taku River, Excursion Inlet are legal places to take blue king crab. Longer reproductive cycle than other crabs, and susceptible to bad barnacles. ADF&G doesn't have a lot of data on blue kings' size limit smaller than other crabs. Thinks if the crabs have longer time to grow, their numbers might increase. Brian called the question.		

			At this point, Pete Roddy left the meeting (voting members down to 9).
BOF	96	Provide a	dditional commercial pot shrimp fishery management flexibility in specific
	90	fishing lo	cales in Registration Area A.
No Action			No one motioned for adoption of this proposal. Brian—what does "H"
			request? Cyclical in request.
BOF	98	Modify co	ommercial pot shrimp fishery reporting requirements for Registration Area
Support	8	Brad moved to adopt, John seconded. Brian—does ADF&G take down size mix? Eric—would be helpful in management. Anything that provides more info without burdening fishermen, then why not require the info? It would be a requirement. Kim—so they've been volunteering that info right now? Eric—catcher/processor required, catcher/seller is not. Jerry—telephone reporting requirements ok? Eric—already mandatory reporting requirements via phone/other options. Brian—only the size mix of the shrimp that was sorted. Why not count too, if you're already sorting? Roger (Public)—this would force fishermen to put shrimp size on their fish tickets every category. Brian—only if they were sorted, not labeled as ocean run. Roger—could there be a volunteer program? Eric—there already is a voluntary program. More people are starting. Jerry called the question.	
BOF	99	Standardi	ize, limit, and reduce commercial shrimp pot gear in Registration Area A.
Oppose	0	9	Jerry moved to adopt, John seconded. Jerry—who's going to check if pots are so far apart. Will oppose. Eric—it's allocative- slowing a fishery down, cutting pots in half. Pot spacing difficult to enforce. Big fight in 1998 for the current pot limit. Jerry called the question.
BOF	100	Clarify use of other pot gear during a commercial shrimp season in Registration Area A.fishery.	
Support	9	0	Brian moved to adopt, Kim seconded. Brian—if you're fishing commercial, you can't fish personal use/sport/subsistence. Eric—troopers brought this forward. Brian called the question.
BOF	110	Allow inc	reased trip limit and permit stacking in commercial sea cucumber fishery.
No Action			No one moved to adopt, but limited discussion occurred. Brian—is there permit stacking allowed? Eric—No. Kim—Do sea otters eat them? Eric—yes.

Adjournment: 9:20 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Jessica Gill, Secretary Minutes Approved By: John Murray, Chairman Date: Dec. 18, 2014



Sitka Advisory Committee 11/18/2014

Sitka Sound Science Center, 834 Lincoln Street

I. Call to Order: 6:30PM by John Murray

II. Roll Call: Jessica Gill

Members Present: Tad Fujioka (Trapping), Brian Massey (Resident Sport Fish; Vice Chair), Bradley Shaffer (At Large), Jerry Barber (Hand Troll), Kim Elliot (Subsistence), Jeff Feldpausch (Alternate), Randy Gluth (Hunting), Moe Johnson (Seine), Karen Johnson (At Large), Dick Curran (Longline), Jessica Gill (Alternate; Secretary), John Murray (Power Troll; Chairman), Peter Roddy (Shellfish), Floyd Tomkins (Conservation)

Members Absent: Cody Loomis (Guide) Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: Trapping, Resident Sport Fish, At Large, Hand Troll, Subsistence, Alternate, Hunting, Seine, At Large, Longline, Alternate, Power Troll, Shellfish, Conservation

III. Approval of Agenda:

No formal agenda was created, but Chairman Murray discussed proposals the AC will review.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: February 17 Minute approval did not occur.

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

No Fish and Game staff was present at this meeting.

VI. Guests Present:

Larry Edwards, Joel (The Boat Company), Matt Donahue

VII. Old Business:

No old business was discussed.

VIII. New Business:

Elections need to happen in the near future. Tad asked if the terms went from a two year cycle to a three year cycle. It was mentioned that not everyone on the AC received a proposal book. John will make sure everyone gets paperwork. Brad asked if we can have elections now, but if terms start in June. Either way, we need to pass out methods. Brian asked for elections at the next meeting. It was decided that elections will be held on December 10th, to give the AC time to advertize for the available positions, which John will check for open seats. It was agreed that we shouldn't be hosting elections in June, and that continuity of terms (June throughout Board season) was more applicable for AC elections. It was also discussed that elections can be held in the spring, and can overlap. Two and a half year terms instead of the usual three years.

