

Naknek/Kvichak Advisory Committee

RC 014

Nov. 12, 2015

Meeting held at Bristol Bay Borough Building, Naknek, AK

- I. Call to Order: William(Sonny)Regan called the meeting at 7:07
- II. Roll Call: Members Present: Sonny Regan, Everett Thompson, Ralph Zimin, Mark Watson, Joe Kluctsch. Richard Wilson and Alaxander Tallekpalek on teleconference
Members Absent: Fred Pike, Joey Kluctsch, Ryan Willson, Brian Kato
We had a quorum with 7 committee members participating. Sonny Regan Chaired the meeting, Everett was acting as Secretary since Fred Pike was absent.

There were all user groups in crowd, Subsistence, Sport, Commercial. Annette and Pete Caruso, George(Sonny) Wilson Jr, Greg Harris, Abe Williams.

Taryn **Oconnor-Brito was there for board support and we had two sport biologist from** Dillingham, our Naknek/Kvichak commercial biologist, representation from BBEDC and BBNA.

- III. Agenda was amended to include Unit 9 Caribou #1621 wildlife proposal. 9c/9e under new business III, Everett Thompson made motion to approve, Mark Watson 2nd.
- IV. Elections were held for committee members. Everett Thompson and Mark Watson were reelected. Since Ryan Wilson hadn't been participating we voted to replace him, George Wilson Jr took that seat. Brian Kato remains an alt. and also Greg Harris as alternate. Sonny Regan and Everett Thompson remain the co-chairs and George Wilson Jr. Sec.
- V. Comments on proposals for the 2015-2016 Board of Fish Cycle:

**BRISTOL BAY FINFISH
DECEMBER 2–9, 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	22	Move the Cinder River, Inner Port Heiden, and Outer Port Heiden sections of the Northern District from the Alaska Peninsula Area to the Bristol Bay Area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	8	0	Everett Thompson moved to accept 22-24, Mark Watson 2nd. Committee feels area M catches our fish anyway and that it should be a part of BB since many BB residents live in Port Heiden.
BOF	23	Move the Cinder River, Inner Port Heiden, and Outer Port Heiden sections of the Northern District from the Alaska Peninsula Area to the Bristol Bay Area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	8	0	“ “
BOF	24	Move all waters of the Northern District east of the latitude of Cape Seniavin from the Alaska Peninsula Area to the Bristol Bay Area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	8	0	“ “
BOF	25	Expand district boundary lines.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	Everett Thompson moved to accept, Mark Watson 2nd. Committee feels this would be hard to enforce and in times of heavy fishing it would be possible to drift in between 3 mile intervals.
BOF	26	Create new general fishing sections that are in effect following achievement of escapement goals, or July 17, until July 27.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	7	Mark Watson moved to accept, Ralph Zimin 2nd. Committee felt all fish should be accounted for in a district they are caught. You wouldn't know where they were caught with general district. Committee also felt that it could mean longer drifts and less fish quality from not working gear.
BOF	27	Require that a CFEC permit holder's name displayed on a set gillnet site marking sign complies with the same character size marking requirements for permit numbers. <i>(This proposal will be heard at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting, and heard and deliberated on at the Statewide Finfish meeting.)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	Everett Thompson moved to accept, Joe Klutsch 2nd. We grouped 27 and 28 together. Committee felt there was a grudge against set netters and to just keep it as is.
BOF	28	Change the character size requirements for set gillnet marking signs. <i>(This proposal will be heard at the Bristol Bay Finfish meeting, and heard and deliberated on at the Statewide Finfish meeting.)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	“ “

