

**On-Time Advisory Committee Comment List
Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp, Misc. Shellfish (except
Southeast and Yakutat) and Supplemental Issues
March 17–20, 2015**

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The following Advisory Comments were received 2013 Chignik Finfish, 2013 Lower Cook Inlet and 2014 Kodiak Finfish Meetings Regarding Proposal 44

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Minutes
Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Teleconference
December 16, 2014 / 11 a.m.

BOF issues take up most of these minutes –

BOG issues are highlighted in Blue & Comments listed in the Template following the Minutes

Boxed portions of minutes are germane to the BOF Kuskokwim Subsistence Salmon Panel Jan.15 &16, 2014

Call to Order

The chairman, Doug Carney, called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

Roll Call & Quorum

SHAC members present were

Rick Breckheimer & Fred Bobby - Lime Village

David Bobby – Stony River

Doug Carney & Susan Hubbard - Sleetmute

Barb Carlson & John Zeller – Red Devil

Absent was

Charlie Gusty from Stony River.

Others Attending -

Holly Carroll, Boards Support

Doug Molineaux, Fisheries Biologist

Aaron Tiernan, ADF&G Region V assist. Area fisheries Biologist

Jim Simon, ADF&G Subsistence Division

Hiroko Ikuta, AD&FG Subsistence Division

Members' Concerns

- Lime Village fishermen were prevented from fishing for sockeyes, due to the restrictions on fishing Chinook. Lime Village has a very negligible chinook run, and that species is in poor condition by the time they reach Lime, so are neither targeted or desirable. Rick said that when he has had a net set, and caught Chinook, he moves the net.

- BOF & BOG Proposals for 2016 will have to be put in before May 1, so we will need to have a regular meeting after the planned moose count in March,

Approval of Agenda –

The agenda was approved unanimously

The reading & approval of minutes from SHAC Jan. 15, 2014 meeting was deferred till the next SHAC meeting.

SHAC Chair, Doug Carney

BOG proposals that concern us are -

- BOG cycle change from 2-years to 3 years.
- Proposal 139 – the reauthorization of tag fee exemption for brown bear in GMU 19, and other units
- Most of the meeting will deal with fisheries issues, so Barb will handle the majority of the rest of things today.



Vice Chair, Barb Carlson

- Gave an overview of the 2014 preliminary Kuskokwim Salmon Season Summary for Chinook.
- Problem to address – Upriver villages a 63% lower harvest than in most years – much higher loss than downriver villages.

- For a possibly needed SHAC proposal she gave a synopsis of probable components to include.
This proposal would have the aim of providing a reasonable opportunity for harvest of chinook in the upper river Kusko villages, at times when there is a harvestable surplus available.
Components discussed were –1 -a nested ANS for sections of the river /
2 -an in-river run goal, (this includes escapement, ANS, & sufficient fish to provide a reasonable opportunity for success.)
3 – Some sort of permit system, (household, community, Tier II)

Doug Molineaux Presentation & Discussion – SHAC members all had hard copies of Doug’s presentation. There are graphs and explanations that Doug explained and answered questions about. Included were -

- Graphs were used to illustrate the problem - that in the last 5 years, villages above Bethel had a larger decrease in harvest compared to Bethel and villages below Bethel.
- **Defined what ANS, “reasonable opportunity”, & in river goals mean in this context.**
- Defined a **“Nested ANS”** as being part of a larger ANS that already exists, (on the Kusko River)
- How nested ANS would aid upriver village chinook harvest – provides a defined number & a measureable outcome at season’s end, to judge the success of management tools that had been used
- **In- river goal** provides an “in-season guide” to judge management decisions/ how to set that goal. (escapement/ANS/enough fish to ensure a reasonable opportunity for success)

Discussion, Questions & Answers

- Rick/Doug M. - Reasonable Opportunity is set by BOF
- John/Doug M. -There is no long term/5-year forecast – only one issued in the spring - for the coming summer.
- Federal control was from Aniak to the mouth of the Kusko.

- Fred/Aaron -(Down river has larger villages & boats, and cheaper fuel) Why doesn’t the ADF&G limit net size? Ans. –If approved, proposal 272 will allow limits to be put on the length of any net.
- **Fred -Lime Villagers are prevented from fishing for reds – don’t fish for kings.** Reds are the important runs for human use in Lime. Kings are in poor condition & not wanted. I caught 50% less reds in 2014, due to restrictions – not the Red run health.
- The Red run was early, overlapped with King run, so restrictions affected Red fishing ability more than in a normal year.
- Rick – When I set a net, if I’m catching kings – I move it. I don’t want them – are poor quality.

Doug Molineaux – on Escapement

- The entire escapement goal range is below the median King escapement from 1976 thru 2013.
- Due to the low escapement goal - a directed commercial chum fishery is more likely to be opened & will result in a higher incidental King catch. (No directed chum opening in 2014)
This will cause a lower King escapement and lowering the abundance of Kings passing above the commercial fishing districts below Bethel



Lower abundance = Less reasonable opportunity for subsistence Chinook harvest above Bethel – and a minimum effect on subsistence King catch opportunity below Bethel, (which occurs prior to a commercial Chum opening.)

OPEN COMMERCIAL CHUM = POOR SUBSISTENCE KING

More discussion, questions & answers / RE: Doug's talk, potential SHAC proposal, Lime Village fishery

DRAFT BOF Proposal for nested ANS with in-river goals for Chinook. (2015-16/due April 10))

Barb – How to arrive at nested ANS #s, and what areas in which to apply them must be determined by user input, and interaction between ADF&G subsistence division and BOF

Options for arriving at an in-river goal –

- Combining escapement/ANS/enough fish to ensure a reasonable opportunity for success)
- Use the historical average King salmon escapement +/- 30% + ANS range

Options for monitoring the in-river goal –

- Bethel test fishery
- Upriver test fishery above the Aniak. (The subsistence Chinook fishery below Aniak is under federal control.)
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Possible types of permits to limit Chinook catch in times of shortage – (household, community, Tier II)

- Under state regs – household & community permits can be used at the same time / in same community.
- Can have household with no community permits
- Tier II

Discussion & preferences –

David – household

Rick & Fred support a SHAC proposal and getting rid of unreasonable regs affecting Lime fishing

Susan – household

Barb – Hard to believe it, but many people don't realize the effect on the Lime Red harvest.

Fred Lime is only 70 miles from Stony, and Stony gets **good** Kings. As late as 1970s -Kings used to go up creek in Lime

Doug M. - a pocket of Kings spawn on the Stony in tributaries just below Two Lakes.

Read/ Discuss / Vote on support of –

- Proposal to change BOG cycle from 2 to 3 years (2015/due Dec.26) - **Opposed Unanimously**
- **Proposal 139 – Support Unanimously** -Reauthorize no Brn Bear tag requirement for GMU 19 & others.(Due Jan.30,2015 –Central/Southwest Region BOG meeting)

Comments on proposals 271 & 272 for March, 2015 BOF/statewide meeting/ACR (due March 3)

Proposal 271 — Supported Unanimously / 4” mesh must be used for set nets – not drifting

Closes the loophole in State regs - that allowed people to drift with, target, & catch Kings

This is not allowed below Aniak, which is operating under federal regulation

Proposal 272 – Supported Unanimously / Lists gear types and methods of operation to be used in Kusko King fisheries (A good list of tools & would provide ADF&G ability to limit length of any net at its discretion.)



There is unanimous SHAC member Support -

for a potential SHAC proposal, authored by Barb Carlson, which was discussed previously– in this meeting. Whether or not this proposal has life will be dependent on whether or not the **Kusko Salmon Panel, (a BOF subcommittee)**, generates a proposal that meets the needs of SHAC villages.

Adjourn at 1 p.m

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG			BOG CYCLE CHANGE
OPPOSE	0	7-Unan.	SHAC doesn't want to see public input reduced /If a proposal is not approved, SHAC doesn't want to wait 3 years rather than 2, for another chance to remedy issue.
BOG	139		Reauthorize the current resident tag exemptions for brown bear in Unit 19and others..
SUPPORT	7- Unan.	0	Brown bear are targets of opportunity & SHAC area folks want to help reduce hunting competition due to Brn. Bear predation

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BOF	271		4inch mesh gear not allowed for Drifting – only set nets to be allowed
SUPPORT	7-Unan.	0	Closes the loophole in State regs - that allowed people to drift with, target, & catch Kings This is <u>not</u> allowed below Aniak, which is operating under federal regulation. It would be best to have the same regs both above & below, to discourage possible abuse / targeting of Kings.
BOF	272		List of Gear types & methods of operation for Kusko Chinook fishery
SUPPORT	7- Unan.	0	This is a good list of tools & would provide ADF&G the ability to limit length of any net at its discretion. Down river has larger villages & boats, and cheaper fuel Why doesn't the ADF&G limit net size? If approved, proposal 272 will allow limits to be put on the length of any net.



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Petersburg Advisory Committee Minutes

1/7/2015

Location: Assembly Chambers

Call to Order: by chairman Bob Martin at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call: 11 of 14 members present

AC members present:

AC Absent:

Bob Martin

Joel Randrup

Arnold Enge

Kirt Marsh

Ben Case

Wes Malcom

Jerry Dahl

Andy Knight

Stan Malcom

Frank Neidiffer

Ted Sandhofer

Max Worhatch

David Benitz

Ryan Littleton

ADF&G Present:

Joe Stratman, regional shellfish biologist

Troy Thynes, area management biologist for commercial finfish

Kevin Clark, assistant area management ... commercial fish

Patrick Fowler, area management biologist for sportfish

Visitors:

Megan O'Neil, Petersburg Vessel Owner's Association

John Jensen, Board of Fish

Mark Roberts, Alaska Troller's Association, local troller

Ed Wood, local troller and longliner

Main Agenda Item was to consider Southeast Finfish Proposals

New Business:

Elections: Bob Martin, Arnold Enge, and Stan Malcom were nominated to be re-elected for two year terms (expiring 12/2016) in their existing seats with the exception of Bob Martin's seat being relaxed from "crab" to an "undesignated" spot as there are usually several AC members holding crab permits in addition to their primary seat designation. There were no objections to the "undesignation" and no competing nominees. All three members were re-elected.

We discussed re-visiting some shrimp proposals we had punted to the Shrimp Task Force at our last meeting and decided to leave them alone. We agreed to re-visit #239 regarding a



statewide proposal affecting Dungeness pot storage at the next meeting (Jan. 8). Joe Stratman was concerned that there may have been a misunderstanding about how proposal #239 would affect Dungeness pot storage.

Visitor Mark Roberts requested that we take up the commercial trolling proposal first since he would be unavailable at the next meeting so we agreed begin with proposal #220.

Proposals #220 - 233, then 114-134 were considered and recorded in proposal comments which are attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm to be resumed the following evening Jan. 8 at 6:30pm.

Jan 8. continuation of Meeting...

Location: Assembly Chambers

Call to Order: by chairman Bob Martin at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call: 10 of 14 members present

AC members present:

AC Absent:

Bob Martin

Joel Randrup

Arnold Enge

Kirt Marsh

Ben Case

Jerry Dahl

Andy Knight

Stan Malcom

Frank Neidiffer

Ted Sandhofer

Max Worhatch

David Benitz

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ADF&G Present:

Joe Stratman, regional shellfish biologist

Troy Thynes, area management biologist for commercial finfish

Kevin Clark, assistant area management ... commercial fish

Patrick Fowler, area management biologist for sportfish

Visitors:

Megan O'Neil, Petersburg Vessel Owner's Association

New Business:

Proposal #239 reconsidered and voted down.

Proposals #135-210 were considered. Member Kirt Marsh left the meeting after #139.



Meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.

Minutes taken by Jerry Dahl and Bob Martin.

Proposal votes and comments are attached.

<i>Draft</i>					
Petersburg Advisory Committee					
Finfish Proposal Comments Jan 7&8, 2015					
	Proposal	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Comments
Herring Management	114	0	11		Ties department's hands, removes management tool. Department is adequately managing fishery.
Herring Management	115	0	11		same
Herring Management	116	0	11		same
Sitka Herring	117			na	
Sitka Herring	118	0	11		Could lead to harvest of younger mixed fish and spawn outs
Sitka Herring	119	11	0		Prime area closed for subsistence but not used by subsistence
Sitka Herring	120			na	
Sitka Herring	121	0	11		No need to close more area when ample opportunity exists for subsistence
Sitka Herring	122	5	6		Rolling back justified but not worth the controversy. This might re-open a can of



					worms
Sitka Herring	123			na	
Sitka Herring	124			na	
Sitka Herring	125	0	11		Micromanaging department for no reason
Sitka Herring	126	0	11		Would cause devastating price drop to existing roe on kelp markets. Even 2014 showed drastic price drop.
Spawn on Kelp	127	0	11		Roe on kelp participants generally favor double-ponding to conserve herring. This proposal might discourage conservation in favor of product quality in low biomass years.
Spawn on Kelp	128	3	8		Might cause more fish to be used in fisheries during low biomass years Some members thought it could add value to product and that joining pens together could make adding herring less stressful on the fish being added to pens
Spawn on Kelp	129	9	2		Midnight is a bad time. Predators enter pens and destroy product. Minority said just stagger times and harvest earlier in day.
Dogfish	130			na	
Sablefish	131	0	11		Too vague but not bad idea, liked #134 better
Sablefish	132			na	
Sablefish	133			na	
Sablefish	134	11	0		Good for testing out the pot fishery to address flea and slime eel issues
Sablefish	135	10	0		Housekeeping to get ready for a pot fishery? - Fine
Sablefish	136	2	8		Not clear how many people could be on boat, whether permits required for non-participants Not sure there is a problem that needs to be addressed



					Minority in favor thought 50 was plenty and fishery is rapidly expanding and now is the time to get it under control
Sablefish	137	5	5		Supporters liked gear limit, but want to make sure 350 hooks per permit can be stacked
					Opposers don't think there is a problem with too many black cod being harvested
Gear/Logs	138	10	0		In favor if confidentiality could be protected, perhaps by sealed logbooks
Gear/Logs	139	10	0		Seems reasonable
Lingcod	140	0	10		Not convinced there is a conservation or other stock issue
Lingcod	141			na	
Lingcod	142	9	0		
Sport Rockfish	143	4	5		There is real stock issue and mortality concern but it is mainly near Sitka. The average local sport fisherman does not have this technology when jigging for food and does not release many. Those supporting it thought it addressed a serious concern and this proposal was not an undue hardship
Sport Rockfish	144	0	9		Charter member said this was a bad idea unless #143 was in effect because mortality would increase otherwise
Sport Rockfish	145	9	0		Sure
Subsistence	146	9	0		Housekeeping
Subsistence	147	0	8		RAC should stay out of state regs and #146 addresses the issue
Subsistence	148	0	9		Already allowed by readily attainable special permit
Klawock	149			na	
Klawock	150			na	
Klawock	151			na	
Klawock	152			na	



Subsistence	153	0	9		There is already fishing allowed. Joining nets has unknown implications.
					We generally object to federal RAC pushing proposals in our state regs
Subsistence	154	8	0		Sure
Sport	155	5	4		Supporters said it may be happening already and there is not a problem.
					Opposers said it could get out of hand on large charter vessels
Bow fishing	156	9	0		Why not? Good opportunity to encourage the bow and arrow as a growing hobby in Southeast.
					If snagging is allowed for personal use, then bow fishing seems no less reasonable.
Reduce King size	157	0	9		Treaty implications. No reason to change a long standing rule.
Sport King Mgt.	158	0	9		Current plan is complicated but working. This proposal could upset existing business models. No reason to change.
Non-res limits	159	0	9		Not convinced subsistence fisheries being harmed by non-resident sport fishing
Non-res limits	160	0	9		Not convinced subsistence fisheries being harmed by non-resident sport fishing
Yakutat	161			na	
Yakutat	162			na	
Yakutat	163			na	
Yakutat	164			na	
Ketchikan	165			na	
Taku Sport King	166	9	0		Probably little risk in simplifying regs
Juneau	167			na	
Juneau	168			na	
Juneau	169			na	
Klawock	170			na	
Klawock	171			na	
Ketchikan	172			na	
Com. Salmon mgt	173	0	9		Extreme measure to go back to 1946 data. Seems like a resource grab by one community.



