

On-Time Advisory Committee Comment List

Lower Cook Inlet | November 30-December 3, 2016

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Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

King Career Center

Tuesday, October 4th at 6:30 pm

1. Meeting called to order at 6:38 PM by Frank Neumann - Acting Chair
2. Invocation by Frank Neumann
3. Pledge of Allegiance by Kevin Taylor
4. Quorum Established - 11 members in attendance
 - Committee members in attendance: Frank Neumann, Kevin Taylor, Phillip Calhoun, Neil DeWitt, Bryce Eckroth, Gerold Gugel, Matt Moore, Brain Nelson, Kenny Rodgers, Trevor Rollman, Martin Weiser.
 - Department members in attendance: Dino Delfratti (sp), Kevin Colson, Todd Renaldi, Bruce Dale, (all ADF&G) and Lt. Paul Fussey AST Wildlife
5. Guests were advised of the public testimony sign up sheet
6. Meeting agenda approved
7. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting with minor corrections
8. Public Testimony
 - Todd Jacobsen & Peter Zimmerman of Cook Inlet Recreational Fishermen addressed the committee to inform them of the feeder king salmon sport fishery that takes place in the offshore ocean waters of Lower Cook Inlet and to garner support for BOF Proposal Numbers 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27. They shared information and data from the Chinook Salmon Initiative and ADF&G and possibly other sources claiming that the majority of the feeder kings caught in this recreational troller fishery were bound for spawning systems in places other than Cook Inlet, Including SE Alaska, British Columbia, Washington & Oregon. Also, a 10 yr average showed 1.8% of the kings caught were bound for the Kenai River. This fishery catches an annual average of 17,000 kings, compared to 100,000 caught in fresh water. The main request they presented, without going into detail on each proposal, was that they would like the current season bag limit of 5 kings be removed and changed to 2 kings per day with no seasonal limit, which would be consistent with other ocean feeder king sport fisheries in Alaska ocean waters.
 - Mark Richards of Resident Hunters of AK gave commentary on the upcoming special meeting of the Board of Game to deal with the Community Harvest Subsistence Moose and Caribou Hunt in Units 11,12 & 13 as requested by the Ahtna Corporation. He gave a short history of how the hunt originated up to the present problem of heavy participation in the hunt resulting in hunt quotas being quickly met.



If ADF&G raises quotas as a response to the Ahtna request will only increase urban participation. "Ahtna is asking to make the situation worse."

Frank asked Mark for his personal opinion - Mark responded that he didn't have one except to do away with the CH hunt. Then he offered suggestions to have registration be in Glenallen and/ or stagger hunt dates.

Mark ended with "We are all subsistence hunters . . . We can't keep fighting."

- Jeff Parker - On the Anc. AC from 1983-2006 came to garner support for BOF Proposals #6 & 7. #6 - Extend Steelhead season on 4 major peninsula streams to end Nov. 30 instead of Oct. 31. #7 - Extend Steelhead season on 4 major peninsula streams to end Nov. 15 instead of Oct. 31. He gave the history that 6 years ago the date for the end of the season was moved to Oct. 31 from Dec. 31 based on anecdotal evidence, not science, that the steelhead stocks in these waters were in trouble. He agreed that it seemed that stocks were in trouble then, but that now (last two years) it seems that stocks are very healthy. He also argued that fishing pressure late in the season is light as weather makes participation more difficult. Also, the fishery is well regulated (single hook, artificial lure, catch and release only & fish may not be removed from water) and fishermen have a strong culture of self-regulation. He feels that if Fish & Game were really concerned about the steelhead stocks they would not allow bait fisheries for Kings and Silvers that overlap with the steelhead run. Kenny Rogers asked when the run peaked; Jeff said that it begins in August and peaks in September and fish keep trickling in. There was a question as to whether fish are being caught multiple times or over-caught or damaged from being over-caught. Jeff responded that multiple-catch does take place mostly on the Anchor River and he knows he catches individual fish multiple times as some of the larger fish can be distinguished by unique markings such as double rainbows, but he does not believe fish are being damaged. He said in his multiple decades of catching hundreds of fish he has only experienced one mortality.

9. Old Business - none

10. New Business - none

11. Committee Reports

Game Sub-Committee

- Ahtna Request
 - Frank invited Bruce Dale, ADF&G Director of Wildlife Conservation to address the whole Committee regarding the Ahtna request for a special tele-conferece meeting of the Board of Game.
 - There was an increase in participation in the Community Harvest Subsistence Hunt this year and Ahtna complained. When the Unit 13E any-bull quota was met in 6 days, Ahtna complained. The Board of Game did not call any special meetings prior to the Ahtna request, but now in response to the Ahtna letter, requesting, among other things, that the hunt revert to regulations from 2009, a



cap be put on the caribou bag limit and on the any-bull bag limit, a special tele-conference meeting of the BOG will happen on Sunday, Oct. 23. The rationale for the short-notice, special meeting being that if changes are to be made for the 2017 season, they must be made before November.

- There is room to increase caribou harvest - the current cap of 300 was not met this year. And, there is a little room to increase the any-bull cap.
- Many comments were received by the department that there were too many people out there for this year's hunt.
- Frank - "Does a reasonable opportunity exist for people to meet ANS?"
 - Bruce –Reasonable opportunity can be a matter of interpretation, and that drawing hunts do not provide reasonable opportunity.
- Neil - "Does Ahtna have a solution?"
 - Bruce - Yes, it is in their letter.
- Frank - "What does this hunt cost to manage?"
 - Bruce - The hunt is complicated and time consuming for staff - from IT staff to field personnel to biologists. Unit 13 has been challenging for a long time. Ahtna is an effective, unified group.
- Motion (Kevin) to discuss the special BOG meeting Oct. 23 (2nd - Neil)
 - Motion carried unanimously
 - Frank shared a rough draft of a letter he wrote for the committee to review for consideration to be sent to the BOG giving the Anchorage AC's recommendation on the matter. The primary message of the letter being that this AC requests that the Board take no action on the Ahtna request at this time due primarily to the inappropriate timing and tele-conference nature of the meeting.
 - Motion (Martin) to send a letter based on Frank's rough draft - recommending the Board of Game take no action (2nd - Phil)
 - discussion about grammatical corrections, softening a sentence or two to show less of Frank's personal opinion about the hunt, and adding slight emphasis and clarification in another place(s).
 - Motion carried unanimously
- Reconsideration of 2nd Degree Kin regulation (previously Proposal 51 at State-wide 2016 BOG meeting)
 - Marty asked ADF&G members present if there was a biological reason for the 2nd Degree of Kin regulation. Basic answer was, 'no'.
 - Frank said that the Anchorage AC was opposed to this proposal when it was introduced as a proposal at the Statewide Meeting last spring.
 - Motion (Kevin) to send a letter in favor of the Board taking up Proposals 19, 49 and 50 to reconsider the 2nd Degree of Kin regulation (2nd Marty).
 - Frank will draft the letter, then give to Joel
 - Motion carried unanimously



- Kenny opened discussion of Lower Cook Inlet BOF Proposal 39 - reinstate the Bear Lake Management Plan to 50/50 Cost-recovery/Common-property, from 100% Cost-recovery.
 - Kenny is not in favor of this
 - Committee voted: 0 in favor, 8 opposed, 3 abstained - to support Proposal 39
- Discussion about Proposal 40 - similar to Proposal 39
 - Motion (Frank) to take up Proposal 40 (2nd - Kenny)
 - Motion did not carry. Vote 1-3-7
 - 7 abstainers did so due insufficient information to make informed vote and the fact that this Proposal is put forth by the Seward AC, which is the best body to deal with the matter.
- Neil opened discussion on BOF proposals 1-5
 - the Committee decided to take no action
- Proposal 19 (feeder king recreational fishery) was brought up for discussion
 - no discussion, no action taken

12. Motion (Neil) to Adjourn (2nd Gerry)

Carried Unanimously - Meeting Adjourned 9:45 PM

Next meeting place and time; The Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, November 1st at the King Career Center Meeting Room.



Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 1st, 2016 at 6:30 pm

Location of Meeting: King Career Center, located at 2650 E Northern Lights Blvd. Anchorage, Alaska

- I. Call to Order: 6:30pm by Joel Doner
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Present: Phillip Calhoun, Jim Bolgiano, Ernie Weiss, Kevin Taylor, Bryce Eckroth (alternate), Willow Hetrick, Joel Doner, Trevor Rollman, Dino Sutherland, Frank Neumann, Neil DeWitt, Matt Moore (alternate), Martin Weiser, and Brian Nelson.
Members Absent: Kenny Rogers (Excused), Gerold (Jerry) Gugel (Unexcused), & Art Nelson (Unexcused).
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Trevor Rollman motioned, Neil DeWitt seconded; approved.
- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** From April 5, 2016. Neil DeWitt motioned, Kevin Taylor seconded; unanimously approved.
- V. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Matt Miller, Jill Klein, Jay Ballard
- VI. **Guests Present:** Jim Stubbs, Zach Stubbs, & George Jacoby
- VII. **Old Business:** None
- VIII. **New Business:**

Federal Subsistence MOU - Jill Klein (Special Assistant to the Commissioner of ADF&G) – template from the pre-existing MOU between the Federal Subsistence Board and the Board of Fish. This version has been through a round of edits through various AC's across the State; more revisions are to come on this version. The Department of Law has been able to look at the document. MOU is for coordinated management of subsistence uses on federal and public lands. Are renewing it because the MOU has expired (November 2014); annual meetings to work through issues relating to the MOU were not taking place. Board of Fish and Board of Game support this MOU, now it is in the AC's for comments. There is no specific deadline for comments on the MOU, but the enactment this MOU is anticipated for Spring 2017. Invited Jill Klein back to present latest version of MOU during Anchorage AC December meeting.

- Anchorage AC Comments/Questions – what are the differences between the old and the new MOU's?
 - In the old MOU, the State had primacy but in this version the Federal entities have primacy.
 - Section 2 has been modified as it was an area that the Sate and the Feds could not agree upon.



- Removed that the MOU would expire. Added an annual meeting an requiring signatures at the annual meetings to re-visit the old and new issues annually.
- Concerns about the implementation of this MOU and the effectiveness, especially regarding data sharing of dually-managed resources.
 - MOU also includes language on protocols on how to share data. Anticipating that with a change in administration, there will be progress in working better together. There is a new regional director at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that the ADF&G is happy to work with. Hoping that the new administration will help relations between the State and Federal agencies will be for the better.
 - Anchorage AC is supportive of the MOU despite lack of trust that the Federal agencies will follow through with the parameters set forth in the MOU as this is a non-binding document.
- IX. Public Testimony:
 - Jim Stubbs –
 - Proposal 6 & 7 (extension of the steelhead season) (opposed). Same steelhead being caught again and again (upwards of 5-8 times). In the past, the AC preferred to error on the side of conservation. Steelhead fishing is catch and release. Concerned about the mortality of fish that are caught multiple times. Last Department study was in 1982, perhaps due to lack of interest or money. Calling to be cautious of the amount of pressure on the steelhead fishery. When water temperatures and river water drops, pressure is even greater and Mr. Stubbs has noticed that they are extra lethargic during this time and thus extra susceptible. The new proposals are lacking data on the mortality of the steelhead. Wanting to err on the side of caution and conservation. This fishery is as busy and as popular as the king salmon run based on # of cars in the parking lot and the # of people on the river. Asking the Anchorage AC to consider the validity of Proposals 6 & 7.
 - Anchorage AC Comments/Questions: Proposers were present at last Anchorage AC meeting; Anchorage AC thanked Mr. Stubbs for attending and giving his perspective.
 - Proposal # 10 (supports) – bait season on the Kenai Peninsula Rivers.
 - Zach Stubbs –
 - Proposal # 10 (author/supports) – bait season in the Kenai Peninsula Rivers. Sheller and Bernstein study (Canada based on ~45,000 fish; an ADF&G study in the early 80's studied ~140 fish). Kenai River is not an actively stocked river like the Anchor River. ADF&G failed or barely made the escapement goals for the Kenai River (in the last 6 years, only met the escapement goals twice). People are catching and releasing kings with bait until they get the big, trophy fish they are looking for. ADF&G prefers to allow bait anytime there is an enhanced river; this proposal is not against the use of bait, but against the option of the catch-and-release king program. This program would apply to everyone on all rivers.
 - Proposal #12 (author/supports) – establishment of a youth king fishery on the Kenai, Kasilof, and Anchor Rivers. This would increase participation in the fisheries in Alaska.



Currently an unsafe situation as the fishery tends to open at night and not safe for young children as it's typically the case that to be successful, fishermen must be on the river as soon as it opens. This proposal would allow for an early opener during the day for children (ages 6-15) to participate offering safer and more successful conditions. Children would be able to catch one fish as part of this program. Believes that there would not be a negative impact on anyone as there would be a gap between youth opener and regular opener and the limit of one fish wouldn't have a large impact. If the children are using bait, Proposal #10 would also apply. In regards to the youth fishery form – there is no such thing right now because the ADF&G doesn't require this right now, but assumes that ADF&G would require this form much like the king stamp program. Within the proposed special use fishery, children would be allowed to get one fish.

- Anchorage AC Comments/Questions – Proposal 12 - anticipate the youth form could potentially present a problem, especially for tracking reasons for the ADF&G.
- Proposal #13 (author/supports) – establishing a disabled/wounded warriors/etc. fishery on the Anchor River, below the bridge. Successfully placed one location on the Russian River for other species. Instead of re-inventing the parameters, would mimic the program that is set up on the Russian River. Would not cost any money to the State of Alaska (donations only); all would be conducted on private funds. Zach Stubbs would spearhead the program, need BOF support.
- George Jacoby –
 - Proposal #10 (support). King salmon do not swallow eggs, the hook placement must be in the mouth to catch the fish. When the eggs are swallowed by other species such as trout, that's when mortality occurs. If people want to cut down on the mortality of king salmon during catch and release, must restrict people from netting the fish or taking too much time to get the hook out of the mouth.
 - Really concerned with the dipnetting on the Kenai Peninsula rivers. The dipnetting fishery is slowing down and the amount of salmon caught is getting less and less. Thinks that the ability to dipnet fish should be revoked.

Game Sub-Committee –Frank Neumann.

- Game Subcommittee will meet Thursday, November 10th at 6:30 pm at Bass Pro meeting room, located at 3046 Mountain View Drive.
- Covering proposals due for Arctic and NW region. Around 40 proposals to review.
- BOG met via teleconference: Ahtna & community harvest was a big ticket item. BOG did not take any action on any of the above proposal.
- BOG is taking proposal suggestions.