Jeff gave an update on Didemnum vexillum work going on in Whiting Harbor.

Southeast and Yakutat Crab, Shrimp, and Misc. Shellfish Meeting Jan. 21–27, 2015 Alaska Board of Fisheries

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form **Proposal Description Proposal BOG or BOF** Number Number Number **Supports or** Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal Opposes? Support Oppose **BOF** Repeal the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan. 58 Support Peter moved to adopt, Brian seconded. Peter—Universal support in fishery for this proposal. Sometimes the harvest is off, because of model. Fishery isn't in danger; it's managed by size, sex and season. Crab are cyclical. Has been in fishery a long time, and can't predict anything. Tad—how can you said they had a poor tool if the season was so good? Peter—model prediction is off, made it difficult to predict season. Brian—so model estimate is caused by first pulls or biomass estimates? Peter—self limiting fishery if they're not making money. Brian—what would it revert to? Peter—size, sex, season. 6.5 inch males. This proposal is Gretchen Bishop's plan from 9-10 years ago. Brian—58, 59, 60 all repeal the management plan. John—not all proposals were for repeals. Floyd—sounds like a lousy population forecast model. Would it be better to impose a prediction 4. 1 7 abstain quality test on the model? So it couldn't be imposed if it didn't actually predict accurately. John—sounds like the fishery missed a week last summer, but accuracy was very good. We don't have ADF&G crab man here. Peter—lost out on a week of fishing because of conservation concern, but this year was highest harvest recently. Doesn't see a conservation concern. Tad—has # permits and # pots changed since beginning? Peter—in a big salmon year, less permits, high prices are more likely to see fishing. ~300 permits, usually 170 fished. Tad—over time has the fishing grounds shrunk? Peter—yes overall, but some places are getting a little better- Kekku strait. ADF&G doesn't have money for accurate stock assessment, budgets are

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No Action			Same as Proposal 58.
BOF 61		Manage commercial Dungeness crab fishery with open season dates and areas to	
ВОР	61	avoid han	dling of soft shell crab.
⊠ Oppose	3	7, 1 abstain	Jeff moved to adopt, Brian seconded. Brian—soft crab is a problem; die off quicker. Peter—district by district management, ADFG is opposed to setting openings bay by bay. Processors enforce discipline by not taking soft shells. John—asked ADF&G about the 50% mortality. Peter—soft shell is a new molt crab, different definitions between ADF&G and fishermen. Jerry—difficult on fishermen to avoid areas. Tad—if there's a high prevalence of soft shells, but a few good crab, and they fish anyway, it could hurt the fishery. Floyd—this would call for a test fishery in every district? Peter—test fishery bay by bay. ADF&G doesn't have the money to do that kind of test fishery. Brian—half are good, half are bad, but in his experience they're all

Same as Proposal 58.

shrinking. Stock assessments based on fish ticket data- CPUE, size, and

Repeal the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan.

Repeal the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan.

geographical information. Jerry called the question.

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No Action

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			soft. Floyd—do they trigger molting as a group? Peter—Yes. Brian called the question.
		Modify th	reshold levels for opening and closing of summer and fall fishing seasons
BOF	63	-	Southeastern Alaska Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan.
Support	7	4, 1 abstain	Jessica moved to adopt, Jeff seconded. Brian—wants to lower the threshold? Jessica—proposal just adds some contingency between harvest levels. Peter—gives ADF&G a little more leeway in harvest. Low Dungeness harvest over the last 30 years, not indicating a collapse. Jessica—likes that it isn't all or nothing, adding in some middle ground. Brian asked Peter's idea of this proposal. Peter—likes the idea of repealing management plan. Size, sex, season is a good management plan. Tad—what percentage does he think were unharvested good quality males? Peter—not many he believes. Brian called the question.
BOF	65	Extend regionwide commercial Dungeness crah season closure dat	
ВОР	05	30 to Feb	ruary 28.
No Action			Peter moved to adopt, Brian seconded. Peter—want to extend season. June
			15-Nov 28th continuous season when he first fished. ~20 years ago, there
			was a 6 week closure in October. According to ADF&G, there is no biological
			basis to close fishery. Tad—first part of proposal gets rid of Sitka area
			closure zone? Peter—uniform for all region A (SE AK). Tad—Sitka area has a
			much more restrictive season. This proposal would remove restrictions?
	TADLED		Peter—yes it would. John—13B is open until February, but not in Sitka
	TABLED		Sound, but this proposal would remove that reg. Gilmer Bay to Cape Omnany is open in winter, but not in summer. Seeking to extend fall season
			through February, and harmonize with other areas in SE. Tad—talked to
			non-commercial guys that have a hard time getting crab in Sitka. Jerry—Can
			we get an ADF&G person here to discuss these proposals? Jessica—We can
			get a teleconference or phone call set up? Jerry—Can we at least get
			someone at our office to talk to the crab guys? John—up for that. Brian
			motioned to table this.