Com. Salmon mgt	174	0	9		Chinook survival is low recently in many systems. Department is working on managing the problem.
Com. Salmon mgt	175	0	9		JRPT is working on this issue.
Com. Salmon mgt	176	0	9		JRPT is working on this issue.
Mist Cove	177	9	0		reasonable change vetted by NSRAA board
Mist Cove	178			na	
Hidden Falls	179	9	0		reasonable change vetted by NSRAA board
Hidden Falls	180			na	
Neck Lake	181	9	0		Sure
Deep Inlet	182			na	
Deep Inlet Rotation	183	9	0		Peace and harmony between seiners and gillnetters. Trollers on committee did not object.
Trolling Kendrick	184	9	0		No objection to trolling in Kendrick Bay, most members surprised it is restricted
	185			na	
Anita Bay Rotation	186	9	0		Gillnetters and Seiners worked it out and no one on committee objects
Southeast Cove	187	9	0		A reasonable addition to Southeast Cove language
Southeast Cove CTA	188			na	
Hidden Falls	189	9	0		reasonable clarification
Sockeye Cap	190	9	0		This accounting for sockeye makes sense and has industry consensus
	191			na	
Sockeye reporting	192	0	9		No particular objections but we think this is already required
Manage 12&14	193	0	9		No subsistence shortfall or stock of concern shown
Lisianski	194	0	9		These waters are already closed most of the time and this would tie department's hands



					when abundance is high
Lisianski	195	0	9		Against closing waters with no conservation issues
New Stat Area	196			na	Not a BoF job as explained by Department. Dept. can do this. We do not object.
New Stat Area	197			na	same
Protect Angoon	198	9	0		This is already being done so no objection
Angoon possessory	199	0	9		No conservation issues
Protect Angoon	200	0	9		No conservation issues
	201			na	
Seine Vessel Length	202	2	6		Not sure there is a problem, but bolt-on bow roller issue might get out of control
Seine trawling	203	0	9		unenforceable
Spotter planes	204	0	9		unenforceable
Spotter drones	205	2	7		Not an issue yet and unenforceable
Dist 15 boundaries	206	9	0		Housekeeping
Gillnet in 6-D	207	9	0		In years of high abundance it would give a little extra opportunity to district 6-D gillnetters. Seiners did not object.
District 8 gillnet mesh size restriction	208	3	6		208 is opposed by commercial fishing members on the AC. Gillnetters express that they historically catch a baseline number of Stikine Chinook during the District 8 sockeye fishery and this has been understood and accounted by the Department and the treaty with Canada for decades. Recently more boats have focused on Anita Bay hatchery kings returning through a different corridor in District 8 and there is a misperception that these boats are targeting and catching Stikine Chinook. The proposer, Stan Malcom, and two other AC members supported this proposal because they feel that it is reasonable to make gillnets less effective on all Chinook while District 8 is managed as a Sockeye fishery.



Small mesh gillnets get more meshes deep	209	2	5		Gillnet performance data would be different due to unknown efficiency and could shorten openings
					Supporters note that smaller mesh nets are unnecessarily shallow and ineffective
Monofilament Gillnet	210	5	3		Supporters like option of cheaper nets. Not sure how it would affect fishing.
					Catch rate might increase. Department might have to reduce time until data collected
	211			na	
	212			na	
	213			na	
	214			na	
	215			na	
	216			na	
	217			na	
	218			na	
	219			na	
Expand Yakutat King area	220	0	11		Almost no hatchery component so cannot justify expanding this winter fishery
					Would take away from other long established area's treaty fish
					Other areas would get less opportunity to make this happen in Yakutat
Expand Icy Bay King area	221	0	11		Unknown but possibly significant harvest to non-hatchery Chinook
					Could reduce fishing time in established areas
Spring Troll regs	222	11	0		Housekeeping: Alaska hatchery component no objections
Summer King trolling percentages	223	0	11		Might be harder to catch 40% in August
					Benefits some, might hurt others. Don't fix something that is working.
Troll King cleanup trip limit	224	3	8		Some thought it would be hard for department to implement in timely way.
					Department should/could try to manage better with existing regs
					Those supporting it thought it was a waste to leave fish on table and this would solve the problem.



Dist 12&14 Chum Trolling	225	11	0		Support JRPT reasons and decision
	226			na	
	227			na	
10 day troll closure	228	0	11		No escapement issues or stock of concern. No established subsistence shortfall
Expand area to allow trolling between areas	229	0	11		Fishery is still in experimental stage, impacts of this area unknown. Not proposed by a group. Give it a few more years and propose through industry association
Restrict trolling in 15c	230	4	7		Majority opposed - thought troll impact is small and not a problem that needs solving Minority in favor expressed concern over juvenile Chinook mortality, especially Taku
Naha Bay sanctuary	231	0	11		Department is adequately looking out for escapement issues caused by Neets bay fishery
Troll gear regs	232	11	0		Clarity is good
Allow downriggers all year	233	0	11		Not something that needs changing and concerns over downriggers used as extra hand gurdies with multiple hooks.
Statewide Dungeness pot storage	239	0	10		We re-considered this statewide shellfish proposal after it was brought to our attention that we may have been given the wrong impression by the department that it would just bring the 72-hour pot storage in line with the 7-days allowed after the summer and fall seasons we were familiar with locally. This does not seem to be the case although it may be the intent of the proposer to do that. We were not comfortable amending this without consulting the proposer so voted it down unanimously.



Sitka Advisory Committee
February 2, 2015
Sitka Sound Science Center, 834 Lincoln Street

- I. Call to Order: 6:33 by John Murray, Chairman
- II. Roll Call: Jessica Gill, Secretary
Members Present: Jerry Barber, Kim Elliot, Tad Fujioka, Jessica Gill, Randy Gluth, Moe Johnson, Karen Johnson, Jon Martin, Brian Massey, John Murray, Floyd Tomkins, Wayne Unger
Members Absent: Dick Curran, Jeff Feldpausch, Cody Loomis, Peter Roddy, Bradley Shaffer
Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: Hand Troll, Subsistence, Trapping, Alternate 1, Hunting, Seine, At-Large 1, Charter, Resident Sport Fish, Power Troll, Conservation, Processor
- III. Approval of Agenda:
No formal agenda was developed, but John Murray suggested the proposals to discuss.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: January 14th, 2015
Brian motioned to adopt, Kim seconded. John mentioned these minutes are great. Minutes passed unanimously.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Dave Gordon
- VI. Guests Present:
Steve Reifentstahl, Joel Markis
- VII. Old Business:
No old business was discussed.
- VIII. New Business:
Tad moved to have chair and secretary to write thank you letters to SSSC and the Sentinel for hosting and publishing our meetings. John mentioned he was working on this letter. Jessica asked for a quick turn around on minute approval to submit to BOF. It was determined that an email poll will suffice for approval of the minutes.



Southeast and Yakutat Finfish, Feb. 23–March 3, 2015

Alaska Board of Fisheries

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	182	Modify fishing ratios and sunset date in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	0, 3 abstain	<p>Brian moved to adopt, Kim seconded.</p> <p>Brian—what’s the main change for this proposal from what’s currently in place?</p> <p>Steve Reifentstahl (Public)—regulation sunsets this year; this proposal continues it for the next 3 years. Tied to allocation issues.</p> <p>Dave (ADF&G)—the current 1:1 gillnet:seine rotation sunsets at the end of 2014 with BOF meeting and it needs to be addressed again. Proposal 182 no specifics to season/regulation end date. Unclear about ratio of salmon allocation (open for debate at BOF?). Joint RPT would meet prior to BOF meeting with recommendation to BOF as to what they want to support.</p> <p>Steve R. (Public)—the JPRT includes representatives from gillnet, seine and troller from SSRAA and NSRAA areas.</p> <p>Discussion about current regulations ensued.</p> <p>Brian called the question.</p>
BOF	183	Modify commercial salmon fishery purse seine and drift gillnet fishing time ratios in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	7	2, 3 abstain	<p>Tad moved to adopt, Kim seconded.</p> <p>Tad—likes additional opportunity allocated to whichever gear group is behind in their allocation, but there’s no language about the trollers. The trollers have been behind in allocation the longest.</p> <p>Dave (ADF&G)—allocative proposal, and whichever the industry wants to do, ADF&G will abide. The way he understands, after next season, if seiners their allocation, the time ratio the following year will be 1 gillnet:1 seine. Doesn’t change to 1:1 ratio at all [like proposal 182]. If the seiners are not behind, the ratio will be 2 gillnet:1 seine. The proposal is poorly worded and hard to understand.</p> <p>Discussion about the sunset clause of current regulation ensued.</p> <p>Steve R. (Public)—both net gear groups behind this proposal, but not trollers.</p> <p>Brian called the question.</p>
BOF	189	Remove reference to 5 AAC 33.366 Northern Southeast Seine Salmon Fishery Management Plans and clarify language regarding fishing openings.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	0, 2 abstain	<p>Tad moved to adopt, Randy seconded.</p> <p>Dave (ADF&G)—housekeeping proposal. Northern Southeast Seine Management Plan addressing seining at Hidden Falls THA. Clarifying language. Tried to strike difficult language in section 2, intention is to avoid writing an emergency order within a week of the chum troll fishery. Not sure if language is valid, as cost recovery has changed for this area.</p> <p>Brian called the question.</p>