LOWER COOK INLET FINFISH NOVEMBER 28–DECEMBER 1, 2016 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	6		Extend the fishing season for Anchor River, Deep Creek, Ninilchik River, and Stariski Creek from Oct 31 through November 30.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	14	Don't see why we should go back to where we were 6 years ago. Without any biological information available, it would be prudent to stay how it is right now until there is further evidence that it is detrimental. ADF&G comments: think that effort is fairly light and the retention of this fishery is low. With lack of data, the Department is going to be supportive.
BOF	7		Extend the fishing season on Anchor River, Deep Creek, Ninilchik River, Stariski Creek through November 15.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	14	Same issue as Prop 6 (just a shorter amount of days extending the season).
BOF	10		Require mandatory retention of king salmon caught with bait on Anchor River, Deep Creek, and the Ninilchik River.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	7	<p>Penalizes people who catch small fish and release them to try to catch a large fish. Eliminated the option to catch and release with bait. Understand the enforcement issues for the law enforcement and/or the ADF&G. ADF&G comments: supports the idea of catching one fish and being done with fishing for the day as it's difficult for enforcement to handle additional regulations. Mortality typically has to do with hook placement and bait tends to cause higher mortality rates as fish take the hook harder.</p> <p>Abstain because it's an enhanced fishery.</p>
BOF	12		Create a youth-only fishery on Anchor, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik rivers.



<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	13	1	<p>Enforcement will be a problem on the Anchor River. Also concerned with the youth fishery form and concerns over the annual bag limit concerns. ADF&G does pursue opportunities to youth fisheries and we should support them in making decision on how and what areas they can manage and handle. There is support from some of the Anchorage AC as youth participation are important and trust that the BOF and/or the ADF&G can work out the details at a later date. Anchorage AC suggests restricting the first mile of the Anchor River to youth fishery. The youth fishery form could be well managed and enforced by ADF&G and law enforcement. ADF&G comments: the Department has several youth fisheries across the State that are largely successful. When the Department does youth fisheries, like hatchery runs areas with safe areas for youth. Concerned with the size and scope of this proposal. ADF&G would look for guidance from the BOF to determine the size of the area for fisheries if the proposal makes it to that stage.</p>
BOF	13	Create a disabled angler-only fishing area on the Anchor River.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	13	0	<p>Support for increasing access opportunities for those less able. The Anchorage AC would give the ADF&G and/or the BOF to work on the details. There is similar access in Homer on the boardwalk. Concerns with the water changing of the Anchor River, but the area proposed (~200 foot area) has historically been the most stable portion of the Anchor River and is fishable water from personal experience. Support the location as proposed. Concerned about regular access to those not disabled, think that it should not be exclusive use area but open to everyone. This is only during the king fishery. ADF&G comments: Ran past the Department of Law; no comments back yet, but BOF does not believe they have the ability to authorize a disability-specific fishery.</p>

Ahtna proposal deadline is November 28, 2016. If Game subcommittee is going to write a proposal, would like the Anchorage AC to meet and discuss. November 15, 2016 will be another meeting.

Next meeting place and time: Anchorage AC will meet Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30 pm at Cabelas meeting room, located at 155 W 104th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99515.

Adjournment: 9:15pm

Minutes Recorded By: Willow Hetrick
 Minutes Approved By: Joel Doner
 Date: November 15, 2016

Executive Session Held



**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
October 11, 2016
NERRS Building**

I Call to Order: 6:03 pm by Dave Lyon, chair

II. Roll Call Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), Tom Young (vice chair), Thomas Hagberg (acting secretary), Joey Alred, Michael Craig, Jim Meesis, Lee Martin, Dennis Wade, Gary Sinnhuber, Doug Malone, Marvin Peters, Wes Humbyrd, Phillip Jones.

Members Absent: George Matz (excused), Ty Gates.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mike Booz, Elisa Russ, Tim Bristol,

VI. Guests Present: Lindsey Bloom, Beaver Nelson, Bill Oderway, Sid Wolfogel, Al Carwell, Pete Zimmerman.

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business: None

<p align="center">LOWER COOK INLET FINFISH NOVEMBER 28–DECEMBER 1, 2016 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES</p>			
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	1	Amend the fishing season and closed waters so that personal use fishery does not open on a fixed date.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	Simple housekeeping and clarification at the department's request.
BOF	2	Establish and define the Port Graham Section and English Bay Section in the Port Graham Subdistrict.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	6	1 A-3	Same comment as Proposal 1.
BOF	3	Amend waters closed to commercial salmon fishing in the Kamishak District and Outer District of Lower Cook Inlet.	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	A- 2	Same comment as Proposal 1.
BOF	4	Clarify procedures for obtaining and submitting log sheets for the Cook Inlet commercial sablefish fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	A-1	Same comment as Proposal 1.
BOF	6	Extend the fishing season for Anchor River, Deep Creek, Ninilchik River, and Stariski Creek from Oct 31 through November 30.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Too much pressure. Catch and release kills. Wasn't that long ago we closed these streams in November. Still a good management plan. Fish need a break from pressure. No additional C & R mortality.
BOF	7	Extend the fishing season on Anchor River, Deep Creek, Ninilchik River, Stariski Creek through November 15.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Too much pressure. Catch and release kills. Wasn't that long ago we closed these streams in November. Still a good management plan. Fish need a break from pressure. No additional C & R mortality.
BOF	8	Extend the start date for king salmon fishery on the Ninilchik from July 1 to June 16.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	A -1	More opportunity to harvest fish when they are still in good shape.
BOF	9	Increase the bag limit for king salmon on the Ninilchik River to 2 per day, only 1 may be wild.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	A-2	Would increase utilization of hatchery stocks more effectively, perhaps take pressure of other streams.
BOF	19	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> by starting the season August 10.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	More comments included at future meeting.
BOF	39	Reinstate <i>Bear Lake Management Plan</i> with an equal allocation between cost recovery and common property fisheries.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Committee responded to information presented by public at the meeting.
BOF	41	Amend the <i>Bear Lake Special Harvest Area</i> to exclude nearshore marine waters in Resurrection Bay.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Work on reducing conflict between sport / commercial.
BOF	43	Reduce closed waters for commercial groundfish in Kachemak Bay.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Reducing closed area will benefit small boats, especially in bad weather. May benefit crab by reducing cod numbers near where they are most abundant.

Adjournment: 8:45

Minutes Recorded By: Thomas Hagberg

Minutes approved by Dave Lyon 11/9/2016



**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
October 25, 2016
NERRS Building**

L Call to Order: 6:05 pm by Dave Lyon, chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), Tom Young (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Joey Allred, Michael Craig, Jim Meesis, Lee Martin, Dennis Wade, Thomas Hagberg, Gary Sinnhuber, Doug Malone, Marvin Peters,

Members Absent: Ty Gates (excused), Phillip Jones (excused), Wes Humbyrd

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mike Booz, Carol Korkvilet, Glenn Hollowell

VI. Guests Present: Tom Schroeder

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business: None

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BOF	10		Require mandatory retention of king salmon caught with bait on Anchor River, Deep Creek, and the Ninilchik River.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9 A-3	The discussion by the AC was not about the merits of requiring “bleeders” to be kept, which most seemed to agree with, but whether using bait actually results in any more mortality than other types of lures. It was felt that the type of bait can also make a difference. For instance, herring are more deeply swallowed by a caught fish than eggs.