Next Meeting Date:

Need to meet on December 2nd if we can't have elections, as proposals meeting. Next meeting for elections will be on 10th. So we can advertise for elections for the 10th.

Adjournment: Brian moved to adjourn. 9:15pm

Minutes Recorded By: Jessica Gill, Secretary Minutes Approved By: John Murray, Chairman

Date: Dec. 18, 2014



Upper Lynn Canal ADF&G Advisory Committee Dec. 8th 2014 Haines, Alaska

I. Call to Order: 5:07 pm : by [Tim McDonough]

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: 7 Members Absent:3

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: = 6

Quorum Present: Yes List of User Groups Present:

Commercial fishermen, local subsistence

users, hunters, and guides

Approximate Number of people in

attendance: 5 +1 in Skagway

Members	Present/ Absent/ Teleconference
Dean Risley (DR) / At large seat	*
Jamie King (JK) / Officer	P
John Katzeek (JKa) / At Large seat	P
John Tronrude (JT) / Skagway seat	T
Johnnie Gamble (JG) / Klukwan seat	A
Kip Kermoian (KK) / At Large	P
Luke Rauscher (LR) / Skagway seat	T
Randy Jackson (RJ) / At large seat	A
Terry Pardee (TP) / At large seat	A
Tim McDonough (T.M) / Officer	P

Skagway Members were unable to attend via teleconference for the duration of the meeting only until 6:45 due to the space they were using was needed. However all members and the one guest were given the opportunity to comment on any proposals not yet covered before the hung up.

*- Dean Risley was unable to attend, however Ryan Cook who has been newly elected for 2015 "sat in" for Dean.

III. Approval of Agenda: 7/0 approved

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: from: 12/04/2014

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Comm. Fish: Scott Kelly (Juneau comm. Fish) via teleconference, Randy Bachman

Sport Fish: Rich Chappell

Wildlife: Stephanie Sell via Teleconference

Other: Wildlife trooper

VI.	Guests Present:	
VII.	Old Business:	
Ryan (n Cook nominated and elected to Vice President seat 7/0	
VIII.	New Business:	
	Proposals see attached documents Proposals see attached documents	
no issu	f discussion concerning a proposal to move the BOG to essue with this other than a concern that three yrs may be ded to made, however all members agreed staggering BO	too long a time period if an action was
Next n	t meeting will be held Jan. 22 nd 2015. Tim will help arran	ge meeting and coordinate speakers.
Adjou	ournment:	
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Southeast and Yakutat Crab, Shrimp, and Misc. Shellfish Meeting Jan. 21-27, 2015 **Alaska Board of Fisheries** Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form **Proposal Description Proposal BOG or BOF** Number **Supports or** Number Number Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal Opposes? Support Oppose **BOF** 58 Repeal the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan. Support Support Members felt removing existing management plan would reduce ADF&Gs 7 as Amended 0 ability to manage for a sustainable yield for all user groups ○ Oppose No Action **BOF** 59 Repeal the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan. Support Support 7 as Amended 0 Same as 58 ○ Oppose No Action **BOF** 60 Repeal the Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan. Support Support as Amended 0 7 Same as 58 □ Oppose No Action Manage commercial Dungeness crab fishery with open season dates and areas to **BOF** 61 avoid handling of soft shell crab. Support Implementing sampling program to test for soft shell crab before opening Support commercial season would be beneficial to sustaining local crab populations as Amended and would bring ADF&G fisheries into line with other crab fishery 4 3 Oppose managements plans. Those members opposed felt like these was an No Action unnecessary regulation and the current management plan adequately protects soft shell crab. Modify Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan with **BOF** 62 open seasons, areas, and harvest levels based on historic data. Support Support Member opposed to no action felt that the proposal should have been as Amended 6 1 examined more closely, and that the proposal had a limited view of the crab Oppose fishery. No Action Modify threshold levels for opening and closing of summer and fall fishing seasons **BOF** 63 under the Southeastern Alaska Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management Plan. Support 1- Member abstained from vote, Members felt the proposal would Support liberalize the existing management plan and does not allow for as Amended 0 6 sustainable yield for all user groups. The proposal offered little □ Oppose support for implementing it's proposal. No Action