BOF	193	Restrict and prohibit commercial purse seining in portions of Districts 12 and 14.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	0	10, 2 abstain	<p>Brian moved to adopt, Kim seconded.</p> <p>Brian—another move to close areas to commercial guys.</p> <p>Dave (ADF&G)—Connected to ETJ petition, and centered on Kanalku stock. Federal Subsistence Board hired mediators to come up with solution to local problem. Kanalku system has a falls on it, so they blasted the falls to make it easier for the fish to get up to the lake to spawn. Not a very large system, 3-4K fish. State did some sampling of the seine fishery, to get baseline data throughout SE. Report just got published, lots of sockeye throughout Icy Strait (600,000 sockeye pass through). Kanalku fish don't really show up on the north side seine fishery. Subsistence fishery ends mid-July, and seine doesn't open mid to late July.</p> <p>Moe—already area closed around this stream, and the fleet doesn't even catch them. One day a week opener would hurt the fishery.</p> <p>Steve R. (Public)—45,000 extrapolated in sampling, 0.7% were Kanalku fish in 2013. Results of mediator team came up as economic hardship and change that Angoon needs (runway, hydropower dam).</p> <p>Jon—would that 0.7% , roughly 200-400 fish, hurt the stock?</p> <p>Steve R. (Public)—no I don't think so.</p> <p>Brian called the question.</p>
BOF	194	Close a portion of Lisianski Inlet to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	6, 5 abstain	<p>Moe moved to adopt, Karen seconded.</p> <p>Tad—proposal 194 is closing waters that are already closed?</p> <p>Dave (ADF&G)—yes, but if there's a surplus of pink and chum, we can open certain areas in regulations. Restriction vs closure. Proposal 194's attempt is to close these waters permanently. Can get build up of fish in Lisianski Inlet, and occasionally extend the openings after normal openings. Wild stock seine fishery. Population estimates done by aerial surveys.</p> <p>Wayne called the question.</p>
BOF	195	Close a portion of Lisianski Inlet to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Discussion regarding coho escapement in the Lisianski area ensued. No coho conservation concerns throughout SE.
BOF	196	Establish new salmon statistical areas in District 13.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Discussion regarding why the Pelican proposals have been requested. Pelican has been interested in developing a hatchery, but nothing has come to fruition and it's not a great location.
BOF	197	Establish new salmon statistical areas in Lisianski Inlet.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Did not discuss.
BOF	198	Establish closed waters around sockeye salmon streams in the Angoon area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0, 1 abstain	<p>Brian moved to adopt, Tad seconded.</p> <p>Brian—looks like a housekeeping proposal.</p> <p>Dave (ADF&G)—way to cope with some stock concerns for area, and this would put it in regulation. This area has already been closed by emergency orders for 10 years.</p> <p>Kim—Basket Bay is difficult to get subsistence fish, and it's a beautiful area, so would like to see the area closed to commercial fishing.</p> <p>Steve R. (Public)—it's waters that don't see a build-up of fish typically.</p> <p>Jon—clarified that this is just for seine and gillnet fishing.</p> <p>Jerry called the question.</p>
BOF	199	Prohibit commercial fishing for salmon with purse seine gear within the possessory boundary of Angoon for five years.	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	Brian—can we vote on 199 and 200 together? Brian moved to adopt 199 and 200, Kim seconded. Discussion of Goldschmidt and Haas possessory boundary and what is encompassed of this boundary. This is related to ETJ petition. Discussion about the area to be closed was discussed at length. Kim called the question.
BOF	200	Close waters within the Admiralty Monument proclamation boundary to commercial fishing for salmon with purse seine gear.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	See above, moved with 199.
BOF	201	Close certain waters of Chichagof Island and Admiralty Island to commercial salmon fishing with purse seine gear.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	4	7, 1 abstain	Tad moved to adopt, Brian seconded. Tad—for consistency, if we supported proposal 198, we should support this one. Steve R. (Public)—it’s similar, but not very defined as the ADF&G one is (198). John—is 198 more closed area? Dave (ADF&G)—not sure if they’re markedly different. Tad—Basket Bay might be slightly larger in proposal 201. Tad called the question.
BOF	202	Clarify measurement standards for the commercial salmon purse seine vessel length limit in the Southeastern Alaska Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Seine fleet will be meet with BOF to discuss this with ADF&G.
BOF	203	Establish and define a maximum speed at which a commercial salmon fishery purse seine may be towed.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Brian—is there way to enforce this? Dave (ADF&G)—no. Difficult to enforce speed on seine. Tad—proposal 139 which is a department-sponsored proposal similarly imposes a speed limit on jig gears. If enforcement of a speed limit is practical in the case of 139, is proposal 203 feasible? If infeasible, then shouldn’t proposal 139 be infeasible too?
BOF	204	Prohibit the use of spotter planes during open commercial salmon fishing periods where purse seine gear is allowed.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	4	8	Brian would like to move 204 and 205 together. Tad seconded. Brian—percentage of boats using spotter planes? Moe—maybe 4 planes used by boats in co-op fisheries. Tad—heard about from seiner: 1) When you do go by yourself seining, next thing you know you’re not alone anymore on the grounds because of the planes. 2) Spotter planes are a big cost to fleet, and don’t significantly increase the number of fish they harvest. The seine fleet has plenty of catching power to harvest all the harvestable surplus. Floyd—in herring opening, no one will offset the cost if it’ll increase the catch. Likes to level the playing field. Moe—doesn’t think it’s important, and useless regulation. Maybe they’ll be used during the salmon seine openings, but not too much during the season. Kim—drones not as obtrusive, and thinks most fishing boats might all have drones in the near future anyway. Privacy an issue. A lot of plane traffic over Deep Inlet, where she lives, and can be noisy. Jerry called the question.
BOF	205	Prohibit the use of unmanned aircraft during open commercial salmon fishing periods where purse seine is allowed.	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	4	8	See comments on 204.
BOF	267	Repeal exception for use of footwear with felt soles while sport fishing.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	11	<p>Jerry moved to adopt, Tad seconded.</p> <p>Kim—problem is large number of out of state fishermen. Repealing this is not a good idea, and you can get around slippery spots in non-felt soles.</p> <p>Tad—BOF decision not based on good science, but it is a potential vector, and ADF&G’s position at the time was that banning felt soles was not necessary, adequate, or a meaningful way to prevent the spread of disease or invasive species.</p> <p>Dave (ADF&G)—Sportfish supports the idea of felt soles.</p> <p>Brian called the question.</p>
BOF	239	Remove Registration Area A from the 72-hour Dungeness crab pot storage limitation requirement.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action TABLED	9	3	<p>Tad moved to adopt, Kim seconded.</p> <p>Dave (ADF&G)—unbaited open pots can be stored for 72-hours. Proposal is requesting 7 day to retrieve pots.</p> <p>Tad—in February and August, they get 7 days to retrieve pots, why not during this closure?</p> <p>Dave (ADF&G)—could be due to enforcement not being out there, or wanting to stay out longer than necessary.</p> <p>John—in support, for safety of fleet.</p> <p>Brian—proposer wants to amend areas, and add area A to the removal request. But thinks it should be discussed at BOF.</p> <p>Kim—what about amending the removal to 7 days to remove pots instead of eliminating the clauses [areas].</p> <p>Jerry moved to table the proposal.</p>
BOF	261	Modify prohibitions on importation and release of live fish to specifically address amphibians in Alaska.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	5, 7 abstain	<p>Jessica moved to adopt, Kim seconded.</p> <p>Jessica—in invasive species regulations, amphibians are considered fish.</p> <p>Jon—this is an emerging issue in invasive species and diseases. Thinks the proposal is a good idea, but the way the proposer is going at it is not the right way. Someone buying a frog from a pet store wouldn’t know about invasive species, being a vector or carrying diseases already. Very challenging. Perhaps prohibiting transport of frogs is the way to go.</p> <p>Proposal could be rewritten.</p> <p>Floyd—is this a good first step?</p> <p>Jon—from a regulatory standpoint, the proposal needs work.</p> <p>Kim—can we be in support of the idea of the proposal, and not just the actual proposal?</p> <p>Floyd—it would take a resolution drafted from the AC.</p> <p>Jon—the proposal is trying to get a little more teeth in regulations of the movement of these animals.</p> <p>Jerry called the question.</p>
BOF	262	Modify permitting requirements to specifically address the collection, transport, and possession of amphibian in Alaska.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9, 3 abstain	<p>Jon moved to adopt, Brian seconded.</p> <p>Jon—anybody can transport diseased amphibians, without clear and appropriate gear. Needs to have certain regulations regarding what an amphibian is [see comments on proposal 261]. Likes the concept of proposal, but not the way it’s written. Does anybody know what</p>



			<p>“reasonable precaution” is?</p> <p>Tad—would like to think that some kid can handle a frog without getting a ticket.</p> <p>Jon—the current regulation is like that. And this proposal would make it not required to have a permit to conduct research, which is ludicrous. All vertebrates have permits needed to conduct research.</p> <p>Jerry called the question.</p>
BOF	265	Ban the use of live earthworms as bait in freshwater sport fishing.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	<p>Tad moved to adopt, Jon seconded.</p> <p>Dave (ADF&G)—in overpopulated lakes you can use live bait.</p> <p>Floyd—rationale is not in harmony with the regulation requested.</p> <p>Tad called the question.</p>

IX. Adjournment: 8:35 PM by John Murray

Minutes Recorded By: Jessica Gill, Secretary
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 Date:



Craig Advisory Council meeting February 3, 2015

Quoram in attendance:

Brian Castle
Ellen Hannan
Dave Creighton
Steve Stumpf
Fred Hamilton
Stu Merchant
Doug Rhoades
Mike Douville
Charles Haydu

Members not in Attendance:

Bill Farmer
Steve Merritt
Kirk Agnitsch

Public in Attendance:

Jeff Reeves
Craig Schwanke

Meeting called to order @ 7:07 PM

Agenda approved

Minutes approved from last meeting January 29, 2015

Elections:

Doug Rhoades-Alternate
Steve Merritt-Vice-Chair

New Business:

Discussion on Craig AC's Klawock River proposals. RAC (Regional Advisory Council) recommended closure on the federal portion of the mouth of Klawock River (just upriver of Fireweed Lodge). Federal restriction would be in place for July and August then no restrictions after August 31. We feel our **proposal 151** takes the RAC recommendation further by closing the fishery up river from the Klawock River Bridge. After a lengthy discussion **the Craig AC is dropping proposal 149 and amending Proposal 152 (See below).**

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports	Number	Number	Comments/Discussions, Amendments to proposal



or Opposes	Support	Oppose	
BOF	152		Horsepower restriction Klawock River subsistence fishery
	9	0	Amend proposal to leave HP restriction the way it is until August 31 then lift HP restriction. No restrictions on the days of the week that you can fish after August 31.
BOF	127		No more than 1,000 blades of Kelp per herring pen
	9	0	The Craig AC recommends no more than 500 blades of Kelp per pen
BOF	128		Combine 2 closed herring pounds to make 1
	0	9	
BOF	129		Allow herring to be retained for up to seven days
	0	9	This will lead to added mortality due to a longer duration in the pen. Releasing at night helps them escape predators.
BOF	130		Create spiny dogfish fishery using pots
	9	0	
BOF	131		Allow pots in commercial sablefish fishery
	9	0	
BOF	132		Adds pots as legal gear in the long-line fishery
	9	0	
BOF	133		Adds pots as legal gear in long-line fishery
	9	0	
BOF	136		50 fish limit for personal use sablefish
	9	0	
BOF	176		Establish new enhanced salmon allocation by gear types
	7	1	1 vote abstained. We fell this proposal addresses accountability for what is being caught.
BOF	184		Open Kendrick bay to troll fishery
	9	0	
BOF	207		Increase commercial drift gillnet salmon fishing opportunity
	9	0	Open an area for gillnetters that is not open when seiners are fishing and allows protection from the weather.
BOF	208		Establish a drift gillnet mesh size restriction when king salmon fishery is closed
	0	9	King salmon that are present are generally Anita Bay hatchery fish. The Craig AC prefers an area restriction over a mesh size restriction.
BOF	209		Increase mesh depth to 120 meshes
	0	9	
BOF	210		Allow single monofilament net in gillnet fishery
	0	9	Our AC gillnetters opposed this stating,



			“monofilament can be too effective”.
BOF	223		Change harvest percentage for Trollers from 70 to 60 % for king salmon on the first opening
	0	9	Sometimes King Salmon are not available on the second opening. Trollers do not want to risk leaving fish “on the table”.
BOF	228		Mandatory 10 day closure for Coho fishery August 1-10
	0	9	
BOF	257		Repeal footgear with felt soles
	7	2	Other materials on the same boots can transfer organisms as easily as felt. Felt soles are safer than non-felt soles. There should be a decontamination method instead.

Stu Merchant attending BOF Meeting on behalf of the Craig AC.

Meeting Adjourned At 9:18pm



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ANCHORAGE

- I. Call to Order: 6:34 PM , Joel Doner
- II. Roll Call:
Joel Doner, Chair, George Jacoby, Vice-Chair, Sam Albanese, Secretary, Neil Dewitt, Jim Bolgiano, Steve Flory, Phil Calhoun, Frank Neumann, Mark Campbell, Robert Peck, Kevin Taylor, Robert Caywood, Ehren Strahn, Brian Nelson, Michael Klehr

Members Absent: Dwight Johnson
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Approval of Agenda: Yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Anchorage Advisory Committee Meeting
William Hernandez Hatchery
January6, 2015
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Dave Battle and Dave Saalfeld, Sherry Wright
- VI. Guests Present: Ted Spraker and Robert Mumford from the Board of Game
Richard Person, Jim Stubbs, Brett Wilbank

Old Business

Wood Bison Restoration Project Management Plan

Joel spoke to this. The management plan is in near final draft. Fee for land use needed to be hashed out. The fee for Alaska residents other than shareholder will be \$300, for non-resident \$500-\$1500. A viewing fee would also apply.

Joel said Doyon owns 30% of the land. They do not allow any land use now but unanimously approved this. The board of Doyon is expected to endorse this plan. Expect to fly out 20-26 mature animals in March. Now that we know the land access we need to reiterate support. Steve motioned we support this plan. Seconded. Passed by unanimous consent.

Public testimony:



Richard Person talked to the AAC about the PWS Spot Shrimp fishery. Closely regulated fishery. Quota is established by survey conducted by dept. 40% commercial, 60% non-commercial allocation. Opposed to proposals 253, 258, 259, and 260. Favors proposals 253, 254, and 256.

His proposal requires Lat/Lon for each pot and to call in to Cordova office every Wednesday to report catch.

The proposals opposed either close or restrict the fishery. These are based upon the shrimp numbers going down. The graph provided indicates the shrimp numbers have slightly increased for the last 4 years for non-commercial catch. With that in mind his proposals are 255 and 256. This are a small boat fishery and they will like to fish with 5 pots on a string instead of 4 and not have to put the second buoy line on the string. This will reduce the number of buoys and the amount of line deployed.

Joel said both proposals are just the number of pots, not the pot limit. Float line entanglement can be a problem.

Robert Peck said on the personal use you have to identify your set on the buoy, do the commercial guys do. Yes, they have to have the ADFG number.

Neil, the vessel count is the number of boats, over the last few years the # of vessels have declined but the catch has gone up. Richard replied yes, the boats went down in numbers. This fishery is not for every boat, some cannot make money, other can.

The Sound is divided into 3 areas, only one is fished each year. The Whittier AC submitted proposal 254, Richard supports this proposal.

Steve asked Richard if he generally supports the Department's proposals. Richard said yes.

Joel asked Richard to explain the registration areas. Areas 1, 2, and 3 and the area E areas.

Joel said we, the Anchorage AC decided to take no action on these proposals.

Steve commented to Richard that there is a proposal for trapping to have your name on the traps.

Richard is opposed to it due to concern about anyone being able to place a name on a trap.

Steve Flory addressed the committee about the antlerless hunts. We were told these hunts would reduce collisions. Fences, lights and cutting back reduced the collisions, not killing cows. The department needs to prove with numbers that the hunts reduce collisions.

We doubt the numbers the department has provided. The department, when questioned about surveys, will say they did not get in an area. They extrapolate the numbers.

We are told to trust the experts, yet Kings, the Mulchatna and Northwest Arctic Caribou have disappeared.

We are told we can't transplant moose, yet other states have and we have in the past. The department opposed hunt 666 due to tourism. It is up to this committee to change the direction of the department.

Jim asked if funds from Robertson Pittman money to help relocate game.

Robert Peck asked what one area has numbers sufficient to support transplanting. The Portage herd is one.

Robert pointed out there is not an over-abundance of moose.

Steve said the Gustavus area is probably the one area with an abundance of moose.

Ehren questioned will the taking away of antlerless hunts result in the department devising other means. Steve said we have to start somewhere. What we are doing is not increasing moose populations.

George asked if Steve knew Dale that set up the ACs and why he set it up for the ACs to be able to stop the antlerless hunts. Watchdogs.

Steve said it was to have the department and ACs work together. This process has declined in effectiveness.

