

On-Time Advisory Committee Comment List

Statewide | March 20-24, 2017

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Bethel Advisory Committee

January 24, 2017

Robert Hoffman accepts alternate seat

Comments:

- Chair's Comments:

Update on BOG Western Region meeting

Prop 17 and 23 Birds and bear baiting, only two that did not fully reflect Bethel AC recommendations

- Concerns/Comments of Public:

- George Guy -opposed to non resident hunters spoke out about how non residents should not have any hunting rights, moose should be wide open now that we have over 1000 moose. Worried about people putting food on the table for the family, and worried their people are turned into criminals for hunting.

Greg Roczicka Clarified the non resident moose proposal only for Yukon area where moose populations were very high. Kusko area population growing- Tier I subsistence hunt only allowed.

- Chariton Epchook- prop 279 talk about 4 inch Mesh

Prop 275 and 276 Kwethluk (KWT) Corporation is against them worried about not getting a tier 2 permit and not being able to get food for his growing family

- James Charles- fisheries meeting going to be in anchorage in March, Talked about attending the BOG in Bethel. James is going to testify for LKAC Going to testify to support ONC fish proposal

- James Nicori Kewthluk IRA- BOG Prop 47 should not leave any catch behind

BOF Prop 279- Asked board to completely remove 4 inch from Kuskokwim. People were happy with King salmon returns, removing 4 inch from the river worked well last year

BOF Prop 275-Opening up a tier 2 worried anyone from the state can then apply. Recommends Bethel AC votes down tier 2

- Martin Andrew Kwethluk IRA- KWT tribe opposes all BOF 279 275 and 276. Family eats fish everyday KWT in opposition to all three proposals
- Phillip Peter Akiachak- Testified last year about Tier 2. He is chair of his corporation, he serves his people. Remove permits to take king salmon. Against BOF prop 275. Tired of compromising.

Only one tier 2 moose hunter from Akiachak, and worried it will happen to fish also. Akiachak against Tier 2 permits.

- Dan Olick Kwethluk- 4 inch nets cost is high, close to \$300, won't last for kings elders understand king run early kings go deep and high catch more female than male kings.

Moose- didn't allow hunting once we hit 1000 moose like ADFG said Need more moose hunting opportunity, 5 day season too short Moose and fish most

- Tanya Epchook Kwethluk- Against any non-resident hunting, people speak passionately about fish because it is food. Against Tier 2 for fish, worried about king salmon fry at the weir dying in the boxes weir dying in the boxes.

Draft Agenda for
Bethel Advisory Committee Meeting
January 24, 2017 at 6:30pm
Bethel ADF&G Office

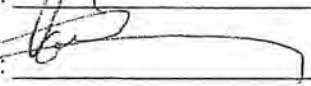


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STATEWIDE (EXCEPT SOUTHEAST AND YAKUTAT) KING AND TANNER CRAB AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES MARCH 20-24, 2017 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	275		Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd Lavalle The Bethel AC maintained a unanimous opposition as stated at the last AYK meeting.
BOF	276		Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during times of low king salmon runs.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd Tikiun

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: 

Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 2-2-17

2015 Bethel AC Votes on Prop. 275 & 276



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Bethel Fish & Game Advisory Committee
November 17 & December 22, 2015

BOF	95	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <u>XX Oppose</u> <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	<p>Tier II does not fit the customary subsistence use principle that everyone similarly situated should have equitable opportunity for harvest – regardless of how small harvest amount is – would exclude too many traditional users. Also notable is the uncertainty of run returns and variability from year to year (i.e. stronger than forecast) to which Tier II cannot be responsive. Need to be conservative, but also should have management capability to adjust opportunity in-season that would be precluded by Tier II status.</p>
BOF	222	Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during times of low king salmon runs.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <u>XX Support as Amended</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	0	<p>Following lengthy discussion mainly surrounding potential differences between “community” vs “household” permits and reflecting on recommendations made through the BOF Kuskokwim Chinook Panel, the Committee voted to amend and support the proposal as follows:</p> <p>(b) In times of king salmon conservation and ANS concerns, ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace the “community” permit in (b)(1) with a “household” permit for king salmon that begins on June 10 w/ no end date that is based on the pattern of use described in the applicable board finding that recognizes dependence on earlier harvest/processing opportunity to achieve their ANS. - A king salmon household permit in (b)(2) that starts June 20th with no end date for users who don’t need the pattern of use as described in the applicable board findings to achieve their ANS - Permit should have names of people who are allowed to fish that permit listed on the permit/assignable to designated fisherman. - Application period would coincide with the PFD application time period. - Include a sunset clause for the regulation to expire January, 31 of 2019.



Central Bering Sea AC

October 25, 2016

STATEWIDE (EXCEPT SOUTHEAST AND YAKUTAT) KING AND TANNER CRAB AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES MARCH 20–24, 2017 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

BOF	244	Align sport crab fishery regulations and repeal methods and means and general provisions for shellfish for the North Slope, Kuskokwim–Goodnews, and Yukon areas.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	<div style="text-align: center;">9</div> <p>Edward Kiokun: Our elders tell us to release the female and small crabs and I really don't like that idea, I don't like the idea of taking the female and small crabs; there is not enough information behind this I don't want to support this.</p> <p>-Want more data on numbers of crab taken for subsistence and commercial fishing and want more background information.</p> <p>Aaron Poetter: This is aligning current regulations. It is not going to hurt anything.</p> <p>David Bill: We have heard that before that it isn't going to hurt anything. It seems to me that we have to have another meeting with this one. I know what I have seen on Nelson Island, we need to have more understanding.</p> <p>Leo Moses:</p> <p>Edward Kiokun: Does this make this more lenient towards sports fisherman?</p> <p>Aaron Poetter: Explains harvest surveys and there has been little to no sport fishing in the area.</p> <p>Edward Kiokun: This proposal allows less regulation and permits for sport fishing. Explains it allows small crab and female crabs, we approving that. I don't like the idea to support this proposal. I think we shouldn't support this at all. It troubles me that it goes against our traditional laws taking female crab.</p> <p>Annie Cleveland: Once you approve it for sport fishing to come to your area, one year one will come next year two of them will come. When they are coming like that you cannot control their activity. They claim they have their own fishing spot.</p> <p>David Bill: We have to table this to understand it completely.</p> <p>Mrs. Kusaia: It is becoming easier for outsiders to come to our area, they will come to our areas.</p> <p>Ben Lozano: I made a motion to oppose this proposal.</p> <p>Edward Kiokun: Seconded</p>