		Repeal se	ction of Southeastern Alaska Area Dungeness Crab Fisheries Management
BOF	64	Plan regarding summer season soft-shell crab catch that may allow fall season to	
		open.	·
Support		•	
Support			
as Amended	0	6	1- Member abstained. Members felt existing management plan is
Oppose	Ü		appropriately addressing this issue.
No Action			
		Extend re	gionwide commercial Dungeness crab season closure date from November
BOF	65	30 to Feb	·
Support		30 10 1 05	
Support			
as Amended	0	7	Members felt this proposal would place limitations on ADF&G ability to
Oppose	U	'	manage the fishery.
No Action			
	66	Managal	Inner Lung Conel commercial Dungsman and fishers based on CDUE
BOF	66	ivianage C	Jpper Lynn Canal commercial Dungeness crab fishery based on CPUE.
Support			Members of AC continue to support this proposal as necessary and
Support			appropriate to manage the crab fishery ion our area. However the members
as Amended	7	0	would like to amend the proposal to increase the number of yrs CPUE must
Oppose	,	0	remain below 2.0 from 1 yr to 2 yrs. This would allow for more confindence
No Action			that conservation are being address at appropriate times and during just an
			outlying or odd commercial season.
BOF	67	This prop	osal is a comment and does not seek regulatory change.
Support	- 0,	·····o prop	Source of the second and a source of the second of the sec
Support			
as Amended			
Oppose			
No Action			
BOF	68	This prop	osal is a comment and does not seek regulatory change.
Support	- 00	Tills prop	osar is a comment and does not seek regulatory change.
Support			
as Amended			
Oppose			
No Action			
NO ACTION		Poposi co	ecific commercial Dungeness crab fishery closed waters in areas around
BOF	69		·
Пс .		i enakee i	nlet, Sitka Sound, and Port Althrop.
Support			
Support			
as Amended			
Oppose			
No Action		01	
BOF	70	Close con	nmercial Dungeness crab fishery in a portion of Hetta Inlet.
Support			
Support			
as Amended			
Oppose			
No Action	74	01	and the second field the second field the second se
BOF	71	Close con	nmercial Dungeness crab fishery in a portion of Whale Pass.
Support			
Support			
as Amended			
Oppose			
No Action			
BOF	72	Close com	nmercial Dungeness crab fishery in a portion of Frederick Sound.

Support		
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
BOF	73	Close commercial Dungeness crab fishery in a portion of Frederick Sound.
Support		
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
BOF	74	Close commercial Dungeness crab fishery in Big Bear/Baby Bear Marine Park near Sitka.
Support		
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
BOF	75	Close nearshore waters around Angoon to commercial Dungeness crab fishery.
Support		
☐ Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
BOF	76	Close commercial Dungeness fishing in areas around Colt and Horse Islands near Juneau.
Support		
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
BOF	77	Close commercial Dungeness fishing around Portland Island and Point Lena near Juneau.
Support		
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
BOF	78	Close waters to Game Creek and Gartina Creek near Hoonah to commercial
БОІ	78	Dungeness crab fishing to improve subsistence fishery.
Support		
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
BOF	79	Close portions of Chilkat Inlet to commercial Dungeness crab fishing until harvest levels rebound.
Support		
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		

		Modify pot limits, buoy marking requirements, responsible parties, and management	
BOF	80	provisions for the George Inlet superexclusive guided sport ecotourism Dungeness	
		crab fishery.	
Support			
Support			
as Amended			
Oppose			
No Action			
BOF	81	Modify sport fishing guide requirements in the George Inlet superexclusive guided	
		sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery.	
Support			
Support			
as Amended Oppose			
No Action			
	02	Increase the pot limit from 4 pots per boat to 10 pots per vessel for personal use	
BOF	82	Tanner crab fishery in the Southeastern Alaska Area.	
Support			
Support			
as Amended			
Oppose			
No Action			
BOF	83	Repeal closure of Tanner crab sport and personal use fishery two weeks prior to July 1 in the Southeastern Alaska Area.	
Support			
Support			
as Amended			
Oppose			
No Action		Establish golden king crab commercial fishery in Registration Area D under	
BOF	84	commissioner's permit.	
Support			
Support			
as Amended			
Oppose No Action			
NO ACTION		Establish logbook requirement and standards for commercial king crab fisheries in	
BOF	85	Registration Area D.	
Support			
Support			
as Amended			
Oppose			
No Action			
BOF	86	Modify lawful gear to allow use of square king crab pots in Registration Area D.	
Support			
Support			
as Amended			
Oppose No Action			
		Reduce the commercial king crab pot limit in the waters of Yakutat Bay and Russell	
BOF	87	Fjord from 100 pots per vessel to 40 pots per vessel.	