Jim asked about the road kill, and the possibility to attract the moose away from the road corridors. Steve is not a biologist. He has seen crushing efforts in other areas and this has helped. The moose will go to where it is easier to walk and feed. If the moose has nowhere to go, they will not move.

Jim Stubbs, former AC member addressed the AC about 60 foot gillnets in the Kasilof and Kenai rivers. He was the Vice Chair and Board of Fish Chair. Knows Cook Inlet well. Resigned from the AC in September.

Gill nets are indiscriminate killers.

Moose Meadows was given to them for gill nets. Then the battle started on the Kasilof. Small Steelhead numbers.

The native group was able to get a lobbyist to push this forward. It's a turf battle.

He asked us to send a letter to the federal subsistence board to protest this. They are allowed 4000 reds and 1000 kings. Gill nets will catch anything.

Mark asked who monitors the catch, USFW is supposed to. There is supposedly a 24 hours from catch reporting time.

Mark asked is there a place we can read on the specifics of how this is done. Jim said we would have to find it on the Federal subsistence board website.

Neil asked if Jim will be testifying February 18th at the Dimond Hotel. Jim said he may.

Jim said it is prudent that the AC take a stance on Board nominees. He reminded us we represent all the people of Anchorage. He talked about the past history of the BOF nominee Roland and his being a drifter. Does not think he is a good fit for the board. It is too contentious. We need to focus on the health of the fishery. Whoever it is needs to represent the resource first.

Steve asked if Jim had any comments on the shrimp proposals. He is against it. In the 80s there was a severe crash and it took 20 years to recover from it.

Ted Spraker addressed the AC about the Sheep issue. He asked Christy Tibbles to review all the proposals that have gone through the ACs. 2002-2013 had 92 proposals in regards to sheep hunts, 22 more and another 7. He said we have not done much, only passed a handful

The board members are waiting on the guide concession proposals. This would be a real step up to address some of the sheep issues. He really wants to provide an insight to the upcoming meetings.

February 13th will have a town hall in Wasilla at 630 PM. Call in will be provided.

Some information will be provided, but not a tremendous amount. A few people will have information and bullet points available as a handout.

Primarily they want to listen to people.

Folks have been concerned about the board moving faster and making changes. The ACs spend a lot of time dealing with all the sheep proposals. It is time we get this to the public in a concise manner. They want to talk about establishing a working group. The department has \$150K set aside for a sheep-working group. The next part is to decide who will be on it. Will probably be run like the unit 4 brown bear management team. On this sheep issue it will be a failure to not have a strong AC voice on this board. The 5 or 6 ACs most affected should be on this working group. BOG would have 2-3, Fish and Game, Subsistence, Private land owners, current sheep hunters, AOC, SCI, the new Sheep Foundation group. The next phase, a 1976 management plan, thought Ken Taylor would be here tonight, those plans need to be updated. We are using plans that are 40 years old. F&G needs to update them. Then have the working group review it, then back to the public. This process may take 6 months to a year to complete. We need to get this moving.

22 proposals are legally noticed and published and will be looked at at the Wasilla meeting.

Ted is very uncomfortable pushing these forward until the working groups have a crack at it.

Other ACs are opting to push the proposals aside and go the working group route. Residents account for 80% of the hunters and need to be heard. Ted does not see any red flags from harvest. Cutting the harvest down will not change anything. The issue is a lot of dissatisfied hunters. Encourages us to get involved in this.

The meeting will be at the Best Western Lake Lucille.

Joel stated the working group would be vital. That will be after the town-hall meeting. Hopefully this meeting will get agreement for the working group.

Joel stated he knows this committee wants a place on this working group.

Ted said it will be a real mistake to not have ACs on this working group.

Robert Peck asked if it is true that sheep numbers are down 70%. Ted said he has heard its bout 50% in the Brooks. Resident hunters are trending down. Why are the resident hunting declining? Was it the federal subsistence? We lost 30% of the sheep hunting land.

Steve said board generated proposals and moving on them would be premature. These are statewide and we will be having a statewide meeting next year. The AC has a history of not embracing working groups. If a working group is formed, have it comprised of ACs first. The other organizations are special interest. ACs are elected and has a constituency.

Board generated proposals. When made they had attorneys there. The Board has the authority to generate a proposal on the spot and vote on it. He does not like it. He wanted to get those out since they have good ideas and options.

Second point about groups working together, whatever comes out of the working group will be reviewed by the BOG and back to the public before any decision is made.

Ted went on about the usefulness of the working groups as well as pitfalls.

Steve reiterated this is his last tour of duty on the AC and in May he will step down.

When this is all said and done, he would want people to say this has been a fair and transparent public process.

In 1986 he supported the spike fork and 50 inches or better. Steve reminded him about the 2002 appearance with regard to the Nelchina Caribou.

Robert Mumford addressed the AC about the probable end of his term on the board. He would like to stay on. He feels bad that he has not come before us enough. Its important that we get to know him. Sometimes he voted against what we wanted, and hopes he was able to articulate what and that we understood. He always tries to vote for the resource first.

Steve stated that last year we took up a proposal about black bear snaring in unit 3. It was supported by this AC and 10 others. It was supported by the Department too. The NPS opposed. Robert spoke to this proposal that he opposed it due to public testimony. Mumford said he had 3000 people in opposition of it. He does not personally support bear snaring. He has had an awful lot of people that told him they opposed it.

Robert Peck thanked him for what he does recognizing that we won't all agree.

Brett Wilbanks addressed the AC about the shrimp proposals. After Mr. Stubbs filled us in with 3rd party anecdotal testimony; it highlighted the controversy between commercial and non-commercial.

Stated the catch per unit is up as is the total poundage caught in the last several years. Close to 40% of the non-commercial harvest is right out of Whittier. The commercial effort is less than half of what is allowed. The number of the commercial participants is meager. There is a local demand that they are trying to fill.

His third priority is proposal 248 that suggested non-commercial shrimp fishers report their catch during the season so that F&G can better manage the resource. He contends the non-commercial reporting is inaccurate and thus undermines the ability to manage the fishery. If there is over fishing by the noncommercial fleet, there needs to be a mechanism to effectively manage the resource. Continue to allow commercial fishing and he is opposed to any proposal to reduce or eliminate commercial fishing and require noncommercial reporting.

Align the number of pots for both groups to 5 pots per string, (256), opposes 255.

Supports proposal 254. Limiting the catch to a statistical area has no bearing on what the area can support.

George said the department estimates the allowed catch, how. Brett said they do a survey though does not know how. He would be speculating on its accuracy.

Robert Peck asked about the 40% catch near Whittier. He asked why it is better to fish there. It must be due to an abundance of shrimp.

Ron Jordan addressed the AC about the Kenai River update USFW. Several Alaska Natives are not happy with that. They dip net along the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers. The gill nets will impact them.

The Governors appointment to the BOF is advocating shutting down the dip netting. He opposes this appointment.

F&G does a good job keeping data. Individual sportsman fill out the white card, but is it turned in and accounted for.

Fish and Game management change in the Knowles administration and we need to improve how it is managed.

Break at 810 PM to reconvene in 5 minutes.

VII. New Business: Reconvened at 8:24PM
Committee Reports

Legislative Chair – Steve Flory

Suggest a few things to take up.

First thing is support or non-support for Rolland Maw for the BOF. Motion was seconded.

Steve stated he is devotedly commercial.

Does not believe this committee can support him and would like us to write to oppose his nomination.

Joel, to be clear, the Motion is to write a letter opposing his nomination to be sent to the legislature and Governor.

Neil spoke about the good we have done in northern Cook Inlet and supports bringing Chairman Johnstone back on to the BOF.

Joel talked about Mr. Stubbs appointment of Rolland Maws. There is potential for conflict between user groups. The relationship between Rolland and drift netters has been contentious. He disagrees with Neil's comments about Johnstone. He said he and Rolland Maw have not seen eye to eye on issues, but he is intelligent and knows salmon and Cook Inlet. When there is a conflict of interest, that person is conflicted out. Joel thinks he would be a great member for the BOF. The BOF with him will be better for it.

Robert Caywood stated we have to many commercial fishermen and need someone that looks out for the majority of our interests.



Question called, 11 opposed, 2 for it, 1 abstain.

Joel said it would serve the committee best if Steve drafted it. Steve said it is half done and can send it out by tomorrow afternoon. Steve will send it to the AAC through Joel.

The Governor wants to move forward with nomination for the BOG, Steve has 3.

His motion is we support:

Theresa Sager Albaugh
Al Barrette
Bethany Martin.

These are all people this committee has supported in the past. Al was previously rejected and it's unlikely he will be rejected again.

Joel stated taking up 3 at once will be cumbersome; we should take them up individually.

Motion to write a letter of support for Theresa Sager Albaugh – seconded
Robert supports her and Neil
Question called.
Passed unanimously.

Motion to write a letter of support for Al Barrette – seconded
Steve spoke in support of him.
Joel stated he has met and spoken with Al but does not know that much about Al.
Frank said he has watched Al participate at BOG meetings. He supports him.
Question called.
11 for, 3 abstained, 0 opposed.

Motion to write a letter of support for Bethany Martin – seconded
Steve spoke in support of her.
Robert said he had another person he supports. Lynn Keogh, Steve said he spoke with him and he is not interested.
Robert Peck has known her for a while and acknowledge she doesn't always agree.
Kevin asked what are we looking for in board members.
Steve said we look for those that think the same way this committee votes. Some members are definitely not looking first to the AC for their input. We want BOG members to talk to us. George asked Steve what makes him think Bethany has the knowledge to be on the BOG. Steve said she has been and stays engaged in the process and will help provide us more voice in the legislature.

5 yes, 2 oppose 7 abstain. Motion passed.

George Motioned we write a letter of support for Robert Mumford – seconded
Joel said we have a BOG meeting coming up and we have proposals we support. He will be there and we need to consider that.
Steve said he opposes Mr. Mumford. He does not attend many of our meetings, only 2 he knows of including tonight.

Anchorage AC 7



Neil spoke for Mr. Mumford because he has time to speak with us and is knowledgeable of the subject. Joel's perspective is when a proposal is before us, we listen, half say one way, half the other. We consider the data and input and decide based upon that and what is best for Anchorage and Alaska. He can respect what he has to say on the board.

Steve said Mr. Mumford will sit on the board regardless of what we say as the new members will not be seated until July 1. Arguing we need to appoint him because he is there now is like the department saying we need to support proposals because they already sold the tickets.

Mark asked Mr. Mumford if he supports the taking of cow moose in 14C. Depends on the public testimony and says the testimony supports it he would support it. He stated it is a case-by-case decision. Some areas yes, others no.

George asked if he believed in shooting cows with calves. At first he said yes, then he said no, then he said if it is necessary for habitat.

Neil stated that Steve Flory made a comment about moving moose and where we would get them. Knowing that shooting cows will not get the population back up. Neil lives in 16A and has no moose at all. Does he still think it is a good idea to have a cow hunt in 14C?

Robert Mumford said if it is possible to move them, we just went to a three-year cycle. The cost might make it not feasible. If we have the money and it would work yes. Sure would be worthy of trying.

Question called.

9 Yes-5 opposed-1 abstain.

Steve has the piece of legislature we want drafted is in draft now. Expects to see the first draft in short order. He will try to share it with everyone once it is done.

Fish Chair Joel Doner – Statewide Shellfish BOF Comments

Statewide shellfish was decided we would take no action until this meeting. Now would be the time to address any of the proposals we heard tonight.

Steve moved to support measure 248 – seconded

248 requires commercial to report, this would require the non-commercial to report at least once monthly while holding the permit. He thinks we should support this.

Question called.

Jim asked how this is reported numbers or weight reports it.

Mike said he supports this. We report on almost every harvest.

Robert Peck stated now we have to report, just not until the end of the season.

Proposal 248 Passed by unanimous vote.

Steve moved to support proposal 250 – seconded

Steve said we heard from those here tonight in support of the department's recommendation.

This proposal allows for only one vessel per participant

Question called passed unanimously

Steve moved we support 251 – seconded

12 yes, 3 abstain.

Anchorage AC 8



Steve moved we support 252 – seconded

12 yes, 3 abstain.

Steve moved we support 253 – seconded

Spoken against by constituency.

Question called.

1 yes, 13 no, 1 abstain.

Steve moved we support 254 – seconded

Steve spoke in support of 254.

12 yes, 1 abstain 2 oppose.

Steve moved we support 255 – seconded

Steve said supporting it will not be harmful.

13 yes, 2 abstain.

Steve moved we support 256 – seconded

Steve said supporting this will not be harmful.

14 yes, 1 abstain.

Steve moved we support 257 – seconded

Steve spoke in support of it.

Unanimously supported.

Steve moved we support 258 – seconded

Steve said our constituents opposed this.

George said he knows Mike.

0 yes, 10 no, 5 abstain

Steve moved we support 259 – seconded

Closes commercial shrimp fishing in PWS. Steve said there will be both commercial and non commercial. He opposes this.

Robert Peck said he does shrimp out there. Much better near Whittier where there are not any commercial fisherman. Should we close, no.

Steve said he agrees with that. He noted he hunts in the same place year after year. Sometimes he is successful, sometimes not. You hone your skills and are better than those that don't. Experience and knowledge make a difference.

Joel stated the data shows they are more efficient.

Question called:

12 no, 3 abstain.

Steve moved we support 260 – seconded

Anchorage AC 9



Steve does not support it.

Question called:

12 no 3 abstain

Steve moved this committee pen a letter opposing gill net fisheries on the Kenai and Kasilof River. –
Seconded.

George said haven't they been having a gill net fishery for education before.

Steve asked if George supports this. To which George said no.

Passed unanimously.

Robert Caywood motioned we move to support proposal 243 –seconded

This has to do Cook Inlet Clam Fisheries.

Robert then motioned we amend 243 to close 2 mile sections of the beach and rotate it in three year cycles.

Mark asked to hear from Mr. Person about this. He said there are very few clams.

Joel said there are far fewer clams at Clam Gulch and knows there is a problem. If there is a reason to close the beach, then close it.

Steve said this is a biological concern. Closing this will result in moving clam diggers around similar to closing hunts. He thinks we should close this completely.

Robert Caywood said people he has spoken with in Washington said they close sections of beach.