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Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kus

<div> <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action </div>	<div> 0 </div>	<div> 9 </div>	<p> Lisa Olsen: Explains Tier II fisheries Willi Atti: Explains if the proposal passes we will have to use this Tier II system. We have to understand what this means for rural areas. Tommy Kusiak: If this proposal passes will have paperwork, we as natives will have to fill out paperwork, people on the Kuskokwim will raise an uproar. Willi Atti: This proposal was heard in Fairbanks. Owen Beaver: I am not happy with this proposal. We don't really approve of this it is different than our way of life. Tommy Kusiak: We have to understand completely before this before we decide. Fisherman on the Kuskokwim are not for this permit system on the Kuskokwim river system, if we make a mistake there will be trouble, then their will be more attitude if this proposal passes. Willi Atti: We have to think through this proposal these proposals are just proposals. If this proposal passes we will have to fill out applications just to fish. We have to write down how important subsistence fishing is to. The one with the most points will be able to fish. I won't be able to because I didn't have enough points. This will be part of what this proposal is. Tommy Kusiak: We work on these proposals here and they take them and look at them in Juneau. Owen Beaver: Explains how things got changed before because of changing net sizes, and the hardship created from changing mesh sizes. Mrs. Kusaiaik: Asks about when this fishery would come about. Leo Moses: Suggests David Bill: There was one guy who fished with a permit who got 75 fish, he got 75 fish in one day. Willi Atti: If this passes, and we start using Tier II and use it when salmon numbers are down, it will have permits, and then if it passes anyone can fill out an application, and they will make us again certain people. Right now they way we live we allow our neighbors to fish. Use shorter periods of time so we can fish with shorter periods, and allow people to fish when the tides go in. Not completely close the river even for short periods as subsistence fishers. You should have minds too you should say what you think. David Carl: Expressed concerns over paying for permits and applications. Carmen Daggett: Explained how Tier II permits Mrs. Kusaiaik: David Bill: We have our own law, hunters and fishers hunt for other families and taking care of others. Expressed concerns over paying for these permits now and in the future. These are the things we are afraid of. Owen Beaver: I agree with David Bill about our elders teach us. When you start something, you keep on taking. Willie Atti: We are representing our villages. My suggestion would be to oppose this proposal. This didn't come from a group of people, my suggestion would be to oppose this proposal. We might want to consider another alternative. The way this proposal is written it would categorize people in our own communities to allow some people fish and some people not. I think we should make our own proposal, and divide the river, into different sections. Willie Atti: Motioned to oppose proposal 245. Tommy Kusaiaik: Seconded </p>
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Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fish during times of low king salmon runs.

<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	11	<p>David Bill: I think it is a scare tactic.</p> <p>Lisa Olson: Explains proposal for 276.</p> <p>David Carl: Inquires about which fish will be affected. If this is just for Kuskokwim River people below that area.</p> <p>Lisa Olsen :Explains that the management area begins by Eek.</p> <p>Ben Lozano: There are two markers, we didn't have any lines when my grandparents there are lines. We have to be fishing where we are told to go fish nowadays. People don't know where the lines are.</p> <p>Owen Beaver: That is the trouble that is coming up, in the older days Eek Island across at Pugamuit. They are extending it without the knowledge of the local people.</p> <p>Willie Atti: We talked about getting permits, people don't like permits either as community or as households. Fish and Game they wrote this proposal, while we were talking awhile about the permit system. I heard you were against this. It was alright if this didn't happen.</p> <p>David Bill: Wants to know where the river begins and ends. We need to find out where the river ends.</p> <p>Lisa Olsen: Section one starts at the Yukon Delta and extends to the Johnson River.</p> <p>Aaron Poetter: Explains the boundaries of the management area, this just applies to the area.</p> <p>David Bill: Hooper Bay is in the Yukon management area. That would leave Newtok by itself.</p> <p>Aaron Poetter: Newtok is in the Kuskokwim management area.</p> <p>AC Members: Reviewed the management area.</p> <p>Willi Atti: When we talk about the permits earlier we were talking about that we didn't like it. Even if the community got permits individuals would not get permits, only a certain number of people would get permits. Should we oppose it?</p> <p>Lisa Olsen: Expresses group numbers.</p> <p>David Bill: Inquires about group numbers.</p> <p>Lisa Olsen: All Alaskans would be eligible to participate.</p> <p>David Bill: Inquires about permits on the river.</p> <p>Edward Kiokun: Inquires about subsistence only.</p> <p>Owen Beaver: We don't buy stamps for duck stamps and geese stamps.</p> <p>Willi Atti:</p> <p>Edward Kiokun: Although this does not affect me directly or any other coastal areas. Though the intentions are good from the state. I see this as a way to regulate our subsistence lifestyle. The intentions are good, then again it is a chance for the State of Alaska to regulate subsistence use with certain numbers. They could extend that out to the coast eventually.</p> <p>Annie Cleveland: We have unwritten rules from our ancestors how to fish and how to, I know how many fish will last me a year. I got all of the fish in two drifts from the river. These are the regulations from my forefathers, I don't like the state to tell me how many I should get and how much and from where. In this proposal is no good I don't like it.</p> <p>Willi Atti: Motion to oppose 276</p> <p>Annie Cleveland: Seconded</p>
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Central Bering Sea AC