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Support		
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
Z No Accion		Allow the operation of commercial pot gear for groundfish before and during a
BOF	88	commercial king or Tanner crab season.
Commont		Commercial king of Taliner Crab Season.
Support		
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
BOF	89	Create new commercial golden king crab fishery area in Cross Sound.
Support		
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
BOF	90	Reduce commercial Tanner crab pot limit in Registration Area D.
Support		
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
BOF	91	Correct a district reference for Holkham Bay and a misspelling of Point Astley.
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Support		
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
BOF	92	Increase legal size limit for blue king crab in subsistence, personal use, and
	<u> </u>	commercial fisheries in Registration Areas A and D.
Support		
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
		Establish a harvest reporting permit for sport and personal use shrimp fisheries in
BOF	93	waters of Section 11-A.
Support		
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
		Establish a spawner index management system for the Southeastern Alaska
BOF	94	commercial spot shrimp fishery.
Support		Tomas sur oper on my noner y.
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		Catablish management direction to modify communication to believe fighters (1971)
		Establish management direction to modify commercial pot shrimp fishery GHLs based
BOF	95	on indicators of shrimp population size determined by CPUE, size data, and
		geographic distribution.

Support			
Support			
as Amended Oppose			
No Action			
		Provide additional commercial pot shrimp fishery management flexibility in specific	
BOF	96	fishing locales in Registration Area A.	
Support			
Support			
as Amended			
Oppose			
No Action BOF	97	Standardize, limit, and reduce commercial shrimp pot gear in Registration Area A.	
Support	37	Standardize, mint, and reduce commercial similip por gear in negistration Area Ar	
Support			
as Amended			
Oppose			
No Action			
BOF	98	Modify commercial pot shrimp fishery reporting requirements for Registration Area A.	
Support			
Support			
as Amended			
Oppose			
No Action	00		
BOF	99	Standardize, limit, and reduce commercial shrimp pot gear in Registration Area A.	
Support Support			
as Amended			
Oppose			
No Action			
BOF	100	Clarify use of other pot gear during a commercial shrimp season in Registration Area	
	100	A. fishery.	
Support			
Support			
as Amended			
Oppose No Action			
		Revise the Southeastern Alaska Pot Shrimp Fishery Management Plan to include an	
BOF	101	April to October commercial fishery, regionwide, for non-spot shrimp.	
Support		,, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
Support			
as Amended			
Oppose			
No Action			
BOF	102	Remove otter trawl as legal trawl gear in commercial shrimp trawl fishery in Registration Area D.	
Support			
Support			
as Amended			
Oppose No Action			
M NO ACTION		Establish maximum vessel length for beam trawl shrimp fishery in Registration Area	
BOF	103	A.	

Support		
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
BOF	104	Modify beam trawl gear specifications for Registration Area A.
Support		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
No Action		Clarify commercial beam trawl registration location as ADF&G office specified by the
BOF	105	department.
Support		
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
BOF	106	Establish a shrimp beam trawl fishery task force.
Support		
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
BOF	107	Close a portion of District 8 near Petersburg to commercial pot shrimp fishery.
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Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
BOF	108	Clarify weekly commercial fishing periods for sea cucumbers.
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as Amended		
Oppose		
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BOF	109	Reduce commercial sea cucumber fishing periods in October and establish specific fishing times in November.
Support		
☐ Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
BOF	110	Allow increased trip limit and permit stacking in commercial sea cucumber fishery.
Support		
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
BOF	111	Allow department to set trip limits on geoduck harvest based on market conditions.
Support		
Support		
as Amended		
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Oppose No Action		

BOF	112	Establish a weekly trip limit of 1,000 pounds of geoduck clams for each CFEC permit
		holder with no more than two permit holders on a vessel.
Support		
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		
		Prohibit fishing, around Cache Island, for bottomfish, crab, and shrimp by all users.
BOF	113	This proposal is also scheduled for consideration during the Southeast and Yakutat
		Finfish meeting.
Support		
Support		
as Amended		
Oppose		
No Action		

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