Steve asked Robert if it would do much harm to close the entire beach as opposed to sections.

Robert said there is no other place to go unless you cross the Inlet. The Sea Otters have devastated the clams.

Frank questioned how this would be enforceable.

Question called

7 yes, 6 opposed, 2 abstain.

Vote for the proposal as amended.

13 for, 1 opposed, 1 abstain

Game Chair Frank Neumann – South Central BOG Comments

The subcommittee met Thursday night and Frank sent out an email

Take up a motion to support the subcommittees' findings for proposals 140 through 197.

Steve motioned we support the recommendations of the sub-committee. – seconded

Was voted on.

Motion passed unanimously.

Steve pointed out we should take up what the subcommittee did not vote on.

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Bethel Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 9, 2014, 6:30 pm

For info contact Holly Carroll at 543-1677, holly.carroll@alaska.gov

CALL TO ORDER TIME: **6:32** by Chair: **Henry Hunter**

INVOCATION:

ROLL CALL/ MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Lekander, Thad Tikiun, Henry Hunter, Greg Roczicka, Kevin Carter, Jon LaValle, Henry Kohl, Ross Boring, Rafe Johnson, Louie Andrew. Glen Watson, Sr. was absent (excused).

NUMBER NEEDED FOR QUORUM: 6 QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Agenda approved with no amendments**

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: **provided in packet, already approved**

FISH AND GAME STAFF PRESENT: Aaron Poetter, Kuskokwim Area Manager, Comm. Fish Division, Hiroko Ikuta, Subsistence Division , **Boards Support Western Regional Coordinator, Holly Carroll, Wildlife biologists (Bethel office) Patrick Jones and Phillip Perry**

GUESTS PRESENT: **James Charles, Garris Kinegak,**

OLD BUSINESS: **none**

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: Questions/Concerns of the AC members and public- **none**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Update from new Regional Coordinator Holly Carroll (took over from Alissa Joseph in October)
 - Meeting minutes format and Secretary duties, recommendations to Boards
 - Clarify officer terms, member term expirations, and alternates
 - **It was decided by the seated members to give Robert Lekander a 2-year term, Louie Andrew a 1-year term and Kevin Carter a 3-year term effective when they were made members in 2013 so their expiration dates align with the other members.**
 - Brief discussion on AC member duties- handbook available
 - Members should have received a meeting packet, if not please tell Holly. Please bring to all meetings this season.
 - Review Deadlines: BOF proposals due April 10,2015, BOG proposals due May 1, 2015
- **Get AC recommendations and/or comments on the following: SEE TABLE BELOW FOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD**
- Board of Fisheries Issues: (On time comment deadline March 3, 2015)
- Formerly ACR 8- Kuskokwim River: Consider providing the commissioner of ADF&G emergency order authority to restrict gillnet gear in the Kuskokwim River drainage (new proposal 272)
 - Greg gave some background about the ACR that became the above proposal. Aaron Poetter- Chinook harvest data not yet available.**
 - Motion to table 272 until next meeting passed**



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- Choose member to send to Kuskokwim Subsistence Salmon Panel-before January 15th
Kevin Carter wants a meeting discussing 4" mesh before fisheries Board meets with Fish Biologist Would both committees recommendations carry more weight? Yes Henry H/ Greg R. Holly- clarified Kuskokwim Subsistence Salmon Panel will include a ½ day public comment period. Day 2, January 16, the panel will meet in an all-day meeting. Members are sent from area Advisory Committees, Kuskokwim Salmon Management Working Group, and Federal RACs. Anyone not selected for the panel can testify first day on their own opinion, Day 2 Strictly give the Advisory Committee's opinion. It is posted on line which panel members have been selected from other AC's and there are -nominations on line thru December 15 for at-large representative.
James Charles (Lower Kuskokwim chair) discussed that his AC commented about 4" mesh shortages and decided to recommend 4" to 4.5".
Kevin Carter- Important to think about the mortality of kings in the 4" or to use the subsistence 4" after the main chinook run is passed.

Committee delayed selecting member to send to Panel until next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- appoint standing committee or Chair to approve minutes for quick submittal to Board
Greg Roczicka-how to approve meeting meetings-Done by the Chair in the past up to the current committee. Holly (Regional Coordinator): will get draft minutes from Ross (Secretary) - she updates/cleans them up, then back to Ross and the Chair for approval, then out to the advisory committee for review. By allowing the Chair or a standing committee to approve minutes, it will be quicker to meet deadlines for submittal as recommendations to the Boards.

Motion to allow Chair to approve Minutes unanimously approved.

BOG Proposal 39 Discussion:

Phillip Perry fish and game-Remainder of unit 18-took 2 areas and combined (Remainder of unit 18). Single hunt bag limit 2 moose, 12,000 to 13,000 moose in area More moose than survey shows, twinning rates 50%, continued growth. Bethel ADFG staff supports proposal.

Greg- Legislature requires these be re-authorized every year.

Rafe asked if the March 15 date is chosen for a biological or other reason. Phillip Perry responded that it was to align Caribou and Moose closing on same date

Rafe asked if enforcement would be easier. Jon commented that with state and federal seasons not aligned, you basically need to know your GPS Coordinates to prove you're not in violation.

BOG 3 year cycle



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Greg unit 18 and unit 19 would be discussed at different cycles. Phillip 2 year cycle does not give biologists enough time to evaluate population data before having to make decisions about changing. It also conflicts with collecting data because every other year they have to prepare for board of game in January when research needs to be done. Holly also pointed out that when the BOF and BOG cycles overlap, the AC's have to review all proposals for both which is time consuming.

Greg explained that things can be done out of cycle: thru Agenda Change requests and emergency regulations. Greg says the main criticism is people like a shot at the board every two years

- The chairman (Henry Hunter) requests selection of new Chair
Kevin Carter selected as chair, effective immediately, motion passed unanimously.
- Decide date and time for next meeting
Chair suggested January 13 (or some date before KSSP meeting January 15) and will communicate with members.

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description- ON-TIME DEADLINE FOR THESE DECEMBER 26TH	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	39		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18.
Supports w/ amend.	10	0	Support with amendment to change the Resident Open season dates to match the Federal season from Dec 1- March 31. Motion passed unanimous.
BOG	43		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.
Support	10	0	Support unanimous
BOG	201		Clarify the language regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game.
Oppose	0	10	Unanimously opposed, very little discussion other than it seemed really unclear what "lawful" means?
BOG	Cycle		Change BOG to a 3-yr cycle
support	9	1	Motion to support carried, but the dissenting vote was because of concern of a lack of control by the board, it was felt that they may have better control at 2 years than three. This AC wants the State wide A & B list to be taken up every 3 years <u>not</u> a 6 year cycle.
BOF	271		Require 4" mesh gillnets to be operated only as set gillnets in the Kuskokwim River during times of King Salmon Conservation



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support	9	0	

Adjourn Time: 8:45pm

Minutes Recorded By: *Ross Boring*_____

Minutes Approved By: _Chair Kevin Carter___(signature unavailable)_

Date: ___12/21/14_____



Initial recommendations to BOF Chinook Subsistence Panel from Bethel Advisory Committee meeting 1/13/15.

1. As long as current depleted King run conditions continue, maintain 4" or less mesh restrictions in 2015 with up to 2 openings per week, until the Kusko Salmon Mgmt Working Group and/or the area manager determines that 75% of the King run has passed the Bethel Test Fishery.
2. 4" or less mesh, fish wheels and dip nets only beginning May 15, 2015 (or potential of dip net only openings).
3. ****When limited to 4" or less mesh 60' setnet; Only 1 net per household allowed & net must be attached to the bank.**** (Ptl amendment to proposal #271)
4. Alternate days of fishing (windows) when gear liberalization is implemented following the 75% BTF passage trigger point referenced above.
5. Do not support pursuit of Tier II fishery - maintain closures/restrictions until a Tier I status can be achieved. If above not deemed realistic or necessary maintain current status
6. Look further into Tier I permit system with customary/traditional use criteria conditions incorporated, potential harvest limits, and/or length of years included in eligibility score; and further exploration of community harvest permit potential
7. No nets or fish wheels allowed in salmon spawning tributaries; or, within 1 mile of tributary mouth
8. No commercial sale/purchase of Kings including Districts 4 & 5 (Quinhagak/Goodnews)
9. Continue pursuit of equitable test fish distribution.



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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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BOARDS ANCHORAGE

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Niitlichik

DATE (of meeting): 2-11-15

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Martin, Madeline Thompson
A.J. Berger, Gary Dermon, Robert Lucas
Ron Vanek, Steve Vanek, Mike Schuster
Jeff Berger, Greg Enslin

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
John McCombs

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:
Norbert Miller

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: NONE

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:10 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 9:45 PM

Steve Vanek
Signature, Committee Secretary



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Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee
 Date: 2-11-15 Meeting Attendance Sign in Sheet

Name/Organization	Mailing Address City, Zip Code	Interests (optional - see below)	Email/Phone
Steve Vaneck	Niwilchik		
Steve Vaneck	CLAN BULCH		
Gary Deiman	1		DeimanstHotMail.com
Steve Vaneck	Niwilchik		
Jeanne Vaneck	Niwilchik		
Mike Schuster	Niwilchik		
Jim St. Peter	Niwilchik		
Willard BAUMAN	"		
William CURLSEN	Niwilchik AK 99630		
Jeff Berger	Niwilchik	All	JeffBerger@ GMAIL.com
Joe Simpson	Niwilchik		
Avron Berger	Niwilchik		
Madelina Thompson	Niwilchik		Thompson7MFD Alaska TK
David Martin	Clan Bulch		
Greg Freeland	Niwilchik	All	Niwilchik@hotmail.com

Interest Groups: 1 - Trapping 2 - Sport Fishing 3 - Subsistence 4 - Hunting 5 - Commercial Fishing
 6 - Photography 7 - Guiding 8 - Processing 9 - Personal Use 10 - Outdoorsperson
 11 - Association/Corporation 12 - Conservationist

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- ① minutes of Jan. read and approved
- ② Jeff Berger moved and Gary Seaman seconded to write a letter to the Resources Committee and the governor in support of Roland Maw's appointment to the B o F, passed unanimously.
- ③ David announced about the Invasive Species Bill introduced by Rep. Seton which would allow the state to act sooner on invasive species. It was moved and seconded that we write a letter in support to Seton, passed unanimously.
- ③ David read an ACR by Larry Cabana to define the 58 foot limit on vessels. The Committee decided to take no action because we didn't have enough info. we are in favor of a clear definition.
- ④ we proceeded to vote on statewide shellfish proposals.
- ⑤ Chairman or his designee shall represent our AC at the B o F meeting,



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Board of Fish Comments for State mid shellfish

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Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
241	No Action			See #240 comments
242	NO Action			See #240 comments
243	NO Action			See #240 comments
244	9	1	0	<p>We had an amendment to lower the bag limit to 45 & 90 possession limit. It failed 3 yes 7 no. Several of the no's favored the original proposal number as having a chance to be implemented into regulation but the 45/90 limit might not.</p> <p>On the original proposal we support because we are seeing the same thing happening on the West side that lead to the collapses of the East side razor clams and Kachemak Bay Steamer clams. The commercial harvest has a cap. The sport harvest has no cap and no bag limit. Halibut charter guides are increasingly taking clam charter to the West side. Reports of up to 1000 to 1400 clams per boat on some trips. Air charters have regular clam digging flights. Reports of 9 to a dozen planes/tide. A 60 clam limit is reasonable to warrant the expense of a charter and controls the abuse & growing harvest so the West side clams are not wiped out like the East side has been. Also small beaches on the W side already are depleted because of the no limit rule.</p>

The no vote wanted the amendment of 45/90



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Board of Fish Comments for State wide shellfish

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Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
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Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
245	0	10	0	<p>We like the 60-40% split and see no reason to change it. The general public desires to be able to buy the prized shrimp from Prince William Sound. The guideline harvest is one way to be sure of the 60/40% split. There needs to be a better way of documenting the sport catch so as to keep it within the GHL.</p> <p>The commercial fisherman must report their catch immediately. The sport catch is at best a guess. There is such a public demand to buy the shrimp that the commercial Fishermen have no trouble selling all they are allow to catch. Public has a constitutional right to buy shrimp.</p>
246				No action see 245 shrimp.
247	0	10	0	<p>This would add too much more gear in the water. Since there is no limit on number of shrimp taken, adding more pots increases the amount of shrimp dramatically.</p>



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Proposal

Summary of Discussion

#	Support	Oppose	Abstain	(include minority view)
248	10	0	0	There needs to be some real method of getting data on the sport fish catch. a good guess is not enough.
249	0	10	0	Since personal use is already open to all Alaskan residents, there is no need for a subsistence permit. This is just a backdoor proposal to eliminate commercial fishing, then by denying the constitutional right of Alaskans to buy and eat shrimp.
250	10	0	0	a person should not be able to fish more than one boat. This is a conservation issue.
251	10	0	0	This amounts to house keeping and makes sense.
252	10	0	0	co-ordinates give a better definition of boundaries.



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Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
253	0	10	0	This proposal has two parts and should not be included. We are opposed to both parts. This is a quota fishery so it is closed early if the quota is reached.
254	10	0	0	Some areas are more productive for shrimp so limiting these areas to only 25% makes it difficult to get the 40% allotted to the commercial fishery. This means the general public is denied the opportunity to buy Alaskan shrimp even when the commercial quota is not all caught.
255	10	0	0	It makes sense to have it changed to six pots so that 5 pots no longer needs to have a second buoy line. Recreational boats only need one buoy for 5 pots and that works fine.



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Proposal

Summary of Discussion

Support Oppose Abstain

(include minority view)

Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
263	0	10	0	This proposal is not practical or logical nor addresses any conservation issue. It is also for one area and about five issues in one proposal. Should not be in Statewide proposals.
264	0	10	0	Again not practical or logical. Puts an unnecessary burden on commercial fishermen and the department & enforcement. Not abundance based management.
265	0	10	0	Even though earthworms are not used much for bait we felt they should be allowed. There was some concern about earthworms being an invasive species, which was news to most of us, but they seem to be everywhere and have been here as long as anyone can remember.
267	2	7	0	One member had to leave. Opposed said other ways to add traction to boots. Don't want to spread invasive species or disease. Those in favor said felt sole helped traction & didn't think would spread invasive species.