Alaska Board of Game Arctic/Western Meeting January 6-9, 2017, Bethel

Support Support as Amended Oppose No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			Leo Moses Jr. motions to oppose this proposal. Willie Atti: Seconded
			Resolution regarding the Lower 48 Caribou Hunt for non-residents
Support	8	0	Leo Moses: Inquires about whether this residents versus non-residents. Leo Moses: motion to support. Ben Lozano: seconded
			Resolution regarding the Lower 48 Caribou Hunt for non-residents
Opposed	0	8	Leo Moses: Would like to oppose this proposal. Willie Atti: It is not hunting to bait bears, we don't bait anything. Everything about this is in my mind, we don't hunt animals by baiting. If someone is a good hunter, he doesn't wait for bears, he goes out and hunts them. This proposal uses the word hunting, when you are hunting you don't use bait the person goes out and looks for game. Leo Moses: I wasn't raised to use bait. Leo Moses: Motion to oppose Willie Atti: Seconded
			Resolution regarding the Lower 48 Caribou Hunt for non-residents
Opposed	0	8	Phillip Perry: Explains the state requests to consider this at the January 2018 meeting during a different year. This is a herd that needs to get larger before non-residents were able to hunt them. Owen Beaver: Inquires if there are complaints about too many hunters in the area. Leo Moses: Motioned to oppose proposal 25. I am against this proposal, if this passes it will give lower 48 hunters to come up and hunt, not to open it to nonresidents. Right now the numbers of caribou in our area are not lots. If they come from the Lower 48 they are rich and they hunt anyway they want. Ben Lozano: Seconded

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Stan Atchek

Leo Moses Jr.

Date:

12/19/16

St M. *[Signature]*
Leo Moses Jr.

Central Kuskokwim AC

12/28/2016



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6. Lisa- difficult when there are different managers all the time and wildlife is not stable. Regulations change which makes it difficult.
7. Add "consistent" between agencies so that the upriver and down river have the same opportunity.

Adjourn: 6:56pm, Motion Passed Unanimous

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BOF <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	275		Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River. Lisa Olsen-Tier II King salmon fishery, application process/questions that would need to be developed. Probably a couple of board meetings to getting it running. For Nome there were special meetings scheduled. Nick, Ricky 2nd Lisa F- would oppose because would like to discuss the permit system more. I don't think a rating system would work well. Nick-oppose, doesn't think it would work out here. Walter- oppose, think of alternatives. Sophie- oppose 2 Abstained
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Central Kuskokwim AC



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BOF	276	Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during times of low king salmon runs.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	0	<p>Nick, Billy 2nd</p> <p>Lisa Olsen explained background.</p> <p>Household could choose either household or community.</p> <p>Barb Carlson regarding the Stony-Holitna AC-Wrote a proposal, but the AC at the time voted it down. This year, they could support but don't like the community harvest. Wanted to get rid of all community and just use household. Would rather keep a daily tally and record daily but not carry the permit in the boat constantly. Also would like the following year if complied, can get the permit without applying. IF they could get those 3 amendments in there they would support. Supported only in times of king salmon conservation</p> <p>Dave Cannon-if nothing is in place and if there is a need for conservation and fish need to be divvied up, something may be forced on people.</p> <p>Lisa- maybe design a permit system and then vote on that.</p> <p>Walter- no matter how much we fish, we don't hurt the runs. Whether we fish hard or not, we don't hurt the run. That should be a consideration.</p> <p>Mark- we didn't have to play by the same rules of the whole river last year.</p> <p>Lisa- if there is a crisis, fed water would have a permit, state would not.</p> <p>Ricky- when we had the early closure, that was important.</p> <p>Mark- every household in the middle Kusko should get a permit and gets to fish as much as they want.</p> <p>Lisa- if there is no biological impact in the middle and upper kusko then what stops the state from allowing that every year?</p> <p>Mark- Likes the idea of each household that has a permit.</p> <p>A subsistence user is a subsistence user.</p> <p>Lisa- Needs to be simple and equitable.</p> <p>Nick- just trying to get the state tools necessary at the time of need and other things can be worked out later on.</p> <p>Dave Cannon- some opposition is that people don't understand that this is only in times of conservation.</p> <p>Billy- If we have to go through a permit system, I would rather go through a community permit</p> <p>Mark-I don't want anyone fishing for me. I want to do the fishing for my household.</p> <p>Billy- want to do fishing on my own, I don't want anyone fishing for me. I like each household to do their own fishing.</p> <p>Dolly- Supports the household also.</p> <p>Dave- may be that not every household will get fish due to low numbers. Keep that in mind.</p> <p>Mark- if that is the case where middle kusko can't even fish for one or 2, then there should be no fishing</p> <p>Dan Gilikin- the way written, it is either/or up to each person. Regardless if house or community it is based on number of applicants and number of fish. There is no priority based on community or household</p> <p>Lisa- I will support bc it is only a tool in times of Chinook conservation.</p> <p>Dave- inevitable that upriver folks don't get what they need. Does the state see a way that middle and upper can get equitable harvest</p> <p>If USFWS takes a special action, then those permits are no good.</p> <p>Lisa- even in times of crisis, we could probably fish and not impact escapement. We might limit ourselves, when downriver isn't restricted.</p> <p>Members are concerned about making it equitable.</p> <p>Members would like to keep the June 12 closure need to remain all the time.</p>

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Date: 02/18/17

FROM : DAVID R MARTIN

PHONE NO. : 907 567 3306

DEC. 27 2

Cook Inlet Tannery CrabContinuation of 11/15/16**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

AC NAME:

Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town):

Ni Michik

DATE (of meeting):

12/6/16

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John McCombs, Steve Vaneh
David Martin, Madeline Thompson,
Joe Simpson, Ron Vaneh, Don Presley,
Dave Blossom, Doug Blossom

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:

Haron Berger, Jeff Berger, Peter Clucas,
Gary Derman, Greg Encelewski, Mike Schuster

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES ☒NO ☐

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT:

None

Time Meeting Called to Order:

7:15 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned:

9:30 PM

Signature, Committee Secretary

Steve Vaneh

FROM : DAVID R MARTIN

PHONE NO. : 987 567 3386

DEC. 27

AC04
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meeting

Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Date: 12/6/16 Meeting Attendance Sign in Sheet

Name/Organization	Mailing Address City, Zip Code	Interests (optional - see below)	Email/Phone
Steve Vanek			
Dan Vanek	Cham balche		
Michael Thompson	Ninilchik	All	953 0000
Joe Simpson	Ninilchik		252 2157
Teague Vanek	Ninilchik		398-1153
Dan Presley	Anchorage Point	All	398-6664
John McCoys			
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Dave Blossom	KASLOK	All	398-7073
Doug Blossom	Ninilchik	All	398-1602

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

FROM : DAVID R MARTIN

PHONE NO. : 907 567 3306

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VOTER RECORD/COMMENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Central Peninsula

DATE: _____

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Board of

Fish

Comments for

Statewide King and Tanner
Crab. (Cook Inlet Tanner crab)

Please use this format to record the votes and comments of members regarding proposals. The boards are particularly interested in hearing the reasons why proposals are supported/opposed. If committee members believe a proposal does not pertain to their jurisdiction, it is not necessary to spend time on that proposal.