BOF	11	Create a youth-only fishery on Anchor, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik rivers.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	This proposal creates too much opportunity for parents to use kids as a surrogate for getting an early jump on others to fishing. Also, it would be difficult to enforce. Because of limited size, the Anchor, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik Rivers are not a good choice for a youth-only fishing. The AC has supported youth fishing in the Nick Dudiak Lagoon. This site has easy access and less opportunity for entanglement with other fishermen.
BOF	12	Create a youth-only fishery on Anchor, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik rivers.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	This proposal creates too much opportunity for parents to use kids as a surrogate for getting an early jump on others to fishing. Also, it would be difficult to enforce. Because of limited size, the Anchor, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik Rivers are not a good choice for a youth-only fishing. The AC has supported youth fishing in the Nick Dudiak Lagoon. This site has easy access and less opportunity for entanglement with other fishermen.
BOF	13	Create a disabled angler-only fishing area on the Anchor River.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11 A-1	The Anchor River is not an appropriate place for creating a disabled-angler area. Prime fishing spots are few and small and having a disabled-angler area could seriously block opportunity for other fisherman. Also, the cost would likely be extremely high due to flood damage which occurs regularly. An appropriate place would be the Nick Dudiak Lagoon, which already has an easily access ramp for disabled fisherman.
BOF	14	Allow snagging for sockeye salmon in all Cook Inlet freshwater lakes (<i>This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting</i>).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	
BOF	28	Reduce Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery bag limit to one king salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	This proposal is concerned with the status of king salmon stocks in the Upper Cook Inlet. However, the feeder kings caught in the marine waters of Lower Cook Inlet are not the same stock.
BOF	29	Allow anglers fishing from non-motorized vessels to keep fishing in the Cook Inlet special harvest areas after harvesting a king salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action	NA		Other proposals by AD&G will nullify the needs for this.
BOF	30	Increase the king salmon daily bag limit to 10 king salmon under 20" at the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	0	This proposal was submitted by the Homer AC. This would allow keeping jack kings, thereby getting them out of the gene pool, without being counting towards the daily bag limit for kings. Without this, this is not much incentive to keep a jack.
BOF	31	Create an archery fishery for salmon in waters of Kachemak Bay open to snagging.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	8	0 A- 4	Those that abstained are not familiar enough with the issue.



BOF	32	Open Lower Cook Inlet ling cod season on June 15 instead of July 1.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11 A - 1	Given the current condition of ling cod stocks, it is inappropriate to increase the opportunity for harvest.
BOF	34	Allow party fishing in Cook Inlet salt and freshwaters for all species except king salmon <i>(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting).</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	11	The AC questions the assertion that party fishing occurs with 95% of guided party's. This proposal, if enacted, might make it difficult for fisherman who may want to have their fished marked and returned to them. Favoritism by the charter captain/crew might result in better fish to someone besides who caught it. Rights might be abused with this proposal.
BOF	36	Move eastern boundary near Halibut Cove where commercial set gillnet gear is permitted.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	3	1 A-8	Most abstentions were due to unfamiliarity with the issue. Also, there was some uncertainty as to whether this should be resolved through the BOF process.
BOF	37	Open water of the Outer District east of Gore Point to commercial salmon fishing under regular fishing periods.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	
BOF	42	Amend lawful gear to allow groundfish pots to be connected when commercial fishing for sablefish in the Cook Inlet Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	A-1	Abstained vote was due to being unfamiliar with the issue.

Upper Cook Inlet BOF Proposals

BOF	167	Close the Kenai River personal use fishery when the late run king salmon sport fishery is closed.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	3	6 A-3	The AC generally agreed that kings should not be allowed by dip netters, but comparing kings caught by dip netters to those caught by set or drift nets is not accurate. Kings caught in dip nets can be easily released immediately after entering the net and without being taken out of the water.
BOF	194	Create a size limit for lake trout on Hidden Lake.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	0 A -3	Ice fishing for lake trout on Hidden Lake is increasing and catch size is decreasing. Unless there are restrictions on keeping larger fish, this stock will continue to decline.
BOF	196	Prohibit dip nets from being attached to a vessel.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	4	6 A-2	Comparing a dip net to a trawler seems to be an exaggeration.
BOF	197	Prohibit dipnetting from a vessel that is not anchored in the Kenai and Kasilof river personal use fisheries.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	7 A -3	Given the boat traffic associated with dip netting and the swift current, anchoring in the Kenai River may create a safety problem.



BOF	198	Prohibit webbing in personal use dip nets that exceeds 2.5 inch stretched measure.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	3	7 A-2	Comparing a dip net to a gill net is misleading. Dip nets are much smaller and hand held. Despite similar mesh sizes, the operations are much different.
BOF	199	Prohibit dipnetting on the Kasilof River from a vessel with a motor on board greater than 10 horsepower.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9 A-3	
BOF	200	Amend the number of king salmon that may be retained in the Upper Cook Inlet personal use fishery to 10 king salmon under 20 inches.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	5	6 A-1	The intent of the PU fishery is to catch red salmon, not kings. Allowing up to 10 kings to be caught, even if under 20 inches, changes the intent of the fishery.
BOF	204	Extend the boundary of the Kenai River personal use dip net boat fishery upstream to Cunningham Park.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	3	6 A-3	
BOF	205	Allow shore based personal use dipnetting in the Kenai River upstream to Skilak Lake.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	This proposal gives special rights to select property owners. If this were allowed, the public should be allowed to fish these properties.

Adjournment: 8:40

Next Meeting; November 8 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz
 Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon
 Date Approved : 11 / 9 / 2016



**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
November 8, 2016
NERRS Building**

I Call to Order: 6:05 pm by Dave Lyon, chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), George Matz (secretary), Michael Craig, Jim Meesis, Lee Martin, Dennis Wade, Thomas Hagberg, Gary Sinnhuber, Doug Malone, Marvin Peters, Wes Humbyrd.

Members Absent: Ty Gates, Phillip Jones, Joey Allred, Tom Young (vice chair).

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mike Booz, Carol Kerkvliet, Barbi Failor, Jan Rumble

VI. Guests Present:

Mike Benot – charter, Colt Belmonte – sport, Dave Olsen – sport, Norm Schneider – sport, Shane Blakely – charter, Josh Brooks – charter, Tom Huff – charter, Lynn Whitmore – self, Tom Schroeder – self, Teague Vanek – self, Pete Zimmerman - CIRF, Daniel Donich – CIRF, Jane Miles – sport, Kathy McDonough – sport, Steve Tutt – charter/sport, Larry Cabana – sport, Erica Walli - sport/commercial, Jim House – charter/sport, Eric Lehm – charter/sport, Scott Ulmer – sport, Steve Walli and John MacLaine

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business: Considerable discussion about proposals to be reviewed tonight.

<p align="center">LOWER COOK INLET FINFISH NOVEMBER 28–DECEMBER 1, 2016 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES</p>			
<p>Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form</p>			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal



BOF	15	Modify the king salmon bag and possession limit north of the latitude of Bluff Point, the Cook Inlet harvest record requirement, and the winter king salmon management plan to include all Cook Inlet salt waters from September 1 through March 31, and review the guideline harvest level.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	After review of data in "Progress Report on Genetic and Coded Wire Tag Mixed Stock Analysis of Chinook Salmon Harvested in Cook Inlet Marine Sport Fishery, 2014–2016" the AC was satisfied that opening the winter king salmon season a month earlier would affect only feeder kings and not kings that spawn in Cook Inlet streams. There was also considerable discussion about the origin of the feeder kings and whether these include any stocks in the Pacific NW that might be at risk.
BOF	16	Redefine fishing area, species that may be retained, the goal of the <i>Cook Inlet Saltwater Early-run King Salmon Management Plan</i> , and eliminate special harvest areas, and clarify that guides and their crew may not fish for king salmon while guiding.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	6	O A- 5	Support for redefining fishing areas, but uncertainty about not allowing guides or their crew to fish for kings while guiding.
BOF	17	Remove the special harvest areas and extend the distance from shore an angler can fish for king salmon after harvesting a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	ADF&G explanation.
BOF	18	Align the saltwater closed area season with inriver run timing and freshwater regulations.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	6 A- 4	ADF&G explanation.
BOF	19	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> by starting the season August 10.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9 A-2	The AC was agreeable to an earlier opening date of Sept. 1, but not comfortable with moving the opening date even earlier to Aug. 10 and felt that there needed more of a time gap with in river fishing.
BOF	20	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> by extending season to April 30.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	10	An amendment to change the winter date to April 15 failed 4,7. The AC felt that this proposal was too aggressive and doesn't allow enough slack when migrating kings are expected to arrive in the area.
BOF	21	Eliminate king salmon annual limit for Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	6	4 A -1	An amendment to change the first line from "Anchor Point Light' to Bluff Point (59° 40.00' N. Lat.) passed 9,1,1. The amended proposal passed. The general argument was that the king limit for Cook Inlet should be similar to other Alaska coastal waters.