BOF	29	Allow a set gillnet permit holder to operate and deploy gillnet gear seaward of the permit holder's own set gillnet, and within the permit holder's setnet site.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	8	0	Everett Thompson moved to accept, Sonny Wilson 2nd. Committee felt this was a housecleaning proposal and that setnetters should be allowed to separate their gear on their allotted shore lease/running line.
BOF	30	Change the description of set gillnet exemptions that allow operations where beaches at mean low tide are not connected to either exposed land or land not covered at high tide, by deleting references to regulatory markers.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action	Click here to enter text	Click here to enter text	
BOF	220	Prohibit net barges, floating processors, tenders, and hard fixed buoys in waters of the Egegik District during open drift gillnet fishing periods.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	7	Sonny Wilson moved to accept and Mark Watson 2nd. Committee felt that it was unfeasible to for all tenders to get out of tender row in Egegik. Tide and weather a factor, even crossing over to south channel.
BOF	221	Prohibit tenders, fish buyers, and fish transport vessels from anchoring within 1,500 feet of set gillnet sites.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		8	Everett Thompson moved to accept, Ralph Zimin 2nd. In congested areas, channels, drifting, committee felt this was also unfeasible.
BOF	31	Change the area registration requirements to require district registration prior to fishing in a district in Bristol Bay.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	32	Change the area registration date requirement for the Bristol Bay commercial salmon fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	33	Change the area registration date requirement for the Bristol Bay commercial salmon fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	34	Reduce the required waiting period when registering for a new district from 48 hours to 12 hours.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	Sonny Wilson moved to accept, Mark Watson 2nd. Committee felt traditional 48 hr transfer period is good to manage the fleet. Fleet could move around faster than could be managed.
BOF	35	Require drift gillnet operations to register the day of fishing during emergency order periods.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	36	Change the registration requirement for commercial salmon fishing in the Egegik District.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	37	Change the area registration date requirement from June 25 to June 1 for the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik districts for the drift gillnet fleet.	

<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	38	Change registration requirements for fisheries under emergency order conditions and change the registration date for the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik districts from June 25 to June 18.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	39	For the Naknek-Kvichak District, eliminate the registration date of June 25, and require registration only before fishing in the district.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	40	Change the drift gillnet registration date in the Naknek-Kvichak District from June 25 to June 17.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	41	Change the area registration requirement for the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik districts by removing the June 25 start date.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	6	Everett Thompson moved to accept 31-33 and 35-41. Ralph Zimin 2nd. Committee felt that fleet was managed better when you dropped your card before you fished. Some committee members felt like fish could be caught and sold in different districts.
BOF	42	Allow set gillnet operators to transfer within the Nushagak statistical areas without the 48-hour time requirement.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	43	Repeal set gillnet reregistration requirement for statistical areas within the Nushagak District.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	44	Modify Togiak District registration restriction requirements that apply until July 27 to include a fishing vessel.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	45	Reauthorize Bristol Bay set gillnet permit stacking.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	6	2	Everett Thompson moved to accept 45, 46, 48 and 50 together. , Richard Wilson 2nd. Committee felt that permit stacking for set nets was good for economics. No more than 2 per person, "D". You would still need the manpower to operate sites. Committee felt if "D" permits for setnetters pass then BBEDC should jump on board and try to get more setnet permits in local hands using the "D" permits.
BOF	46	Allow permit stacking for set gillnet operations.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	6	2	
BOF	47	Allow permit stacking for set gillnet operations and up to one and one-half the current legal limit of gear for one permit to be operated when permit stacking.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	Richard Wilson moved to accept Ralph 2nd. Committee felt that using more gear per set net site would lead to congestion.
BOF	48	Allow permit stacking for set gillnet operations in the Bristol Bay Area.	