Proposal

Summary of Discussion

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Support

Oppose

Abstain

(include minority view)

#	Support	Oppose	Abstain	(include minority view)
265	9	0	0	We support this as long as it is in the winter when summer charter operators are gone.
266	0	9	0	We opposed this because there is no time indicated when it would be opened. Should only be opened in the winter. Summer would have so many participants that the crabs would be gone again.



**Chignik Advisory Committee
November 28th, 2016**

I. Jacob Shangin called the meeting to order at 1:30pm on November 28th, 2016

II. Roll Call: Jacob Shangin, Chair, Ivanof Bay, 06/2018
Alfredo AbouEid, Vice Chair, Chignik Lagoon, 06/2017
Raechel Allen, Secretary, Chignik Bay, 06/2017
Ben Allen, Chignik Bay, 06/2018
Gene Carlson, Chignik Bay, 06/2019
Mitchell Lind, Chignik Lake, 06/2017
Ronald Lind, Chignik Lake, expired
Al Anderson, Chignik Lagoon, 06/2018
Gary Anderson, Chignik Lagoon, expired
Edgar Shangin, Ivanof Bay, 06/2017
Stephen Shangin, Ivanof Bay, expired
Patrick Kosbruk, Perryville, 06/2018
Austin Shangin, Perryville, 06/2017
Boris Kosbruk, Perryville, expired
Rame AbouEid, Alternate 06/2017
Ernest Carlson, Alternate 06/2017

Members Present: 11; Austin Shangin, Jacob Shangin, Stephen Shangin, Edgar Shangin, Alfredo AbouEid, Al Anderson, Gary Anderson, Raechel Allen, Gene Carlson, Ben Allen, Boris Kosbruk (joined the meeting prior to discussions of proposals)

Members Absent: 2

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: Chignik Bay, Chignik Lagoon, Ivanof Bay, Perryville

III. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve was made by Edgar and seconded by Austin. Changing the order of groundfish proposals, 274 and 249, prior to the finfish proposals, Dawn Wilburn request for the AC to consider writing a letter for the Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant to fund ongoing genetic studies, and a method for timely approval of this meetings minutes were added to the agenda. The agenda was unanimously approved.

IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Board Support; Dawn Wilburn, Chignik Salmon Management; Lucus Stumpf, Chignik Salmon Management; Jeff Wadle, Regional Salmon Management; Nat Nichols, Groundfish/Shellfish Management; James Jackson, Kodiak Area Biologist

Guests: Chuck McCallum, George Anderson, Clem Grunert, Timothy Murphy, Don Bumpus

V. ADF&G Staff Updates: Taryn introduced Gene Carlson as a new member for Chignik Bay, replacing Debbie Carlson. She then explained that some of the AC seats expired last June, and while members may continue to serve after their term expires, they are requested to notify their village councils of the need for an election.



VI. New Business:

1. Proposals to consider:

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BOF	249		Establish 20 pot gear limit for vessels participating in the South Peninsula District commercial Tanner crab fishery and cap the total number of pots allowed in the fishery at 1000 pots.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action	11	0	Motion to adopt was made by AI and seconded by Alfredo. Discussion given by members was to ascertain if this would impact Chignik. Of concern was would this potentially limit participants since 1000 pots had been reached on 2 different years, and could this cause displaced boats to move to Chignik. It was mentioned that 20 pots wasn't enough. A motion to take no action was made by Alfredo and seconded by Gary.
BOF	274		Reduce waters closed for the protection of Steller sea lions during the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Chignik Area.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	11	0	Staff commented that this was a hold over proposal (#9) from the Nov. 2015 Board cycle. It was pointed out that the proposal was amended at that time by RC#30. The Board at that time was open to the idea and subsequently a letter was sent to NOAA regarding impacts of the Proposal. NMFS response was that it may affect, but not adversely affect the Steller sea lions. Motion to adopt made by AI and seconded by Alfredo. A member stated that all our Sea Lion areas needed to be under the same 3 mile guidelines as other areas. It was thought that the language as proposed in 274 was confusing. AI made a motion to amend Proposal 274 by incorporating instead the language of RC# 30, beginning at the second paragraph. Alfredo seconded. The amendment passed unanimously.



**KODIAK FINFISH
JANUARY 10–JANUARY 13, 2017
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form

BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	51		Increase the minimum expected sockeye salmon harvest thresholds from 300,000 to 600,000 prior to July 8 and 600,000 to 1,000,000 fish after July 8, and from 600,000 to 1,000,000 fish in years when runs are as strong as expected.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	11	0	Ben made the motion to adopt. Alfredo seconded. Member discussion stated the 300k harvest minimum was set in the early 70's when boats and gear were smaller and less effective, while now the gear at Igvak is so effective that the first run has been essentially stopped or shut off. As it is managed now, it is inequitable that a seiner at Igvak can catch 90,000lbs in a 48 hour opening while Chignik seiners are working for nearly 3 months to catch the same amount. Chignik salmon seine is the only fishery most people have for income and, as of lately, the second run frequently fails to materialize. The 600k harvest minimum was an acknowledgement that a guarantee was necessary, but the 600k is now not economically viable to sustain Chignik fishermen and the community members that rely on the fishery. Chignik fishermen now give 2% tax on their catch to Chignik Regional Aquaculture Association to enhance and protect its salmon runs, which benefits interception fisheries that carry no burden to do the same, yet Kodiak has built up, in part from their catch of Chignik bound fish, robust hatcheries and runs which have successfully augmented their seasons income so that they no longer have the same need that existed in the early 70's.