BOF	22	Eliminate harvest record requirement for Alaska residents for king salmon in Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	3	6 A-2	An amendment to change the first line from "Anchor Point Light" to Bluff Point (59° 40.00' N. Lat.) passed 9,1,1. Nevertheless, the vote on the amended proposal failed.
BOF	23	Eliminate harvest record requirement for Alaska residents for king salmon in Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	3	5 A-3	An amendment to change the first line from "Anchor Point Light" to Bluff Point (59° 40.00' N. Lat.) passed 9,1,1. There was some confusion as to how this proposal is different than Proposal 22. It was also stated that the proposer has too many proposals that seemed to overlap.
BOF	24	Eliminate harvest limit for king salmon harvested in Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10 A -1	An amendment to change the first line from "Anchor Point Light" to Bluff Point (59° 40.00' N. Lat.) passed 9,1,1. A concern of the AC is that harvest levels that are too liberal will attract more fishing pressure and that the added pressure might not be sustainable. Not having a harvest level for areas not on the road system does not result in the same pressure that the Kachemak Bay could experience.
BOF	25	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> to specify that the plan applies to king salmon of Cook Inlet spawning origin.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	The management plan goal should recognize that based on recent studies, the winter king harvest does not include fish that spawn in Cook Inlet streams and therefore it doesn't need to regulate harvest according to the GHL.
BOF	26	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> to specify that the plan applies to king salmon of Cook Inlet spawning origin.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	7	1 A -3	
BOF	27	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> by removing the guideline harvest level.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	1 A -1	After considerable discussion, there was general agreement that the Guideline Harvest Level needs to be changed to reflect more recent data. But the AC also expressed reservations about being too aggressive with allowing greater harvests, thereby attracting more fishing pressure which might not be anticipated by more liberal harvest levels.
BOF	45	Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet commercial rockfish fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Agree with ADF&G presentation.
BOF	46	Increase the trip limit for rockfish in the <i>Cook Inlet Rockfish Management Plan</i> .	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	8 A -1	



**UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH
FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 8, 2017**

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form

BOF	143	Increase the amount of smelt that may be taken in the Cook Inlet commercial smelt fishery from 100 tons to 200 tons annually.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	0 A -1	Some questions asked on the proposer related to how this might impact Cook Inlet Beluga whales. It was mentioned that fishing takes place in the river, past where the hooligan might be preyed on by Beluga whales. The abstention vote was based on a lack of information regarding how an increase in this fishery might impact overall population of the stock.

Adjournment: 8:20

Next meeting at 6:00 at the KBRR Bldg. on Tuesday Dec 13.

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz
Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon
Date Approved: Nov. 9, 2016



Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Date – 11/07/16
Location of Meeting – Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association

I. Call to Order: at 6:xxpm by Chair Mike Crawford

II. Roll Call:

Name	Member Present	Member Absent	Member Excused
Al Belknap – At Large	X		
Alex Agosti – At Large		X	X
Andrew Carmichael – Subsistence		X	
Christine Brandt – Commercial Fishing	X		
Dick Dykema - Trapping		X	
Dyer Van Devere – Commercial Fishing	X		
Greg Geller – Sport Fishing Guide Seat, Alternate	X		
Jerry Strieby – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	X		
Joe Bressler – At Large		X	
Joe Thomas – At Large	X		
Marlene Loomis – At Large		X	
Michelle Williams – Hunting		X	
Mike Crawford – Chair, Sport Fishing Guide Seat	X		
Monte Roberts – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	X		
Paul Shadura II – Commercial Fish – Vice Chair	X (late)		
Todd Smith – Commercial Fish, Alternate	X		
Will Lee – Secretary, Personal Use		X	X

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Approval of Agenda:

Introduction of board members and new members

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

VI. Guests Present:

Gary Fandrei ED of CIAA to talk about proposals 39,40,41. Cost recovery fisheries.

When they were enabled to have cost recovery in saltwater, they were limited to a 50/50 split, which had a sunset clause. That rule expired. Have been getting as much as possible out of cost recovery to pay for Lower Cook Inlet fishery enhancement. There was quite a bit of controversy



between cost recovery and sport harvesters in 2015. CIAA worked with ADFG to reduce conflict in 2016 – did a lot of the harvesting at night.

Prop 39 – proposes to go back to 50/50 split. CIAA long range goal is less than 50/50 once Tutka and Pt. Graham hatcheries are online (they are close). Another option is to modify the salmon enhancement tax. 99% of the fish caught in the resurrection bay sockeye fishery are marked hatchery fish. Other options for cost recovery are China Poot, Hazel, and Kirchner lake.

Prop 40 – proposes to remove a portion of the special harvest area from same. Focuses on area below Nash road. Only area open to sport fishing for salmon. Tough area to perform a cost recovery area. All private land. Effectively this proposal does not open up area for sport fishing, but it closes the area for cost recovery fishing.

Prop 41 – proposes to create a 50ft buffer (from shore) in part of the SHA for cost recovery harvesters, and 100yd buffer in others. This proposal would exclude the primary Cost Recovery area because this is where CIAA places the net pens, and this is where the fish return to. Would not close common property (sport/commercial) fisheries open in this area.

Mike questioned whether a cost recovery closure on the weekends would be a viable solution. Gary said that he thought that the nighttime fishery in 2016 worked pretty well in minimizing conflict.

- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:

LOWER COOK INLET FINFISH NOVEMBER 28–DECEMBER 1, 2016 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	1		Amend the fishing season and closed waters so that personal use fishery does not open on a fixed date.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	8	0	
BOF	2		Establish and define the Port Graham Section and English Bay Section in the Port Graham Subdistrict.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			We support ADFG's efforts to simplify/clarify regulations.
BOF	3		Amend waters closed to commercial salmon fishing in the Kamishak District and Outer District of Lower Cook Inlet.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			We support ADFG's efforts to simplify/clarify regulations.



BOF	4	Clarify procedures for obtaining and submitting log sheets for the Cook Inlet commercial sablefish fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	8	0	We support ADFG's efforts to simplify/clarify regulations.
BOF	5	Clarify procedures for obtaining and submitting log sheets for the Cook Inlet commercial rockfish fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	8	0	We support ADFG's efforts to simplify/clarify regulations.
BOF	6	Extend the fishing season for Anchor River, Deep Creek, Ninilchik River, and Stariski Creek from Oct 31 through November 30.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	8	0	We believe this opportunity would be sustainable and low impact due to low participation this time of year.
BOF	7	Extend the fishing season on Anchor River, Deep Creek, Ninilchik River, Stariski Creek through November 15.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on prop#6.
BOF	8	Extend the start date for king salmon fishery on the Ninilchik from July 1 to June 16.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	7	We support increased opportunity if it is sustainable. No info from ADFG to help determine if it is sustainable or not. Also concerns over whether habitat could support it or not.
BOF	9	Increase the bag limit for king salmon on the Ninilchik River to 2 per day, only 1 may be wild.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	Lots of pressure on the lower peninsula streams already.
BOF	10	Require mandatory retention of king salmon caught with bait on Anchor River, Deep Creek, and the Ninilchik River.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	6	Some board members felt that this would be a tough rule to enforce – people might just sake fish off in order to keep fishing. Also no real conservation need for this proposal.
BOF	11	Create a youth-only fishery on Anchor, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik rivers.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	6	We support youth fishing, but do not think there is a need for an exclusive youth-only fishery.
BOF	12	Create a youth-only fishery on Anchor, Deep Creek, and Ninilchik rivers.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	8	Based on action taken on 11
BOF	13	Create a disabled angler-only fishing area on the Anchor River.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	We support increased access for disabled persons, however we are uncomfortable with exclusivity.
BOF	14	Allow snagging for sockeye salmon in all Cook Inlet freshwater lakes (<i>This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting</i>).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	This is not needed to provide harvest opportunity in lakes. Sockeye will bite in lakes if presented with suitable tackle.
BOF	15	Modify the king salmon bag and possession limit north of the latitude of Bluff Point, the Cook Inlet harvest record requirement, and the winter king salmon management plan to include all Cook Inlet salt waters from September 1 through March 31, and review the guideline harvest level.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	3	1	Generally supportive, but questions about ADFG's intentions towards the GHL. We support a review of the GHL but would appreciate some scientific input on the matter.