Copper River/PWS. AC meeting

1-27-15

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- Call to Order: Time by Tom Carpenter 7:00 pm.
- Roll Call Members Present: Fode, Tirrell, Carpenter, Greenwood, Baker, Hanson, Jones, King, Lohse, Collins, OBrien, Wiese, Renner.
13 present.
Members Absent: Bocci, Johnson, Nichols, Sapp.
- Fish and Game Staff Present: Game Biologist Charlotte Westing, Troopers Alex Arduser and Todd Mountain.
- Guests Present: Jim Wessel, Andy Morse, Dennis Zadra, Chris Bourgois.

New Business: Elections: Results, New or Re-elected.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Tori Baker	6-17
Ardy Hanson	6-17
John Bocci	6-17
Jason Fode	6-17
Mark King	6-17
Dennis Zadra Alternate	6-15
Brad Sapp, Alternate	6-15

Members still on committee:

Tom Carpenter	12-15	Chair Game
Mike Collins	12-15	Secretary
John Greenwood	12-15	
Chris Johnson	12-15	



Victor Jones	12-15	
Dave O'Brien	12-15	
John Wiese	12-15	
Teal Lohse	12-16	
John Renner	12-16	Chair Fish
Troy Tirrell	12-16	

Biologist Charlotte Westing gave a presentation regarding current studies and data on several game species in Game unit 6. Very informative and much appreciated by all present.

Discussion on Board of Game issues

ACR 1

All opposed

ACR2

All support

ACR 3

All opposed

BOG

140

Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C.

13 Support

0 Oppose

reason; Gives ADF&G area biologist necessary management tools.

BOG



194

Prohibit the use of hunting dogs for taking upland game birds after October 31, in Southcentral Region Units.

0 Support

13 oppose

reason; Would eliminate winter hunting with dogs. People like to hunt ptarmigan.

Reviewed board of fish proposals

BOF 245, 246, 247,248

13 Oppose

0 Support

BOF 249

11 opposed, 1 in Favor , 1 abstain

BOF 250

1 opposed, 12 support

BOF 251

All support

BOF 252

7 Support, 6 oppose

BOF 253

All 13 oppose



BOF 254

2 oppose, 11 support

They put it in there for a reason

BOF 255

1 oppose 12 support

BOF 256

No action see 255

BOF 257

13 in favor 0 oppose

BOF 258, 259, 260

13 opposed 0 support

Adjournment: 10:00 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Mike Collins



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- I. Call to Order: Tom Carpenter
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Baker, Carpenter, Collins, Fode, Greenwood, Hanson, Jones, King, Lohse
Obrien, Renner, Tirrell, Weise
Members Absent: bocci, Johnson, sapp
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion baker, sec king
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date....November 2014
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Westing ADF@G, Alex Arduser State troopers, Andy Morris USFS Law Enforcement, Jim Wessel USFS Law Enforcement
- VI. Guests Present: Dennis Zadra Reg. Guide Unit 6, Chris Bourgeois
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business: 2015 elections, Unit 6 ACR proposals, Proposal 140, PWS shrimp

This space may be used to record minutes.

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BOG	140		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C.
support	13	0	Done annually, this gives ADF@G area biologist the necessary tools to conduct a antlerless hunt if conditions warrant.
BOG	141		Restrict the taking of goat for five years when a nanny is taken in Unit 6.
support	13	0	We are the authors of this proposal. We would like to see the board implement this similar language as they did in Unit 7 to stabilize the goat population's long term in Unit 6. This action is warranted due to increased take of nannies.



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			Increased take of nannies from repeat offenders has forced closures of popular hunting areas.
BOG oppose	209 0	13	Change the bag limit for black bears in Unit 6D to one every three years. There are hunters who depend on black bears for subsistence, this proposal would diminish opportunity. About 75% of black bear hunters harvest one bear in their lifetime. This proposal does little to slow the current rate of harvest, and provides no new information in season to allow managers to control the hunt.
BOG support	210 13	0	Establish a registration hunt for black bears in Unit 6D. One of the major problems in controlling harvest in 6D is the lack of information available to managers in season. Currently, black bear hunting in 6D is managed using general harvest tickets, providing no in season information to manager regarding hunter effort. By creating a registration requirement, this will give the manager timely information to react in season when necessary.
BOG oppose	211 0	13	Modify season dates for hunting black bear in Unit 6D. This proposal suggests shortening the fall season. During the fall season on 25% of the total black bear harvest occurs. We do not feel this proposal will be effective in controlling harvest, and does nothing to increase pertinent information necessary to manage in season.
BOG support	212 13	0	Modify Unit 6B moose controlled use area We are the authors of this proposal. This is a quick fix supported by users, managers, and public safety. By adopting this specific modified language, it will alleviate an access problem during the non-motorized portion of the hunt. The cause of this problem was not man made, but rather a natural occurrence which destroyed a major access thoroughfare, erosion of the mile 36 bridge and about one mile of highway. No further modification to the current regulation involving the controlled use area is warranted outside the proposed modification as requested in this proposal.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Mike Collins
 Minutes Approved By: Tom Carpenter
 Date: 2-1-15



Mid-Lower Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 18, 2014, 1:00 pm, St. Mary's

Chair: Stan Shepard, Mountain Village

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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
Support	7		Stephanie Schmidt (ADFG) Yukon area biologist explained the proposal is trying to give equity to fishermen using fish wheels so that they have the same opportunity as drift gillnet fishermen. Yukon River panel is in support of this. The only other AC that voted at this time was Tanana and it was explained they were split on it because they are very conservative and want all Kings released. One member said he'd sure like to use a fish wheel; it can be a conservation tool because you can turn it off and on. Members also mentioned there are fishers that are being greedy, and also selling subsistence fish. We have to put pressure on law enforcement to preserve salmon. Member Unanimously supported.
BOF	272		Consider providing the commissioner of ADF&G emergency order authority to restrict gillnet gear in the Kuskokwim River drainage (On-time comment deadline March 3, 2015)
No action	7		Motion to take no action- unanimously approved

XI. Adjourn: 6:50 PM

Minutes Recorded By: H. Carroll (R.C.)

Minutes Approved By: SUB-Committee

Date: 12-22-14



Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
02.11.15 Meeting Minutes
Pikes Lodge, Fairbanks, AK

I. Call to Order: Chairman Umphenour 18:42

II. Roll Call –

	<u>CHAIR</u> Virgil Umphenour	<u>VICE- CHAIR</u> Mike Kramer	<u>SECRETARY</u> Kirk Schwalm	Al Barrette	Chuck Derrick	Andrew Glasgow	Warren Giuchici	Emma Lee Grennan
Present	X	X (left 20:45)	X	X		X	X	
Absent					X			
Abs/Excused								X
	Lee Hazen	Bill Larry	Jeff Lucas	Mike Tinker	Larry Morris	Valerie Baxter	Vacant	
Present	X	X		X		X		
Absent					X			
Abs/Excused			X					

III. Approval of Agenda: unanimous

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: January 14 & January 21 — unanimous, with noted typos.

V. Correspondence: none

VI. Fish & Game Staff Present: Jennifer Yuhas, Don Young, Stephanie Schmidt Jackie Kephart, Nissa Pilcher,

VII. Guests: Lt. Justin Rodgers (AWT), Deborah Curnow

VIII. Chair and AC Member Comments:

Barette—discussed BoG prop 201 as it may apply to trapping. Also crossbow certification

Kramer—need fish subcommittee meeting mid march for AYK proposals.

Valerie—asked for input on testimony to the Bog at the CSW meeting.

Tinker—letters sent in support of Sager-Albaugh and Barrette. Walker appointed Sager-Albaugh and Fanning.



Public Comments

None

IX. F&G Staff Reports: Stephanie reported on AYK fish. No proposed change for king salmon escapement. 2014 was lowest king harvest on record. 2015 predictions are similar to 2014.

X. Old Business: none

XI. New Business:

Election of one seat, moved to defer for lack of attendance, approved unanimously.

Move to write letter of support for Fanning to BoG, unanimous.

Move to write letter opposing Maw to BoF, unanimous.

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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	273		
Support	11	0	It would provide an extra tool for the department
BOF	274		
Support	7	4	As amended to only allow 25" and under fish. Amendment passed 11-0. Small fish do not add to a sustainable run. It would provide an extra tool for the department, more upriver harvest, helps fish wheel harvest. In opposition, run too low to allow more harvest.
BOF	278		
Support	8	2	
BOG	XXX	Recommendations on BoG Proposals recorded by the chair of the game subcommittee	

XII. Adjourn: 22:04

Minutes Recorded by Kirk Schwalm



Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Feb. 10, 2015
NERRS Building, Homer, AK.

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- I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by chair Dave Lyons at 6:05 PM.
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Dave Lyon (Chair), Tom Young (Vice Chair), George Matz (Secretary), Tom Hagberg, Nancy Hillstrand, Doug Malone, Jim Meesis, Marvin Peters, Joey Allred, Ty Gates, Michael Craig, Dennis Wade, Hannah Heimbuch, Phillip Jones.
Members Absent Excused: NA
Members Absent: Lee Martin, Gary Sinnhuber
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Previously approved by email
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Thomas McDonough, Jeff Selinger, Jason Herreman, Sean Farley, Gino DeFrate, Carol Kerkvlitt, Mike Booz,
- VI. Guests Present: Beaver Nelson, Chuck Wool, Wesley Hurgbyrd, Brent Keene, Roger MacCampbell – Div of parks, Jason Oakley, Div of Parks, Paul McConnel- AWT, Dwayne Nutsvold.
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business: Carol Kerkvlitt and Mike Booz gave an overview of Cook Inlet razor clam issues including statistics on historical clam surveys and harvests. Carol said that ADF&G would prefer the status quo which uses EO's to reduce harvest when that is needed. It was pointed out that an EO closed Niniichik last summer. EO's have the flexibility to be withdrawn if populations recover.

BOF	241	Reduce the personal use bag and possession limits for razor clams in eastern Cook Inlet.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	7,0	We discussed proposal 241 and 242 in tandem. There was much discussion about the current situation. A guest stated that he thought the decline in razor clams was due largely to the increase in vehicles, (trucks and four-wheelers) that now drive onto the beach. The pressure of the tires on the clams crushes them. He said that years ago Washington razor clam populations also plummeted. What they did was not allow vehicles on the beach. Soon afterwards, populations recovered. There was discussion as to who would have the authority to prohibit vehicles on the beach, the Board of Fisheries or Division of parks and recreation.
BOF	242	Reduce the sport bag and possession limits for razor clams in eastern Cook Inlet.	



<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	7,0	An amendment was moved and seconded to reduce the bag limit to 6 and possession limit to 12. This failed 6,8,0. While the AC generally supports reducing harvest, it was felt that rather than reduce harvest to a minimal amount, it would be better to just close it. That way it would be obvious that anyone on the digging clams was violating the law.
BOF	243	Close east Cook Inlet beaches to all razor clam harvest.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	14	0,0	Given the current situation, the AC felt that the only choice right now was to close all east side beaches to clam harvest. If some beaches were opened to reduced limits, it would attract those who would have otherwise gone to beaches now closed.
BOF	244	Establish personal use bag and possession limits for razor clams in West Cook Inlet.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	12	1,1	We had much discussions about the disparity between east side beaches being closed and no limits on west side beaches. It was noted that some of those who would dig clams on east side beaches and now chartering to go to the west side. While the bag and possession limit in this proposal may be too low given the cost of getting there, the AC felt that it needed to support the proposal so that ADF&G gets more involved to prevent overharvesting.

— Board of Game Southcentral —

BOG	157	Change the general bull moose season dates in Unit 15 to September 1-30	
	14	0,0	The AC supports having a later season with cooler temperatures and more developed spike antlers, but not so late that rut is underway when meat quality is less and disturbance of mating more likely. Accordingly, it voted 12,2,0 to amend the proposal to having a season from Spt. 1-25. The votes against this amendment favored having a longer season that has more weekends for hunting.
BOG	158	Open a nonresident moose season in Unit 15C.	
	8	6,0	An amendment to the proposal to have the season concurrent with the general season passed 12,1,1. Opposition to the proposal was based on the keeping with the precedence of not having a nonresident hunt if the GMU is under the Intensive Management mandate, which 15C is currently under. Essentially, if harvest opportunity is limited, there should not be any additional demand for hunting via nonresidents.
BOG	163	Eliminate the early archery season for moose in Units 15A and 15B.	
	8	5,1	While the AC supports an archery hunt, most felt that archers shouldn't have any special privilege over other hunters.
BOG	164	Open seven day archery seasons for moose following the general seasons in Units 7 and 15	
	1	14,0	Opposition to this proposal was based on not allowing a hunt during the rut, thereby jeopardizing the short mating process.
BOG	166	Change the resident, antlerless moose season in Unit 15C to November 1-30.	
	12	1,1	A later season for the antlerless hunt is preferred because of better conditions to prevent meat storage and to allow troopers to focus on bull hunts during the general season. The vote against was based on concern about taking moose from a different herd once moose congregate in their winter habitat.
BOG	167	Issue resident moose permits for problem areas near roads during the winter in Unit 15C.	



	12	2,0	An amendment to include an archery hunt passed by 13,0,1. The AC recognizes that this hunt is contingent on snow conditions.
BOG	173	Remove meat salvage requirements for taking brown bear over bait in the Southcentral Region.	
	0	13,1	Not salvaging the meat undermines the basis for allowing bait to be used for hunting brown bears.
BOG	174	Remove meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait in the Southcentral Region.	
	0	13,1	Not salvaging the meat undermines the basis for allowing bait to be used for hunting brown bears.

Next meeting will be March 10 at the NERRS Building starting at 6:00. At this time there are no further proposals for the AC to consider.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.