BOF	52	Require commercial salmon fishermen to register prior to fishing in the Cape Igvak Section and check out upon leaving the section, and require tender operators to report fish ticket harvest data within 12 hours of taking a delivery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	11	0	<p>Motion to adopt was made by Stephen and seconded by Gene. Gene stated in the 70's boats held 30K lbs but now held upwards of 100K lbs with RSW, making it very easy to travel elsewhere with catch onboard. Alfredo offered that registration was done in Bristol Bay and then inquired of the Department about the manageability of the proposal. James Jackson stated that while more difficult, this could be done. Alfredo stated that because Igvak operates under an allocation limit there is incentive to run elsewhere to under-report the catch and it is our right to have accurate calculations of the catch. Chuck mentioned some indignation during the last Board Cycle about the suggestion of misreporting, but pointed out that it is human nature that a percentage of people will cheat if there is inadequate enforcement or monitoring and it doesn't take many to cause problems for Chignik. Raechel pointed out that current communication technology is available and should be used to get catch information out rapidly to the management teams for more accurate management and forecasting. George commented that this is consistent under the Sustainable Fisheries Act to ensure that accurate catch reporting occurs. The Chignik brood table incorporates the Igvak catches and relies on accuracy. Gary explained that at the end of an opening, the last boats in line to deliver have so long to wait, it is often more feasible to start running elsewhere and then deliver. Chuck added that while some say there is no reason to think that this is going on, there is a saying, "If you're not looking, you won't see it." Ben shared that during the Cod season everyday each boat calls in their numbers of catch and that accountability similar to this in the Igvak fishery is reasonable to expect. Al stated that had the Dolgoi area had requirements such as these, they might not have cost every Chignik boat 4,000 sockeye by overharvesting their limit in 2016.</p>



BOF	53	Amend the <i>Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan</i> so that the harvest allocation applies only prior to July 9.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	11	0	<p>Al made the motion to adopt and Gary seconded. Jacob stated Chignik's second run is weaker than the early run and an extra 75K in-river escapement goal is added for local subsistence beginning in August. This addition has come about over the last ten years, requiring the Chignik commercial fishery to adjust a decrease in harvestable late-run fish. Igvak impacts the Chignik late-run escapement which in turn consistently requires the Chignik fleet to stand down and not fish later to ensure adequate escapement. Kodiak fishermen at Igvak should fish on their own stocks in July and not siphon off traveling fish to other areas that depend exclusively on local stocks for income and subsistence. George stated that plenty opportunity exists for Igvak fishermen to fish elsewhere, east on the mainland side and in the Kodiak Island group after July 5th. Alfredo reflected that our second run is weak. After July 5th Igvak harvests Chignik late-run sockeye salmon, and has enough interception power to ruin fishing for westbound Chignik fish in Chignik's Eastern District bordering the Cape Igvak Section. Simply put, when Igvak is fishing after July 5th it is like the spigot is turned off-- Eastern District fishing abruptly turns into a scratch fishery at best. Chuck stated that Chignik needs relief on both runs, but especially on the late run from interception fisheries. Al stated the Chignik subsistence user groups have submitted proposals of late to increase the availability of late-run salmon and it should be considered as a warning of the problem of undue to the stress on the late-run. Don believes the Department is managing out of its norm in the last few years, basing decisions on formula numbers rather than actual numbers. For example, last year Igvak opened on the second day of Chignik's fishery. Because the communities of Chignik have no other economic resource, the impacts of the management decisions can be devastating financially.</p>
BOF	54	Redefine the area used to determine allocation percentages within the <i>Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan</i> .	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	11	0	<p>Ben made motion to adopt and Alfredo seconded. George inquired if there were Department issues. Staff replied it was likely neutral. Ben clarified that this was a long-standing unintended bias in the methodology used for calculating the allowable or targeted amount of catch available under the Igvak allocation plan. A few years back the BOF did this for the SEDM fishery as it was recognized that the fishery should not be rewarded when Igvak exceeds its allocation. The same correction should be applied to Igvak so that that fishery is not advantaged when the SEDM harvest exceeds their allocation. Raechel stated it would stop penalizing Chignik when areas caught over allocation. George stated the request is only fair and basically housekeeping. The change is solely mathematical and standardizes the method for determining harvest amounts in the SEDM and Igvak fisheries.</p>



BOF	55	Repeal the <i>Cape Igvak Salmon Management plan</i> and close commercial salmon fishing in the Cape Igvak Section through July 25.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action	11	0	<p>Although no action was the final consensus out of concern of offending the Board and appearing unreasonable and drastic, this proposal contained lengthy and robust discussion. Al made motion to adopt and Gary seconded. Alfredo expressed that Kodiak fisherman have a right to fish but not wide open. Al recalled that it was implied when Igvak was implemented that when Kodiak was "back on their feet" the allocation would be reversed especially in times of hardship in Chignik. He believes that the original board would have already repealed the allocation because Kodiak has its own strong returns now. He would like to see this proposal kept alive as our second run is failing. We used to fish well into September in the past but are lucky to fish past Aug. 10th now. It is the Chignik people who are doing poorly now. Raechel noted that shutting down Kupreanoff on our other end occurred and this proposal was not completely out of line. Our communities are struggling. Chignik has lost the support of both shore based plants that once bought halibut and cod and brought the city a tax base. The school in Chignik Bay was shuttered for a year recently as families with children left town to find work. There are few other city jobs, no other industries aside from fishing, and salmon constitutes the primary fishery. She suggested modifying the proposal so that if Kodiak's predictions were healthy and above a prescribed level of run strength, then Igvak would remain closed, being unnecessary to Kodiak's welfare. Don stated the way the allocation is managed is a problem (the focus being achieving maximum allocation). Gary stated that Igvak targets the peak of our run while we scratch to make the allocation work (catch up). Also, Chignik lacks enough harvestable fish to build a shore plant. Chuck explained that during the first 10-years (1978-87) of the Igvak plan, Chignik fishermen were averaging about \$100K more. In 1978 the BOF implemented the Igvak plan to re-distribute wealth away from Chignik toward Kodiak. It seemed reasonable at the time namely because Kodiak's sockeye stocks were weak and under a stock-rebuilding phase. Kodiak salmon stocks are now healthy and producing 2.5 times the value of the Chignik salmon fishery. It is justified that Kodiak relinquish some of its hold on Chignik-bound fish by no less that a 50% allocation reduction in the Cape Igvak fishery. Ben stated the fish Igvak takes are more valuable (early on the market) and thus remove that benefit from Chignik, also. Alfredo explained that when Igvak opens, it shuts off the fish in the Eastern and Central district because Igvak interception has advanced with sonar, bigger boats and faster gear over the years (12 minutes to haul a net), while Chignik is left to wear out gear by scratching the rest of the season. Al reminds everyone that most all the salmon are being long hauled, removing the ability of Chignik to keep the benefit of tax revenue from the salmon and legal action may be pending to try and regain that loss. Steven made motion to take no action and Edgar seconded.</p>