BOF	16	Redefine fishing area, species that may be retained, the goal of the <i>Cook Inlet Saltwater Early-run King Salmon Management Plan</i> , and eliminate special harvest areas, and clarify that guides and their crew may not fish for king salmon while guiding.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	7	1	We support this proposal in concept but feel it is quite broad, covers multiple issues, and may have unintended consequences. We advise the board to carefully consider and discuss the same.
BOF	17	Remove the special harvest areas and extend the distance from shore an angler can fish for king salmon after harvesting a king salmon 20 inches or greater in length.	
Tabled			Tabled due to lack of understanding.
BOF	18	Align the saltwater closed area season with inriver run timing and freshwater regulations.	
Tabled			Tabled.
BOF	19	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> by starting the season August 10.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on actions taken on Prop 15
BOF	20	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> by extending season to April 30.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on actions taken on Prop 15
BOF	21	Eliminate king salmon annual limit for Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on actions taken on Prop 15
BOF	22	Eliminate harvest record requirement for Alaska residents for king salmon in Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on actions taken on Prop 15
BOF	23	Eliminate harvest record requirement for Alaska residents for king salmon in Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on actions taken on Prop 15
BOF	24	Eliminate harvest limit for king salmon harvested in Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on actions taken on Prop 15
BOF	25	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> to specify that the plan applies to king salmon of Cook Inlet spawning origin.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on actions taken on Prop 15
BOF	26	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> to specify that the plan applies to king salmon of Cook Inlet spawning origin.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	Most board members felt that some sort of GHL is needed for this fishery. Were definitely uncomfortable getting rid of it, and also uncomfortable with the implication that no kings harvested in this fishery are of Cook Inlet origin.
BOF	27	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> by removing the guideline harvest level.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	Same comments as Prop 26.
BOF	28	Reduce Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery bag limit to one king salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	
BOF	30	Increase the king salmon daily bag limit to 10 king salmon under 20" at the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon.	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	8	0	
BOF	31	Create an archery fishery for salmon in waters of Kachemak Bay open to snagging.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	
BOF	39	Reinstate <i>Bear Lake Management Plan</i> with an equal allocation between cost recovery and common property fisheries.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	
BOF	40	Amend the <i>Bear Lake Special Harvest Area</i> to exclude fresh waters that are currently open to salmon sport fishing.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	7	This area is not optimal for cost recovery fishing anyhow.
BOF	41	Amend the <i>Bear Lake Special Harvest Area</i> to exclude nearshore marine waters in Resurrection Bay.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	Nighttime cost recovery fishery seemed to minimize conflict.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Todd Smith
Minutes Approved By: Mike Crawford
Date: 11/14/2016



**Seldovia Fish & Game Advisory Committee
October 11, 2016
Seldovia Public Library Multipurpose room**

- I. Call to Order by Acting Chair Michael Opheim at 7:13 pm
 - II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Michael Opheim, Allison Miller, Walt Sonen
Members Absent: Jordan Cameron, Keith Gain, Alvin Swick, Keith Swick
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
 - III. Approval of Agenda: Committee added discussion of Seldovia Tribal ACR for BOG.
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Seldovia Fish & Game Advisory Committee held an election meeting on Monday, January 12, 2015. Agenda included preparation of comments on the Southcentral Region Board of Game proposals and the minutes were posted online 2/9/2015.
- IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Sherry Wright via teleconference till 7:35 pm.
 - V. Guests Present: Jeff Snedgen, Steven Payton
 - VI. New Business: Elections were held with Walt Sonen (regular seat) and Steven Payton (alternate seat) both with terms expiring 6/2019. Officer elections were held with Michael Opheim as Chair and Allison Miller as Secretary. Both were done by unanimous consent.

2 letters of support came out of the meeting. One was in support of the Seldovia Village Tribes Agenda Change Request for black bears in subunits 15C and 7. Letter two was in support of the Fish Habitat Permitting Law Proposal put in by the Alaska Board of Fisheries. This request for action will help ensure Alaska Salmon and the constitutional mandate for sustainable yield are not compromised as our state pursues increases in development opportunities. This Fish Habitat Permitting Law has not been updated since around statehood.

We also were in support of the reauthorization of the antlerless moose hunt in the Homer area.



**LOWER COOK INLET FINFISH
NOVEMBER 28–DECEMBER 1, 2016
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	14	Allow snagging for sockeye salmon in all Cook Inlet freshwater lakes (<i>This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting</i>).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	4	If they reach the lakes they should be allowed to spawn.
BOF	19	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> by starting the season August 10.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	4	Proposals 19-27 that we opposed was asking to start the winter king salmon fishery on August 10 th to March 31 st . Then also do away with recording and reporting those king salmon because they aren't generally Alaskan fish. They are someone's fish and what happens here will affect those areas the fish are going to at some point return back to.
BOF	20	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> by extending season to April 30.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	4	Same reason as Prop 19.
BOF	21	Eliminate king salmon annual limit for Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	4	Same reason as Prop 19.
BOF	22	Eliminate harvest record requirement for Alaska residents for king salmon in Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	4	Same reason as Prop 19.
BOF	23	Eliminate harvest record requirement for Alaska residents for king salmon in Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	4	Same reason as Prop 19.
BOF	24	Eliminate harvest limit for king salmon harvested in Lower Cook Inlet marine fishery south of Anchor Point Light.	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	4	Same reason as Prop 19.
BOF	25	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> to specify that the plan applies to king salmon of Cook Inlet spawning origin.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	4	Same reason as Prop 19.
BOF	26	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> to specify that the plan applies to king salmon of Cook Inlet spawning origin.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	4	Same reason as Prop 19.
BOF	27	Amend <i>Lower Cook Inlet Winter Salt Water King Salmon Sport Fishery Management Plan</i> by removing the guideline harvest level.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	4	Same reason as Prop 19.
BOF	31	Create an archery fishery for salmon in waters of Kachemak Bay open to snagging.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	4	Proposal 31 we opposed because it was asking for a bow fishery because Pike had been eradicated on the kenai peninsula. This person wanted to from what we could understand in the proposal open up everything that was open to snagging above the Homer spit to also include bow fishing. We felt this proposal could do with some better explanations of gear type and if this was going to be done by boat or from the beach. Other states do allow this and maybe some documentation from this person might have helped their case.
BOF	35	Define the existing seaward boundaries of areas where commercial set gillnets may be operated in the Southern District using Global Positioning System coordinates.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	4	0	Proposal 35 we did support because this actually sounded like it would better lay out the 1000 foot limit for set net fisheries using GPS points.
BOF	36	Move eastern boundary near Halibut Cove where commercial set gillnet gear is permitted.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	4	0	Proposal 36 we supported because it was bringing into line an old mistake that was made by DNR where they leased a shore fishery that was approximately 400 feet beyond the regulatory boundary. This location was fished for the past 22 years since it was leased. The proposal would align the closed water and shore lease fishery boundaries.
BOF	42	Amend lawful gear to allow groundfish pots to be connected when commercial fishing for sablefish in the Cook Inlet Area.	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	4	0	Proposal 42 we supported because it would amend lawful gear to allow ground fish pots to be used in the black cod fishery in Cook Inlet area. These pots would be longlined instead of having a buoy attached to each pot. This would also possibly cut down on loss of black cod to the whales that have learned to pull the fish off the hooks as they come up to the boat.
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Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Allison Miller
Minutes Approved By: Michael Opheim
Date: 10/13/2016