Lower Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee

MINUTES- TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Monday, December 8, 2014, 1:00 pm

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CALL TO ORDER TIME: 1:09 by Chair: James Charles, Secretary: Sandra Nicori,

INVOCATION: Lord's Prayer

ROLL CALL/ MEMBERS PRESENT:

NUMBER NEEDED FOR QUORUM: 7 (Bec. Oscarville seat vacant) QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
Present by phone was: Phillip Peter Sr., Akiachak; Jackson Williams, Sr., Akiak; James Charles,
Tuntutuliak; Arnold Brink Sr., Kasigluk; John Andrew and Sandra Nicori, Kwethluk; William Brown, Eek;
Henry Tikiun Sr., Atmauthluak; Earl Samuelson, Sr., Napaskiak. Henry Parks, Nunapitchuk came on line
at 1:50 p.m., Melvin Egoak, Atmauthluak, came on line at 1:57 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: approved

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: **ALREADY APPROVED**

FISH AND GAME STAFF PRESENT:

Boards Support Western Regional Coordinator, Holly Carroll
Wildlife biologists (Bethel office) Patrick Jones and Philip Perry; Aaron Poetter-
Kuskokwim Area Manager –Commercial Fisheries; Hiroko Ikuta, Subsistence Division,

GUESTS PRESENT: none

OLD BUSINESS: **none**

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: **Questions/Concerns of the AC members and public- none**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Update from new Regional Coordinator (R.C.) Holly Carroll
 - Meeting minutes format and Secretary duties, officer update-officers are James Charles, Sandra Nicori and Jackson Williams, Sr. their terms expire 6/30/2015.
 - Napakiak- John Wassilie resigned, and Oscarville membership is vacant, so may not count toward quorum until filled. Holly will send official letter to Oscarville
 - James Charles says IRA council can appoint member for Napakiak
 - Arnold Brink didn't get packet, gave address and phone to RC
 - Review Deadlines: BOF proposals due April 10,2015, BOG proposals due May 1, 2015
 - Suggest make a committee or chair to approve minutes

Samuelsen makes a motion that chair can approve the drafted minutes so that they can get submitted to the BOG quickly. (Peters seconded). No discussion. Motion passed unanimous.

- **Get AC recommendations and/or comments on the following: SEE TABLE BELOW FOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD**



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- Formerly ACR 8- Kuskokwim River: Consider providing the commissioner of ADF&G emergency order authority to restrict gillnet gear in the Kuskokwim River drainage (new proposal 272)

There is a March 3rd deadline for AC recommendations or comments to the Board of Fisheries. Proposal 272, formerly ACR 8, wants to have Tier 2 but it was made into a proposal in Juneau. The document is in the packet. Kuskokwim Salmon Management wants to restrict gill net gear to conserve the Chinook: use lawful gear and specifications to use gillnet. Holly read part of the article on proposal 272. Comment from (Akiak member) Jackson Williams, in previous meetings with AC the elders have stated that using the 6" gear will eventually produce smaller and smaller salmon. Lot of elders oppose restrictions because gradually fish will decline with this size of mesh, elders say that fish, after caught, going back to the water (i.e. falling out of the net), is doing more harm than good (because those fish may die before they reach spawning grounds). Also, a former Yukon resident said that dip netting in the Kuskokwim will not work because he has tried it here. John Andrew stated that dipnetting is to be used only in times of Chinook shortages.

See more discussion and vote below. 9 yes, 1 no (from Phillip Peter Akiachak).

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Discuss moose quota/season and discuss need to write proposal-suggested by 2 members

William Brown (Eek) asked if the 24 hour time frame to call in for a moose kill can be extended another day due to traveling and distance but the answer was to keep from going over the 100 limit of moose that it would have to stay the same to keep from overharvesting the moose. When the snow is favorable for counting, sometime in February, they will have a better idea of what the limit (quota) will be and can be adjusted accordingly.

Jackson Williams asked about a winter hunt in the Kuskokwim area but the answer was that the numbers are not favorable at the present time, maybe in 3 to 5 years it may be feasible.

Earl Samuelson commented changing the boundaries for easier access and the answer was it would take several meetings to do it. It would also result in people having to use two different permits to hunt in the same area. Phillip Peter asked about the opening date for portions of Johnson River. It poses confusion because the Yukon and Kuskokwim are close together in that area. (Long discussion in yugtun followed). Holly suggested delaying the moose subject for in-person meeting. James Charles concurred with her.

Melvin Egoak asked if the quota can be increased to 125 moose but the answer was to do that an updated moose count would have to be done.



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William Brown (Eek)-River at Eek for making 24 hr. report when someone gets moose or partner still hunting, not easy for him to go home in 24 hours because river is too shallow. He's worried would he be cited for late reporting? Phillip acknowledges this is an issue for any hunters that go a long way up the tributaries, but he asks that people try their best, use satellite phone, or let someone else know to call Phillip, because the need for harvest reporting as a tool to keep harvest at reasonable level.

- Choose member to send to Kuskokwim Subsistence Salmon Panel (KSSP)-before January 15th

Napaskiak –Earl- makes motion to appoint James Charles to attend the KSSP January 15th and 16th. Akiak seconds. John Andrew question. Henry Tikiun, 2nded. If James can't make it, Earl Samuelson from Napaskiak was chosen as an alternate. Motion passed unanimously.

- Decide date and time for next meeting and face-to-face location?

Earl Samuelson suggested January 5, 2015 at 9 a.m. in Bethel in-person meeting, seconded by Henry Tikiun, Sr. When further information was given by Holly, Earl and Henry withdrew their motions and it was left to call-of-the-chair and the coordinator to schedule the in-person meeting and was unanimously consented by the committee.

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BOF	272		Consider providing the commissioner of ADF&G emergency order authority to restrict gillnet gear in the Kuskokwim River drainage
			<p>Earl Samuelson commented that the tundra area fishermen were unable to fish because the 4 inch mesh was unavailable for purchase in the stores. The 4 and a half inch mesh might be better to use. Thinks if could use 4.5" mesh size it would be good to catch smaller salmon like reds and chums.</p> <p>The representative can bring it up at the Board of Fish meeting. Henry Parks agreed with Samuelson. William Brown said that generally the 4 and half inch mesh if used for white fish, most people have it, he made a motion to change 4 to 4 and a half inch mesh be used, as an amendment to Proposal 272.</p> <p>Phillip Peter said fish and game came and inspected nets in Akiachak and confiscated 70, 50, 60, 45 mesh. Charlie clarified that you can amend the motion to include a depth. Earl thinks if we select 45 meshes deep, it should meet all of our needs, instead of one area. But the proposals don't say anything about depth, so it should be included.</p> <p>ADF&G Aaron Poetter clarified in subsistence fishery current regulation</p>



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Supports with AMENDMENT	9	1	already states they can't be more than 45 meshes deep. Made motion to support the proposal but change current language from 4" to "4" to 4.5" "By 45 meshes deep gear. motion passes with amendment to gear size language
BOG	39	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18.	
supports	10	0	Akiak- motion to support, Melvin 2 nd . Discussion: Phillip Perry (ADFG) gave recommendation from department- We have 12,000 moose, recommend keeping it in place, to authorize it. Background- with antlerless moose- Advisory committees in the area need to decide if they want it to continue each year. Motion passes unanimously
BOG	43	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.	
supports	10	0	Discussion: Phillip Perry (ADFG) gave recommendation from department- Advisory committees in the area need to decide if they want it to continue. This proposal just talking about metal locking tag exemption, we want to continue to have that to make it easy for hunters and consistent with other rural Alaska areas to NOT require the metal tags. Question- if we need to harvest a brown bear (DLP) do we have to return that to fish and game or can we keep it? Phillip clarified it depends on the time of year if it's during the hunting season- you just have it sealed as usual. This bill just removes the metal tag requirement- doesn't affect the DLP rules. Question- regarding tribal residents. Perry clarified that this law is for all Alaska residents and whether or not they have to buy a locking tag and the State doesn't differentiate between a rural or urban person- just Alaska residents. Motion to support: passes unanimously
BOG		Change BOG to a 3-yr cycle	
			R.C. H. Carroll read BOG handout points clarifying the department's reasons for supporting the change to a 3-yr cycle. Much discussion about the proposed savings if go to 3-yr cycle, they want to



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Supports	9	0	<p>ensure that if \$50,000 is saved, that it could go to the advisory committees. Holly re-iterated that in light of severe department budget cuts, saving that money may just help to continue to provide same services to the AC process. Members noted it is Not easy to work for the people; AC members want people to earn money for AC process, if cycles change just to save money, move the money to Advisory committee or members. William Brown and Melvin Egoak asked if there was any way they can be given stipends.</p> <p>Patrick Jones-(ADFG Wildlife), supports 3-yr cycle, because they can miss surveys because they're at the meeting too much. Makes it easier for us to get surveys done in more time in a timely fashion. Also gives us more time to evaluate, changing rigs every year- hard to make educated decisions about the effects.</p> <p>Motion to support- passed unanimously (1 member left conference call before this vote).</p>

Adjourn Time: 4:13

Minutes Recorded By: __Sandra Nicori (Secretary) and put in template by H. Carroll (R.C.)

Minutes Approved By: _____James Charles (Chair) _____

Date: ____12/16/14_____



Mat Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
2/25/15
MTA Building - Palmer

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- I. Call to Order: 7:06 pm by Jehnifer Ehmann, Chair
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Jehnifer Ehmann, Terry Nininger, Andy Couch, Stephen Bartelli, Mike Buirge, Dave Young, Dan Montgomery, Tony Jones, Bill Folsom, Israel Payton, Mel Grove

Members Absent: Tom Deland - excused, Herman Griese - excused, Jeff Tuttle - excused, Randy Talvi -excused

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 - 11 members present
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with amendment to add BOG/BOF representation as an item and also to reconsider proposals 207 and 208. Mike Buirge also wanted to discuss a proposed fee increase. Proposals 192, 193, 195 removed from agenda as action has already occurred by BOG. 2nd by Tony Jones. Approved without objection.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA email vote to approve 1/21/15 minutes.
- V. Fish and Game Staff / DPS Present:
Gino DelFrate- ADF&G Area 2 Game, Sam Ivey -- ADF&G fish biologist, Fish & Wildlife Troopers Jimmy Lindberg and Brent Johnson.

Guests Present: Neil Dewitt - Anchorage AC, Bruce Morgan - Candidate for BOF, Birch Yuknis.
- VII. Old Business:
 - a. Persons to be heard:

Bruce Morgan: Former chair Anchorage AC - seeking position on BOF. received a vote of support and letter of recommendation from the Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee concerning his seeking this position. Anchorage Business owner and believes there should be another representative for personal use and sport fishing interests on the Board of Fisheries, hopefully someone from in the Cook Inlet Area. Interested in escapements first and maintaining the fisheries. Israel asked Bruce about a proposal he had written which would require electronic sport recording of king salmon harvest within 24 hours. Bruce said, ADF&G did not feel they had the budget and data was already good enough. Mel asked Bruce if he at one time was interested in federal management of Alaska fish in Cook Inlet. Bruce answered that he had raised the question if there is endangered species issues that could mandate some changes in management because of the extreme shortage of Kenai River king salmon. Jehnifer thanked Bruce for putting his name forward and said that there are currently 8 - 10 people putting their names forward. Jehnifer said she was going to let other people know they could come speak to the Matanuska Valley AC in regards to the AC taking a position.

Andy Couch made a motion that the AC write a letter to the Governor stating we feel in order to maintain balance on the Board of Fisheries that another member should have a personal use / sport fishery back ground. 2nd By Bill Folsom. Unanimously approved 9-0-0.

New Business:

Dan Montgomery gave a report on the recent BOG actions. I could not keep up with all that actions taken -- but Dan also provided a tabulated report. Proposal 71 still on March agenda.



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Supports or Opposes?	# Support	# Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	148	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C.	
SEE MINUTES FROM MEETING 1/28/15			
BOG	149	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C.	
S	11	0	Proposal 149 would reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in the Twenty Mile / Place drainages of 14 C. According to Gino ADF&G is wanting to keep the hunt going. Conditions can change rapidly for this hunt. Andy asked what the Department objectives were for Twenty Mile /Portage. Jehnifer read from a Department data sheet. Gino mentioned how many permits ADF&G was anticipating giving. Motion to approve proposal 149 passed unanimously 11-0-0.
BOG	150	Establish an antlerless moose drawing permit hunt for physically disabled residents in Kincaid Park, Unit 14C.	
O	2	9	Proposal 150 would establish an antlerless moose hunt for disabled residents in Kincaid Park. Dan asked if a hunt could be conducted in Kincaid Park. Gino mentioned that ADF&G had received a letter from the Municipality of Anchorage saying the Municipality would not allow a moose hunt to occur in Kincaid Park. ADF&G supports concept. Steve Bartelli supports having a hunt in the Municipality but all residents should have an opportunity to harvest not just disabled. If firearms at an issue Steve mentioned this hunt could be opened to archery or some other special weapons. Jehnifer pointed out that if this hunt is pursued caution and sensitivity need to be given to ensure non-hunting users who recreate in the park are not brought to a position of anti-hunting. She supports expanded opportunities to hunt especially if the resource is available but would like to see hunters exercise understanding and ethics so that the perception of hunting is not damaged. She is concerned that the proposed gain of a couple permits does not outweigh the potential for user group conflicts within this particular area in addition to its close proximity to a population center. Mike felt like it is a can of worms with a large population nearby. Terry mentioned that we do not want to antagonize people particularly joggers and hikers for possibly just a few moose permits. According to Gino any new hunt in Anchorage is controversial. ADF&G's fall estimate was about 10 -12 animals, but moose may be moving in and out of this area. Steve Bartelli tired of worrying about everyone's feelings all the time however he feels that this might not be a good fight to start on. Bill Folsom mentioned traffic with hikers, skiers, dog walkers could create a large uproar over a hunt in this area. Mel felt if there are surplus moose that can be harvested then a harvest should be allowed. Motion failed 2-9-0.