BOF	56	Reduce the Cape Igvak Section allocation from 15 percent to 7.5 percent of the total Chignik Area sockeye salmon catch.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	11	0	<p>George, author of the proposal, speaks to the proposal. Under the Igvak plan in the first 10-years (1978-87) the Kodiak salmon fishery annually averaged 26% more revenue than Chignik; now Kodiak is averaging more than 152% (2006-2015) annually. The BOF implemented the Igvak plan to re-distribute wealth away from Chignik toward Kodiak. Kodiak has 10 systems with weirs, hatcheries, and other fishery opportunities. Motion to adopt made by Ben and seconded by Alfredo. Al stated the interception fisheries don't share any burden of conservation and we have a test fishery that supports the weir and Kodiak doesn't contribute, yet they take the fish that we work to maintain which helps to fund Kodiaks hatcheries in part. Alfredo stated that Kodiak has many different salmon systems and Chignik has only one. Gary points out that we spend money on FRI to get a good prediction only to have Igvak "gear up" for the peak of our run. Members requested comments on proposal 55 reflected to this Proposal as well. Raechel stated that Igvak's benefit to Kodiak was greater in the first 10 yrs of the Igvak plan, but now is of lesser value by %. Kodiak's loss would not be as significant as Chignik's gain if the allocation was adjusted back to Chignik. Alfredo requested historical data of Igvak participation. Chuck stated Chignik is the only area in ADF&G's Westward Region managed exclusively on local salmon, and is highly dependent on a single local sockeye system. When Chignik salmon runs are weak there are no other salmon systems to fall-back on whereas Kodiak fishermen have many local sockeye systems, a robust pink resource, multiple interception fishery opportunities, and world class federal groundfish opportunities as well. The five communities of the Chignik area are highly dependent on this single system for their survival and, therefore, they are highly vulnerable to the changes in that one system. Alfredo wants to see Igvak managed on what Chignik is actually catching instead of on prediction. Chuck points out that Igvak openers are always 48 hrs or more for efficiency but Chignik loses its efficiency when Igvak is open for multiple days and fishes in Igvak's shadow. Ben stated the 600K minimum catch given Chignik translates to around \$69K (@ \$1.20 lb) and believes that to be an unreasonably low assurance to operate on.</p>

2. Representation at Kodiak Finfish meeting on January 10-13, 2007: Request for a member to give AC testimony. Jacob may appoint that person but could go as well. Members are encouraged to contact Jacob if they are going and would be willing to speak for the AC. Tentatively Jacob will go. Alfredo suggests Chignik fishermen get legal representation for the Board meetings.

3. AC Letter of Support: Dawn Wilburn requests a Letter of Support from the AC for the Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant to fund ongoing genetic studies in 2018-2019. Ben made motion to give Jacob



authority to finalize the letter. Stephen seconded. Al suggests that Dawn send a letter requesting support to the villages as well. Motion carries unanimously.

4. Method to approve minutes: Raechel makes a motion to give Jacob authority to approve these minutes. Gary seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Set date and location of next meeting: Al suggested that a AC subcommittee be set up for the upcoming BOF meeting. Stephen seconded. Taryn sees no issue in calling a brief meeting to approve the subcommittee. Al made the motion to set up a subcommittee and work with the villages to fund travel to Kodiak. Taryn reminds the members to keep the meetings consistent. Motion passed unanimously. The Chairman will call the next meeting.

Adjournment: 3:45pm

Minutes Recorded By: Raechel Allen
Minutes Approved By: Jacob Shangin
Date: 12/22/2016



**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee February 7, 2017 - excerpt
for Statewide King & tanner Crab March 2017
NERRS Building**

I Call to Order: 6:00 by Dave Lyon, chair.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), Tom Young (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Michael Craig, Jim Meesis, Lee Martin, Thomas Hagberg, Doug Malone, Marvin Peters, Wes Humbyrd, Joey Alred, Gary Sinnhuber, Phillip Jones, Dan Anderson.

Members Absent: Ty Gates, Dennis Wade,

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Approval of Agenda: Items advertised.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: None.

VI. Guests Present: Joshua Ross, David Martin chair of Central Peninsula AC.

VII. Old Business: Dave mentioned that his letter as chair to other AC's asking them to sign on in opposition to the reappointment of Ted Spraker had some support, but not commitments to sign on to our letter. He suggested sending the letter to the Governor to make him aware of the Homer AC's dissatisfaction with the lack of support we get from Mr. Spraker. The vote to send a letter was Support – 10, Oppose – 3, Abstain – 1.

Dave also mentioned that with the passing of Carmen Field, the Division of Sport Fish has no one able to lead their popular gear loaning program. Dave mentioned that the DSF has the equipment needed and that the Homer AC volunteer to lead these classes. The Homer AC would benefit by the community service it provides. No one was in disagreement to setting up this arrangement with DSF.

VIII. New Business: Dave Martin, chair of the Central Peninsula AC gave a review of the BOF proposals submitted by his committee as well as a summary of the intercept fishery issue in the Kodiak area that recently became known to them as the result of new results from ADF&G genetic studies. He said that about 1/3 of the salmon harvest in the Kodiak area are of Upper Cook Inlet origin. This amounts to a harvest of about 300,000 to 1,000,000 fish per season, which makes a serious dent in the resource available for Cook Inlet fisherman. It also messes up Upper Cook Inlet escapement goals. He said what is needed is to not allow fishing off the capes of the Kodiak Archipelago during weeks when Upper Cook Inlet salmon are migrating through. The Central Peninsula AC recently sent a letter to the Board of Fisheries (see attachment) asking that this issue be recognized.