<input type="checkbox"/> Support	6	2	
BOF	49	Allow two set gillnet permit holders to jointly operate with up to 75 fathoms of set gillnet gear and require both permit numbers on identification sign.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	Same as 47
BOF	50	Allow permit stacking for set gillnet operations in the Egegik District.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support as amended	8	0	Not to be exclusively "D" for just Egegik.
BOF	51	Allow drift gillnet permit stacking for an individual who owns two drift gillnet permits in Bristol Bay.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	6	2	Everett Thompson moved to accept 51 and 52 together, Sonny Wilson 2nd. Committee felt much as it did for set net "D" permit holders. 200 fathoms for a "D" permit holder also would act as buyback program. Committee feels it could be a way to actually retain permits locally and that you could possibly see an increase in permits locally.
BOF	52	Allow drift gillnet permit stacking for an individual who owns two drift gillnet permits in Bristol Bay and the operation of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear from a vessel with an individual holding two drift gillnet permits.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	6	2	" "
BOF	53	Increase the amount of drift gillnet gear allowed when two permit holders are jointly operating.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	Everett Thompson moved to accept, Sonny Wilson 2nd. Committee feels isn't the intent of permit stacking to have equal amounts of gear in water but to remove gear from water.
BOF	54	Close by the Egegik District Special Harvest Area to commercial salmon fishing for five days during times of high intercept fishing.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	Everett Thompson made motion to accept, Richard Wilson 2nd. Committee felt with the health of the Kvichak River Escapement and other escapements in other districts are doing well and that management is doing their job. Fish and Game also have the ability to do emergency order if escapement is lacking due to intercept.
BOF	55	Modify set gillnet operations in the Ugashik District.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	56	Create an inriver Alagnak River Salmon Fishery Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	6	2	Alexander Tallekpalek made motion to accept and Sonny Wilson 2nd. Committee felt that with the large amount of escapement going up into the Alagnak River there was room for harvest.
BOF	57	Create an inriver Kvichak River Salmon Fishery Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	7	Everett Thompson moved to accept, Sonny Wilson 2nd. Committee felt it was unfair to historically sites around Graveyard to extend line 15 miles above them.
BOF	58	Expand the boundaries of the Naknek Section of the Naknek-Kvichak District.	
	0	8	Sonny Wilson moved to accept, Everett Thompson moved to accept.

<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose			Committee felt that moving the west line would put line over some sand bars and that it would take away the "Y" for anchorage.
BOF	59	Revise boundaries of closed waters at Graveyard Point in the Naknek-Kvichak District.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	8	0	Sonny Wilson moved to accept, Richard Wilson 2nd. Committee feels if they are historical sites they shouldn't be taken away due to erosion. Greg Harris, a local graveyard set netter made comment reiterating that they have always been there.
BOF	60	Create a special harvest area in the Graveyard Creek area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	61	Increase the minimum distance drift gillnet operations must maintain from a set gillnet operation in the Nushagak District.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	62	Increase the minimum distance drift gillnet operations must maintain from a set gillnet operation in the Nushagak District.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	63	Change the seaward minimum distance between set gillnet gear in the Clark's Point area in the Nushagak District.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	64	Increase fishing time for drift gillnet gear during incoming tides in the Nushagak District.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	65	In the Nushagak District repeal emergency order authority to limit gillnet mesh to not exceed four and three-quarters inches.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	66	Amend the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan to establish a fixed escapement goal, change the fishery start date, and repeal language pertaining to pink salmon escapement.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	67	Change the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes in escapement goals that have previously been implemented.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	219	Address allocation impacts that may come from potential changes in escapement goals and trigger points in the Nushagak River Coho Salmon Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	68	Repeal Wood River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	69	Amend the Wood River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan to	