SEWARD FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 3, 2016

- 1. Call to Order 1907 Hrs.**
- 2. Roll call: Bob White, Dianne Watson, Jim McCracken, WC Casey, Mark Clements, Ken Carpenter, Jim Hubbard present.**

- 3. Citizens comments on Fish & Game issues:**

Art Walters, who is blind, made a presentation concerning the intentional feeding of dog food to crows and ravens by a resident at the low income housing unit he resides at. Mr. Walters wanted crows and ravens to be listed as nuisance species with the Dept. so feeding would become illegal. The Seward AC informed Mr. Walters of the lengthy process of working thru the State. The AC suggested a place to start would be with a meeting with the manager of the units to review rental agreements and what is allowed and not allowed. Another option would be to approach City Council in an effort to classify crows and ravens as nuisance species within City limits which would make feeding illegal. Trooper Sans offered to meet with Mr. Walters and review other options such as fake owls which may be effective in keeping the birds at bay.

- 4. Area sports biologist update: Wild and Hatchery returns to Resurrection Bay in 2016 were below historical averages.**

Jay Baumer reviewed the stream counts which were conducted the last 2 weeks of Oct. Stream surveys have been conducted in the Seward area since the 1960's. There have been lapses in the data but there are 29 years of documentation. 400 coho were counted which corresponds to numbers not seen since the 1970's. CIAA obtained by emergency order the right to keep all coho that were collected at the Bear Lake weir for brood stock.

- 5. Old Business: Kids Fishing Day report by AC member Ken Carpenter:**

Mr. Carpenter reported that the 2016 Kid's Fishing Day was a success once again. The fish were planted in First Lake. However, there was no grate in place to keep them there. It appears as the fish found their way into the creek. Once the fish were located and with a bit of co-ordination by AC members, the kids were able to rotate in and out of the prime fishing areas. 52 kids participated. Mr. Carpenter accepted the chair position for the 2017 event and will meet with the subcommittee at a later date.

- 6. New Business: Review of LCI fish and Statewide Crab proposals for the 2016 meetings.**

SEWARD FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE REVIEW OF 2016 LCI PROPOSALS

PROP 4: CLARIFY PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING AND SUBMITTING LOGSHEETS FOR THE COOK INLET COMMERCIAL SABLEFISH FISHERY.

7-0 SUPPORT

Discussion revolved around the fact that these are very small fisheries with a limited amount of participation. Although one AC member thought it would be a lot of paperwork for little return, the majority felt it was a housekeeping measure for the Department.



PROP 5: CLARIFY PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING & SUBMITTING LOGSHEETS FOR THE COOK INLET COMMERCIAL ROCKFISH FISHERY.

No action because of position taken on Prop 4.

PROP 6: EXTEND THE FISHING SEASON IN THE ANCHOR RIVER, DEEP CREEK, NINILCHIK RIVER, AND STARISKI CK FROM OCT 31 THRU NOV. 30.

6 SUPPORT, 1 ABSTENTION. Abstained vote because of lack of knowledge concerning these fisheries.

We felt the increased fishing opportunities for mainly locals to be a good thing. There is typically 4000 angler hrs. for the total Lower Peninsula streams thru early Nov. We foresee no big increase in effort if this proposal were to pass. The weather will ultimately determine when the fishery will close.

PROP 10: REQUIRE MANDATORY RETENTION OF KING SALMON CAUGHT WITH BAIT ON ANCHOR RIVER, DEEP CREEK, AND THE NINILCHIK RIVER.

6 OPPOSED, 1 ADSTENTION. Abstaining vote could see both sides.

Discussion: It was noted that those anglers using artificial were also able to cull for size. Enforcement would be a problem.

PROP 15: MODIFY THE KING SALMON BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT NORTH OF THE LAT. OF BLUFF PT, THE COOK INLET HARVEST REQUIREMENT, AND THE WINTER KING MANAGEMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE ALL COOK INLET SALT WATERS FROM SEPT 1 THRU MARCH 31 AND REVIEW THE GHL.

7-0 SUPPORT

We are good with the Sept 1 start date as opposed to the 10-1 date now in regulation. Kings are already up their natal streams by this date. This would also increase fishing opportunity. The current GHL was put forward by the Homer LAMP in 2002. At the time, the 3000 fish number was thought to give the fishery room to grow. We would support any change to the GHL that catch data and valid science would determine as thru the Dept.

PROP 19: AMEND LOWER COOK INLET WINTER SALT WATER KING SALMON SPORT FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN BY STARTING THE SEASON AUGUST 10.

7-0 OPPOSED

There is the possibility that there are still straggler kings entering Cook Inlet systems thru August. King salmon harvest would increase.

PROP 20: AMEND LOWER COOK INLET WINTER SALT WATER KING SALMON SPORT FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN BY EXTENDING SEASON TO APRIL 30.

7-0 OPPOSED

Early run kings are in the Kenai in May. There must be spawners present in the Inlet in April. Possibility for increased harvest of local kings.

PROP 21: ELIMINATE KING SALMON ANNUAL LIMIT FOR LOWER COOK INLET MARINE FISHERY SOUTH OF ANCHOR POINT LIGHT.

7-0 OPPOSED

The genetics show that the king salmon caught in the winter fishery are not local Cook Inlet stocks. This is NOT a reason to lift all the restrictions that have been in place since 2002. We do not agree with the premise that the kings caught in the winter LCI king salmon fishery are non-local fish and therefore we should be able to kill as many as possible. Work needs to be done to reduce the conflict between the winter and summer king salmon management plans.



PROP 22: ELIMINATE HARVEST RECORD REQUIREMENT FOR ALASKA RESIDENTS FOR KING SALMON IN LOWER COOK INLET MARINE FISHERY SOUTH OF ANCHOR POINT LIGHT.

PROP 24: ELIMINATE HARVEST LIMIT FOR KING SALMON HARVESTED IN LOWER COOK INLET MARINE FISHERY SOUTH OF ANCHOR POINT LIGHT.

Motion to amend and adopt Prop 22 with Prop 24 because they are the same. 7-0 in favor of amendment.

7-0 OPPOSED TO PROP 22 & 24

Basically opposed for the same arguments as outlined in Prop 21. These are not our fish and we should be able to kill them all. There should be some harvest accountability.

PROP 23: ELIMINATE HARVEST RECORD REQUIREMENT FOR ALASKA RESIDENTS FOR KING SALMON IN LOWER COOK INLET MARINE FISHERY SOUTH OF ANCHOR POINT LIGHT.

7-0 OPPOSED

It is important to send a message that there should be no separate regulations in LCI for resident and non-resident anglers.

PROP 25: AMEND LOWER COOK INLET WINTER SALT WATER KING SALMON SPORT FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN TO SPECIFY THAT THE PLAN APPLIES TO KING SALMON OF COOK INLET SPAWNING ORIGIN

PROP 26: AMEND LOWER COOK INLET WINTER SALT WATER KING SALMON SPORT FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN TO SPECIFY THAT THE PLAN APPLIES TO KING SALMON OF COOK INLET SPAWNING ORIGIN.

Motion to amend and adopt Prop 25 with Prop 26 because they are the same.

Amendment supported 7-0.