The Homer AC discussed the letter and decided to voice support for the letter. The vote was Support – 14, Oppose – 0, Abstain – 0. With these minutes, the Board of Fisheries is hereby notified that the Homer AC supports the Jan, 31, 2017 letter to it from the Central Peninsula AC asking "the BOF direction for ADF&G to focus the KMA salmon harvests on local stocks and minimize the interception of non-local stocks."

Decisions on Upper Cook Inlet Finfish are presented below.



BOF	160	Prohibit use of bait in the late-run Kenai River king salmon fishery until escapement goals have been met.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	13	O - 1 A - 0	As amended.
BOF	187	Allow only barbless, unbaited, single-hook gear on the Kenai River from January 1 – August 1.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	8	O - 2 A - 4	
BOF	188	Allow only one single-hook or one single-hook lure.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	8	O - 2 A - 4	
BOF	191	Increase Kenai River coho salmon bag limit from two fish to three.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	O - 13 A - 1	This is not the tie to increase bag limits for Kenai River coho.
BOF	222	Prohibit fishing for king, sockeye, and coho salmon in the Larson Creek drainage.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	12	O - 0 A - 2	Change of water temperature has concentrated fish in a smaller area, which attracts more intense fishing. While fishing in confluence areas may have been more acceptable in the past, when there wasn't as much fishing pressure, things are not the same now.
BOF	265	Amend the noncommercial harvest strategy for Tanner crab in the Cook Inlet area to allow limited fishing opportunity in the absence of abundance estimates.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	14	O - 0 A - 0	Amendment "proxies may not be used in this tanner crab fishery". Amendment 14-0-0. It was felt that the harvest without good stock verification in force could lead to over harvest if proxy fishing were allowed.

Next meeting will be the first Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Discussion about game and fish subcommittees.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Minutes taken by George Matz

Approved by: Dave Lyon

Date: 2/9/2017



**Kodiak Advisory Committee
February 21, 2017
ADF&G Building, Kodiak AK**

I. Call to Order: 1310 by Julie Kavanaugh, Acting Chair

II. **Roll Call:** Members Present: 9

1. Julie Kavanaugh-Vice Chair-Concerned Citizen
2. Jason Bunch-Secretary, Kodiak City ALT-1
3. Andrew Finke-Kodiak Subsistence
4. Oliver Holm-Small Boat
5. Rolan Ruoss-Transporter/Sport Fish Charter
6. Melissa Burns-Concerned Citizen
7. Kip Thomet-Set Net
8. Tuck Bonney-Processor
9. Kevin Atkins, BY TELEPHONE-Village Alt. Port Lions

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

User Groups Present:

Salmon Set Net	Sport Fish	Transporters
Trawler	Fish Guide	Village Resident
Seiner	Subsistence	City Residents
Small Vessel	ADFG	

III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:**

Natura Richardson	Mark Stichert
Tyler Pollum	Nat Nichols

IV. **Guests Present:**

Paul Yatsik
Coral Chernoff
Paddy O'Donnell

V. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved Unanimously.



VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Completed by Chairman Paul Chervenak before this meeting as approved during last AC Meeting. See Kodiak AC Meeting 12/15/16 Minutes.

VII. **Old Business:** None

VIII. **New Business:**

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	247	Repeal regulations that prohibit sport fishing for king or Tanner crab in the Kodiak Area 14 days before and after a commercial king or Tanner crab fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	9	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The department provided the intent of this proposal which is to remove restrictions to aid in the management of the fishery.• The board recognizes there is currently no commercial King crab fishery within Kodiak waters however keeping King Crab in the regulation provides future management tools for the department.• Subsistence Tanner Crab Fishery regulations (5 AAC 02.425) where reviewed with an understanding this proposal could align both sport fish and subsistence regulations if written properly which is generally desired.• The board expressed the importance of regulation not affecting areas that are “not intended to be affected” during the regulatory process.• Removing the 14-day restriction after a commercial king or tanner crab fishery was generally accepted because it does not affect the management of the fishery.• This committee supports the proposal if amended with language that aligns sport fishing regulations with the subsistence regulations.
BOF	248	Repeal regulations that prohibit sport fishing for king or Tanner crab in the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands Area 14 days before and after a commercial king or Tanner crab fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	9	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concurrently discussed and voted on with prop 247. Please reference Comments for Proposal 247.



BOF	249	Establish 20 pot gear limit for vessels participating in the South Peninsula District commercial Tanner crab fishery and cap the total number of pots allowed in the fishery at 1000 pots.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	7	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This proposal could streamline regulation by mirroring South Peninsula with Chignik Waters.• Department Staff recognize this proposal may slow the fishery, which could provide for more effective management.• Although this is a current regulation within Chignik Waters its effectiveness is not known because there has not been an open fishery since its adoption.• Discussion and Statements included;<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The board generally agreed on dropping the 1000 pot limit due to the questionable viability of fishing with less than 20 pots per vessel if the number of entrants increased.○ This proposal may aid the management of the fishery, which was generally accepted.• Opposition to the proposal was due to restriction implications placed on the fishery and the unknown effectiveness of the overall proposal.
BOF	274	Reduce waters closed for the protection of Steller sea lions during the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Chignik Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	4	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dept. provided background and geographic features of the Chignik Area, Sutwick Island, Sea Lion haul outs and restricted waters.• Dept. provided study results conducted by NMFS who determined opening the restricted waters around Sutwick Island would not impact the Stellar Sea Lions.• Comments from Board members included;<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Not all vessels would be able to take advantage of this area due to federal limitations of other permits.○ If Adopted will impact an extremely small number of vessels (1-5).○ Some members expressed excitement over the chance to work with NMFS stating “this could set a precedence for future interaction with federal agencies.”○ This proposal could provide opportunity for a few small vessels that could not otherwise operate as safely during this fishery.• Opposition to the proposal was due to the small amount of vessels this would aid, unequal opportunity among vessels, unknown effects on biomass, and this is allocative in nature.