		eliminate management based on Nushagak District drift and set gillnet gear allocations.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	70	Modify the Wood River Sockeye Salmon Special Harvest Area Management Plan to open separate drift and set gillnet fishing periods based on achievement of gear allocation instead of a fixed seasonal fishing period ratio.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	71	Update the description of the Wood River Special Harvest Area by deleting references to regulatory markers.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	72	Change the description of statistical areas in the Nushagak District by deleting references to department regulatory markers, and renaming the Nushagak Statistical Area.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	73	Redefine the description of the Nushagak District and the Igushik Section in the Nushagak District by deleting references to department regulatory markers.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	74	Redefine the description of closed waters for salmon in the Snake River in the Nushagak District by deleting a reference to department regulatory markers.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	75	Reduce the amount of time that certain waters in the Togiak District are closed to commercial fishing for salmon with a drift gillnet.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	76	Change the current description of the Osviak Section in the Togiak District by correcting a GPS coordinate in the description.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	77	Change the Togiak District Salmon Management Plan to reflect recent department escapement goal changes, and remove coho and king salmon goals.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	78	Change the boundaries, methods of harvest, and seasons for subsistence harvests of sockeye salmon in the Naknek River drainage.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	8	0	Richard Wilson moved to accept and Sonny Wilson 2nd. Redfish being a traditional food source for residents of the Naknek River Drainage, Seining would be a way to let loose untargeted species like trout and whitefish.
BOF	79	Eliminate subsistence fishing period for the Naknek, Egegik, and Ugashik Rivers to allow subsistence salmon fishery to occur any time.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	8	0	Sonny Wilson moved to accept, Joe Klutsch 2nd. With subsistence being priority there is no reason for dictating when one can harvest subsistence fish. Allows subsistence users to harvest when weather allows it or when it fits in their schedule better.
BOF	80	Re-describe the subsistence fishing area in the Nushagak District that is restricted to	

		three days per week by removing references to regulatory markers.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	81	Define subsistence fishing boundaries so that the 10 fathom net restriction applies to Dillingham beaches and the 25 fathom net length restriction applies elsewhere, and remove reference to department regulatory markers.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	82	Establish and adopt amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence uses for herring spawn on kelp in waters of the Togiak District.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	83	Allow the traditional harvest of whitefish and non-salmon subsistence fish in specific waters of the Newhalen River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	84	Establish non-retention king salmon sport fishing in the Big Creek drainage of the Naknek River drainage.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	7	Everett Thompson moved to accept, Sonny Wilson 2nd. Committee felt that after the King Salmon were in their own rivers to that they shouldn't be tampered with.
BOF	85	Redefine the sport fishing boundary description for non-retention of king salmon in the Big Creek drainage.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	8	0	Mark Watson moved to accept, Sonny Wilson 2nd. This is a housekeeping issue where a pie shape of the Naknek river is closed off where it's not intended to be.
BOF	86	Implement a mail-in requirement for all king salmon harvest tickets in Bristol Bay sport fisheries.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	Everett Thompson moved to accept, Ralph Zimin 2nd. Committee felt there are enough requirements to harvest.
BOF	87	Eliminate the use of egg-simulating lures in rainbow trout fishing.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	7	1	Everett Thompson moved to accept, Sonny Wilson 2nd. Committee discussed and came to conclusion that parts of the river are areas where people clean their fish which leads to chumming. Throw in an egg stimulate lure and there is want and waste, especially on small trout.
BOF	88	Change the regulatory description for herring purse seine and hand purse seine.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	89	Delete references to sac roe in the Bristol Bay Herring Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	8	0	Everett Thompson moved to accept, Mark Watson 2nd. Committee feels like the intent of the author is to expand the marketability of the Togiak Herring. If deleting reference to sac roe helps at all we are in favor.
BOF	90	Change the management plan to allow the department to waive the catch allocation requirement for gillnet and purse seine fleets.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text
BOF	91	Redefine the description of closed waters for the Togiak herring fishery by deleting	

		references to department regulatory markers.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Click here to enter text

Discussion of Minute Approval for BOF Comments

Not necessary for all committee members to approve minutes but preferable.

Brief Discussion on Unit 9 Caribou. #1621 Wildlife proposal. Changing the statement to "may be announced" from "will be". Small discussion on health of herd.

BOG proposals due March 4th, 2016. Hope to have a meeting in December.

Adjournment: 10:45 PM

Minutes Recorded By: EverettThompson and George Wilson Jr. (Sonny)

Minutes Approved By: EverettThompson and George Wilson Jr. (Sonny)

Date: 11/28/15