7-0 OPPOSED TO PROPS 25 & 26

Basically opposed for the same arguments as outlined in Prop 21. These are not our fish and we should be able to kill them all. There should be some harvest accountability.

PROP 27: AMEND LOWER COOK INLET WINTER SALT WATER KING SALMON SPORT FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN BY REMOVING THE GUIDELINE HARVEST LEVEL.

7-0 OPPOSED

The GHL was enacted by the Homer LAMP in 2002 in part to reverse Board action that year which put in place a 5 King Salmon annual limit Statewide. At the time, the 3000 fish GHL seemed generous as nowhere near that number had been caught to that date. We would prefer to see a proposal by the Homer AC to raise, not eliminate the GHL. The proposer states the plan's GHL is unduly restrictive and is burdensome to LCI angler's ability to catch non-local fish. We respectfully disagree.

PROP 30: INCREASE THE KING SALMON DAILY BAG LIMIT TO 10 KING SALMON UNDER 20" AT THE NICK DUDIACK FISHING LAGOON.

6 SUPPORT, 1 ABSTAINED. Abstained vote sighted complexity of the regulations.

Anglers should be allowed to retain jacks in the Dudiak Fishing Lagoon as they will not back out of that area. Allow fish that are now being kicked back to be retained. Create incentive to clean out jacks.



PROP 31: CREATE AN ARCHERY FISHERY FOR SALMON IN WATERS OF KACHEMAK BAY OPEN TO SNAGGING.

7-0 OPPOSED.

Bow and arrows are too dangerous to be used in the close quarter areas that develop around snag fisheries. The quality of the meat is also impacted worse than a treble hook.

PROP 32: OPEN LOWER COOK INLET LING COD SEASON ON JUNE 15 INSTEAD OF JULY 1.

7-0 OPPOSED

There is concern that the ling cod fishery is in decline. Would like to see a 1 fish limit from Cape Puget east. This proposal would result in more fish harvested.

PROP 33: ESTABLISH POSSESSION AND SIZE LIMITS FOR SMALL SALMON IN RESURRECTION BAY.

6 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTAINED. Abstained vote did not like culling for size.

The proposal had general support. However, there is no definition in the proposal as to the boundaries of Resurrection Bay. This would increase the daily bag limit. There is no support for additional harvest during years of low abundance. There would be enforcement issues.

PROP 37: OPEN WATER OF THE OUTER DISTRICT EAST OF GORE POINT TO COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING UNDER REGULAR FISHING PERIODS.

PROP 38: OPEN WATERS OF AIALIK BAY IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT TO COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING UNDER REGULAR FISHING PERIODS.

Motion to amend. Join Prop 37 & 38 together. Amendment carried 7-0.

7-0 SUPPORT PROPS 37 & 38.

The Dept. is unwilling to fly these areas. The fishery in essence is not being managed now. Opening these areas would give the Dept. a way to gather data that is not happening now. Creek robbers are more prevalent when an area is unmanaged. The canneries do not support these fisheries. Catch rates will be self-regulating as if a guy makes a set and gets little, he will move on to another area and perhaps try another set if he passes by that area at another time. Either manage or have overescapement.

PROP 39: REINSTATE BEAR LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH AN EQUAL ALLOCATION BETWEEN COST RECOVERY AND COMMON PROPERTY FISHERIES.

7-0 SUPPORT

CIAA has basically turned into fish farmers concerning the sockeye harvest in Resurrection Bay. The BLMP allows for a 50/50 split between the fisherman and CIAA. CIAA has been keeping 100% of the red harvest for cost recovery since Proposal # 380 was passed by the Board in 2009 and the BLMP was revoked. Res. Bay reds are money fish for CIAA. The early run as well as no tender costs and good transportation links that make for a product that commands a premium price. We would like to see the local fisherman put back into the equation.

PROP 40: AMEND THE BEAR LAKE SPECIAL HARVEST AREA TO EXCLUDE NEARSHORE MARINE WATERS IN RESURRECTION BAY.

7-0 SUPPORT.

Currently the SHA for CIAA encompasses most of Resurrection Bay and the entire fresh water drainages up to Bear Lake. The Board created a freshwater sports fishery



in our area in 2007 from the bridges on the Seward highway downstream to ADF&G fresh/saltwater boundary. This proposal would remove this area below the bridges from the SHA and reflect the commercial and noncommercial use areas.

PROP 41: AMEND THE *BEAR LAKE SPECIAL HARVEST AREA TO EXCLUDE NEARSHORE MARINE WATERS IN RESURRECTION BAY.*

7-0 SUPPORT.

CIAA is unique in the hatchery system as the hatchery is located 38 miles inland from their SHA. The SHA encompasses 90% of resurrection Bay. CIAA has changed the game plan so smelt are now released from net pens located in the NE side at the head of the Bay. The fish mill around in this area and are targeted by sportsmen as well the cost recovery fleet. The summer of 2015 saw a large increase in the conflict between the sport and cost recovery fleet. We chose the distance offshore to reduce the area of interaction between the two groups. This distance will be defined as a line of sight of water as opposed to fixed landmarks. There is some consideration that there could be enforcement issues associated with this proposal. We believe these would be minimal.

PROP 44: ADD A 6-HOUR PRIOR NOTICE OF LANDING REQUIREMENT FOR THE COOK INLET COMMERCIAL SABLEFISH FISHERY

PROP 45: ADD A 6-HOUR PRIOR NOTICE OF LANDING REQUIREMENT FOR THE COOK INLET COMMERCIAL ROCKFISH FISHERY.

Motion to amend. Join Prop 44 & 45 together. Amendment carried 7-0.

7-0 OPPOSED TO PROPOSALS 44 & 45.

There is a problem with the 6 hr. prior call in for landings. This is a small boat fishery with limited participation. Often the boats are only fishing 3 hrs. out from the dock. The 6 hr. call in is excessive and burdensome to participants in these fisheries. Is there a need for Dept. staff to travel from Homer to Seward to sample a very small delivery?

PROP 46: INCREASE THE TRIP LIMIT FOR ROCKFISH IN THE *COOK INLET ROCKFISH MANAGEMENT PLAN.*

7-0 OPPOSED

What is the resource abundance? The rock fish were hit hard during the summer of 2016 due to the dearth of salmon. Comfish landings have increased from 27,000 #s in 2007 to 140,000#s in 2015. Participation has increased from 5 vessels to 43. We voted to reduce sport catch in 2007 via Prop 19. There should not be an increase in commercial catch while the sport fleet has been restricted.

Proposal 277: DEPT GENERATED ACR TO ALIGN FEES WITH HB 41 AND BRING THE DEPT INLINE WITH LEGISLATIVE INTENT OF SAID BILL.

6 ABSTAINED, 1 OPPOSED DUE TO TIMELYNES. Abstaining votes thought that this was already a done deal as to how it was pushed thru with no public comment.

**SEWARD FISH & GAME ADCISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS
STATEWIDE KING AND TANNER CRAB 2016**

PROP 256: AMMEND NONCOMMERCIAL HARVEST STRATERGY FOR TANNER CRAB IN COOK INLET TO ALLOW LIMITED OPPORTUNITY IN THE ABSENCE OF ABUNDANCE ESTIMATES.

Motion to amend. Make amended language applies to LCI only and not the North Gulf Coast. Amendment carried 7-0



7-0 SUPPORT AS AMMENDED

The Seward AC at the 2011 Statewide King & Tanner meeting was successful in having the Board approve Prop # 318. This proposal would allow for stacking personal use crab gear on one vessel with the possession limit remaining the same. We support Prop 256 as amended with the North Gulf Coast broken out as in Prop 318.

7. Schedule next meeting:

Next meeting to be held in Feb as meeting room is made available.

8. Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 2300