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BOG	151		Change the any sheep bag limit for Unit 14C to any ram, for draw hunts DS140, DS141, DS240 and DS241.
F	5	6	Proposal 151 would change the bag limit for archery hunts from any sheep to any ram. Population has remained stable since about 2007 although the population had previously been considerably higher. Dan favored the proposal. Mel favored maintaining status quo as population can allow some harvest of female sheep just as moose hunts can allow some harvest of females. Mel had participated but did not harvest a ewe. Israel participated and did not take a ewe. Steve planned to oppose as he knew someone who drew a permit that he felt would be tickled by any animal to harvest. Andy favored allowing some harvest of ewes which at present is a small number of animals especially if it is a persons first big game animal. Jehnifer supports the proposal that would change to any ram as sheep populations statewide seem to be in a decline and if in this area the habitat can support a larger population and not taking of ewe's has the potential to grow the population she feels it should be changed to any ram. Committee fairly divided. Motion failed 5-6-0.
BOG	152		Establish a resident only sheep hunt area in Chugach State Park, Unit 14C.
F	0	11	Proposal 152 would designate 14C as an area open to sheep hunting by residents only with exception of the Governor's permit. Steve opposes. Dan opposes as number of nonresidents is already significantly reduced. Motion failed unanimously 0-11-0.
BOG	153		Limit the number of next of kin nonresident sheep tags in Unit 14C.
O	1	10	Proposal 153 would create a next of kin rifle tag and a next of kin archery tag with an allocation of only one tag per each hunt. Some people feel that nonresident tags may not be getting used if drawn by non-guided hunters. This seems like a way of creating a guided hunt without calling it that. Jehnifer read some ADF&G information on how many unguided nonresident participate already. Dan spoke in favor mentioning that the nonresident unguided allocation would actually go up with this new proposal. Andy mentioned that more nonresidents could likely participate if more of them were unguided with a lower success rate. Motion opposed 1-10-0.
BOG	154		Increase the number of nonresident goat drawing permits on Unit 14C.
F	2	8 Abstentions: 1	Proposal 154 would increase the number of nonresident drawing permits in DG852, DG854, DG858 by one permit annually to guided non resident hunters. This would likely take away from allocation to non-guided nonresidents. If harvests increase according to ADF&G number of permits go down. Motion failed 2-8-1.



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BOG	155		Add a drawing permit hunt for black bears within the JBER Management Area in Unit 14C.
S	11	0	Proposal 155 would create a new black bear hunt on JBER Management Area. ADF&G has already been in discussion with JBER management about this hunt. Sounds like a good idea to our AC. Motion passed unanimously 11-0-0.
BOG	194		Prohibit the use of hunting dogs for taking upland game birds after October 31, in Southcentral Region Units.
F	0	11	Proposal 194 would not prohibit upland bird hunting with dogs after October 31. Mike absolutely opposes proposal. Motion opposed 0-11-0. Dog owners should be allowed to hunt with their animals after October 31.

Motion to have Dan Montgomery represent the AC at the upcoming Southcentral BOG meeting. 2nd. Motion passed with no objections.

Further discussion on **Proposal 207** previously opposed by the AC. This proposal would disallow use of aircraft to sport sheep may not be allowed. Increase hours before allowing hunting after aircraft use. The majority of public participation in previous AC meetings was opposed to these proposals to further restrict hunters using aircraft. Spotting portion from aircraft is unenforceable. Otherwise this regulation may totally prohibit recreational flying during sheep season. How can a distinction be made between a recreational flyer and a sheep hunter? Same day airborne rule has been in effect for 50 years and works fine as is. Motion opposed unanimously 0-11-0.

Further discussion on **Proposal 208** previously opposed by the AC. Status Quo is the preferred option of Israel and Dan. The problem with this proposal is it is not specific. If the Board received a similar proposal from the public how would the Board choose from a multiple guess proposal. It was suggested that ADF&G manage sheep from a specific management plan. If a change needs to be addressed by a proposal each proposal should address only one issue. Motion opposed unanimously. 0-11-0.

INSERTED MINUTES 1/21/15 MVAC MEETING WITH NOTES ON PROPOSALS 207 & 208

BOG #207: Israel does not support this proposal. Dave asks will he get in trouble just viewing from the air? Dave is opposed. Dan is opposed: it is way too restrictive. Who will make determination on the ground? This is something that is new no public record of proposing this type of proposal. Basically a 24 for hour rule that is not enforceable. Opposed 0-12-2

BOG # 208: Herman restricts more restrictions. Herman is opposed. Steve it would limit access, would restrict access he will oppose it is too restrictive for sheep hunters. Dan: Board was pressed to do something have no conservation concerns. Dan will vote it down; we need to separate out all these options. Bill this same philosophy could be applied to other hunting regs. Bill is opposed. Israel is opposed to big blanket overall change. Opposed 0-14-0



BOF Statewide Shellfish proposal comments

Proposals 258, 259, and 260. Birch Yuknis is in favor of all of these proposals, as the number of recreational users far exceeds the number of commercial operators and there is simply not enough shrimp for large commercial harvests. Mel was opposed to the opening of commercial shrimping, but now sees more people getting into it, and does not want to see this taken away. According to Sam Ivey with ADF&G the current allocation is 40% commercial fishery and 60% sport. Note if the threshold of 100, 000 harvestable surplus shrimp is not available only the sport shrimping is available. Birch says the problem he sees is that when the commercial operators comes through with large numbers of pots the number of available shrimp decreases dramatically. Steve reported that other people's pots are sometimes raided. Law enforcement agreed that there is considerable robbing of pots some by sport users as well. Mel mentioned that the commercial area is shifted on a 3 year rotation. Bill wondered what type of monitoring of the commercial user there is. Sam said the sport people have a permit and report at the end of the season most commercial fisheries report on a more regular basis but he did not know specifics about this fishery. Law enforcement said that they did not know of a lot of enforcement effort on shellfish but specifically mentioned they focus heavily on salmon. Bill's point was that both commercial and sport fisheries may be managed more on an honor system than through concerted effort. Dan made an amendment to close commercial fishing in Area 1. 2nd by Steve. Mel mentioned that closing just one area to commercial harvest would put more commercial effort in the other areas. Steve mentioned that he would like to restrict commercial fishing to just Area 1 and then he the sport could fish the other areas. Most years both gear groups have been harvesting near their GHs, according to Sam. Andy Couch mentioned that he would likely be doing nothing from the information he had on hand. Amendment failed 0-10-1. Proposals 258, 259, 260 as written- Motion failed 0-4-7.

Proposal 251 and 253 is opposed by Birch Yuknis. No action by the Advisory Committee for lack of a knowledge of how to address the issue.

Proposal 244 would create a 60 clam bag limit on the West side of Cook Inlet. Harvest has been prohibited this year on the Eastside of Cook Inlet. According to Sam Ivey with ADF&G About 98% of the clam harvest on the westside has been commercial at this point. There may likely be some kind of increase in sport effort on the westside of Cook Inlet. No current biological issue. Terry opposes as he feels if there are so many clams currently on the westside we should continue to allow sport harvests to continue. Law enforcement mention was that when the bag limit is decreased clams are high-graded and more smaller ones left. Motion opposed 0-11-0.

Motion to have Terry Nininger represent the AC at the statewide BOF meeting. Motion passed without objection.

Mike Buirge talked about license and tag fee increases being proposed information to be sent out by Jehnifer.

Next Advisory meeting scheduled for April 1, 7 p.m at MTA in Palmer. To work on already written statewide proposals for BOG and Statewide BOF on April 10.

AOC annual meeting is coming up March 6 in Juneau this year according to Mel with a chance to meet with valley legislators.

Dave asked if there are other positions available on the Advisory Committee there are currently 2 spots available. Dave wanted to know if we would want to fill those two spots. Jehnifer said the AC could vote on new members with 2 weeks of public notice.

Dan mentioned that proposals 106 and 107 dealt with any ram hunts and that the Board of Game left the hunts as is.

Several members thanked the wildlife troopers and Sam Ivey for attending.

Minutes taken by Andy Couch

Adjournment: 10:32pm



Northern Norton Sound AC
1/22/15
Nome Elementary School

- I. Call to Order: At 1610hrs by Chairman Charlie Lean

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Chairman Charlie Lean (Nome), Secretary Kevin Knowlton (Nome), Dan Stang (Nome), Tom Gray (Nome), Nate Perkins (Nome), Clifford Seetook (Wales), Stanley Tocktoo (Shismaref), Charles Saccheus (Elim), Jack Fagerstrum (Golovin), Sarah Okbaok (Alternate Teller), Peter Buck (White Mountain), William Kakoona (Brevig Mission) Via telephone Adem Boeckman (Nome).
Members Absent: Paul Kosto (Nome), No member currently assigned to the at large seat.
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: Commercial Fishing, Subsistence fishing and hunting, Kawerak Inc., Nome Eskimo Community, Southern Norton Sound AC.

- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion Made by Kevin Knowlton, 2nd by Peter Buck to accept the agenda as presented: motion carried unanimous

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting December 17th, 2013, Teleconference on March 3rd, 2014. Motion Made by Nate Perkins, 2nd by Tom Gray to approve minutes from the meeting and teleconference with minor typographical corrections made: motion carried unanimous.

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Gorn Wildlife, Jim Menard Fisheries, Scott Kent Fisheries, Justin Leon Fisheries, Carmen Daggett Board Support,

- VI. Guests Present: Dan Reed (Self Nome), Jenn Ruckel (KNOM Radio), Perry Mendenhall (Nome Subsistence user), Frank Kavairlook (Koyuk/Nome), Donald Johnson (Nome Subsistence user), Michael Cresswell (Alaska Wildlife Trooper), Ashley Brown (NSEDG Nome), Eric Osborne (Nome Commercial Fisherman), Wes Jones (SNSAC), Andrew Miller (Public / SNC), Ken Adkisson (National Park Service), Michael Sloan (Nome Eskimo Community), Earl Merchant (Nome Subsistence User), Brandon Ahmasuk (Nome Kawerak Inc.)

- VII. Public Comments: The following comments were made by members of the public:
Community involvement is important and having the meeting in a public place aids in that involvement. The recent outlying community representation is how this process should be done. Nome needs to have more effort made to have the public participation in community representatives.
The award of a tier II permit mentions nothing about the need for a hunting license, don't elders get off from buying a license.



Do not delay the opening of the winter commercial crab season.
 The at large seat on the AC should be filled by an elder.

VIII. Old Business:

1. Carmen Daggett wanted to reemphasize the change of the board of game cycle change from every two years to every three years.
2. Election to fill the committee At Large Seat was tabled again to allow for more advertising in the regional villages.

IX. New Business:

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BOG		Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 22C and 22D	
Oppose	4	8	1 Abstain from vote. Motion made by Tom Gray and seconded by Kevin Knowlton to support the proposal. Tony Gorn from ADF&G explained that if passed it would allow him to have a tool available to him to open a cow harvest hunt if the numbers drastically changed. Most AC members do not support a cow harvest at this time due to the declining moose population numbers in the areas covered by this proposal.
BOG	43	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.	
Support	12	1	Motion made by Tom Gray and seconded by Peter Buck to support the proposal. There is currently an over population of bears in the region and the tag fee exemption and not requiring a registration tag is intended to allow licensed hunters to harvest a bear during open season. The high bear densities in the vicinity of Nome is thought to be the root cause of the total Muskoxen calf crop mortality and several herds taking refuge from the predators within city limits. Registration tags would allow for a tool to determine how many hunters are actively hunting bear within the NNSAC region.
BOG	202	Change the caribou regulation for all game management units associated with the Western Arctic caribou herd and Teshekpuk caribou herd.	
Unanimous	13	0	Motion was made by Kevin Knowlton and seconded by Tom Gray to support



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Support			<p>the proposal.</p> <p>Board members were in support of the proposal as it is written for this year but there is a large concern that changes in the future may favor users in the northern portion of the caribou range. Thinking of changing of the open season dates could limit harvest due to the animal migration timing. GMU 22 hunters can only hunt when the caribou are present, the winter months of October to April. During early winter access is generally by wheeled vehicles and in late winter by snow machine. Some communities must travel far from home. The longer season provides opportunity but not necessarily additional harvest. The dates for non-resident in GMU 22 will be misleading to those unfamiliar with caribou hunting in GMU 22 and could lead to the illegal harvest of reindeer.</p>
BOF	269		Norton Sound Section red king crab harvest strategy.
Unanimous Support	13	0	<p>A motion was made by Kevin Knowlton and seconded by Peter Buck to limit the winter commercial harvest to 8% of the total annual fishery harvest.</p> <p>The AC members had a lengthy discussion on this proposal with members in the remote portions of the area wanting there to be a separate quota for their area and for the harvest in the Nome area of the fishery not to be lumped in their numbers. The allocation between the winter commercial and summer commercial fishery or the winter subsistence fishery focused on how the recent increases of winter commercial effort had aggravated user group conflicts.</p> <p>Long term data was reviewed and it was the opinion that when winter commercial harvest rose to 8% subsistence opportunity suffered. It was recognized that on poor ice years the issue was worse and that it might not be feasible to take that allocation. The roll over clause to allow the entire commercial GHL to be harvested in the summer season was a reasonable idea.</p>
BOF	270		Fishing seasons for Registration Area Q
Unanimous Support as amended	13	0	<p>A motion was made by Adem Boeckman and seconded by Nate Perkins to support the proposal with the following amendment: to restrict the number of pots that a commercial winter crab fisherman could register and fish at any one time to 20.</p> <p>With current shorefast ice situations the proposed season dates seemed the safest for the historic records and predications of future ice quality. The proposal addresses pot loss due to the ice movement and the ghost fishing that occurs when pots are not destroyed when they are lost. The proposal allowed for the department to modify the dates as necessary by emergency order were if the ice was safe enough in December then the department could open the season early and if the ice began to deteriorate early they would</p>



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			<p>have the tools to close the season early hence looking out for the safety of fishermen, search and rescue personnel and also in an effort to reduce the amount of fishing equipment that could be lost in the water due to persons taking risks to catch more crab when the situation is not safe. As written, the proposal did not address the pots that were deployed on the unstable margin of the ice by fishermen attempting to out fish their competitors. The higher prices of recent years have created a situation where pots are inexpensive in relation to their catch, thus making them expendable in the eyes of many fishers. This amendment would reduce the density of pot deployment and reduce the competitive impulse to place pots on unstable ice. It also provides a mechanism to quantify pot loss. If the loss rate is excessive this allows managers the ability to address the problem by closing the fishery. This proposal addresses a conservation issue, but will have minor allocative repercussions too. The NNSAC saw this as an issue that developed recently and which has significant implications for conservation.</p>

Adjournment: 2105hrs

Minutes Recorded By: *Merrill R. Kyrle*
 Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]*
 Date: 1/28/13