BOF	250-261	Bering Sea King and Tanner Crab	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action	9	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Comments by all present

New Business (Continued)

- Motion for Julie Kavanaugh approving the minutes from this meeting approved unanimously.
- Motion for Julie Kavanaugh to represent AC @ Board of Fish Meeting approved unanimously.

IX. Committee Comments:

- There are 9 AC positions open for election next meeting cycle.
- It may be pertinent for participation to hold the election meeting during the evening instead of mid-day.

X. Adjournment: 1545

Minutes Recorded By: Jason Bunch
Minutes Approved By: Julie D Kavanaugh
Date: February 17, 2017





Lower Kuskokwim AC

10/27/2016

**STATEWIDE (EXCEPT SOUTHEAST AND YAKUTAT) KING AND TANNER CRAB AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES
MARCH 20-24, 2017
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**

BOF	244	Align sport crab fishery regulations and repeal methods and means and general provisions for shellfish for the North Slope, Kuskokwim–Goodnews, and Yukon areas.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	2	James Charles: Not a lot of us go fishing for crabs. Adolf: I am subsistence user if I wanted it to become a subsistence use the crab.

BOF	275	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.	 <div>AC08 2 of 4</div>
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	12 <p>James Charles: it was proposal</p> <p>Chariton Epchook: Last year salmon escapement met their goals.</p> <p>John Andrew: I agree with Mr. Epchook if we go into the Tier II system, they will only give this to indigenous people who have been here forever, it will only give fish to those people. We will be wasting our time, we will not be able to share our catch with other families.</p> <p>Jackson: We did not go along with this proposal, we do not want to go into the Tier II permit system, it is not good for villages this permit system.</p> <p>Nicholai: I oppose this proposal, last year it was under a different number and I opposed it then.</p> <p>Willie Phillip: The other thing we experienced last year and this year Tuluksak didn't participate in designating the permit system. I noticed with my extended family were complaining that appointed fisherman were not sharing their fish as they normally would. It is going to take awhile for this to come into place.</p> <p>Phillip Peter: There was no action on this at the board of fish. They didn't want to talk about it. We need to work on this so it doesn't come up again.</p> <p>The customary and traditional use from our ancestors there is no permit or tier II permit. I opposed this last year. We make a compromise with the state the way I understand it, we compromise and we pay for it. I asked the lawyers if we take allocation with the king salmon I asked them and remove these two permits, without using those two permits we could fish in the river. In ANILCA we are the first priority, in the ANILCA regulation and that little word 'rural preference' all could fish down in the river. If those fish got really low, hunger has no law when we are hungry. We could go there and we are really hungry and we forget to use this tier II permit. Hunger has no law, I would really oppose 275.</p> <p>Henry Parks: The people from the tundra villages, the villages are a distance from the Kuskokwim river and use a lot of gas to get to the Kuskokwim river, last year was a good year for us. When there was fishing this year, there were not any complaints from our fishing. If we adopt proposal 275, it will affect our subsistence way of life. So it will be fair to some families of the disadvantaged. This is not a very good proposal at all.</p> <p>James Charles: Explains there was another proposal on the RAC meeting</p> <p>Lamont: The intertribal fisheries would like the state and the federal sides to get all parties to the table to be part of the discussion to get everyone at the table to discuss these issues.</p> <p>Adolf: Asks Lisa Olson about Tier II practiced in fisheries in Nome, now they are going over this, my district, we most vehemently oppose that. There was no investigation of the effects. My opportunity will be unreasonable, I will not be able to fish. This state method to distinguish between users, it is not method under state subsistence law and constitution it is against the law. Talks about filling out application, permits will be selective, in Nome area there were only 10-20 people who got permits if 100 applied or more. I can see other people looking at someone else's fish rack. Someone said do not accept Tier II, I will be supporting the RAC and the intertribal commission. Thank you so much for language in Yupik. I am thankful for you listening to comments and the concerns we have.</p> <p>If it is repealed the Tier II system will be a moot point.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson: I talked with people in Napaskiak, we are over regulated said an elder, this is not going to benefit our region. I will speak opposing the resolution. If this passes and we look into the future, how can anyone pass the customary and traditional ways to the future generations, you wouldn't be able to pass on the values to the younger generation. This is something that has come during times of low fish I do believe in co-management.</p> <p>Phillip Peter: The issue brought up by Lamont is a very good idea we should not only focus on the fish issue we should also do all of the other game. We are under a lot of regulations for everything, it is not our way of life. Need a comprehensive review of the reaguioations. all of thisese</p>	

BOF	276	Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during salmon runs.		 <div>AC08 3 of 4</div>
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	12	<p>Phil Peter: Motion to adopt</p> <p>Willie Phillip: Seconded</p> <p>John Andrew: Everyone in the village want to oppose the permit system. A lot of people will not be able to go fish and will not be able to share. When the king salmon numbers are low and we brought up the permit system. Even the people on the Yukon opposed the permit system.</p> <p>Henry Parks: Right now what have I determined from my observations during the king salmon season I know in 2012 and 2010 there was a real low number of king salmon, the years that have gone by that the king salmon are slowly repopulating and we can keep fishing schedule like we did this last summer, it is hardship to go down to the Kuskokwim river to get gas, when this first came the tundra villages did not like the permits and there is differences between families and we don't want to go to permit system and it would be detrimental to the way we relate to each other. I do not want to accept this proposal at all.</p> <p>Chariton: In January, from Kwethluk, we went to Fairbanks for board meeting, we did not like the proposal for the fishing permits. Fish and Wildlife when they first come up with the permit system people were against each other negatively, they really were against people who were fishing and that they were keeping the good fish and giving the bad fish away, it made a division in the families and the young people here are not like they use to be.</p> <p>Jackson William: The upper villages where I am from, last year when we had a Unit 4 meeting, the fish are not that low, that is just my opinion. This guy from Tuluksak and he was working at AVCP, this guy from Kalskag said a guy from Stony River his smoke house was already have full of chinook. The net would sink over night, I don't like people coming here to tell us there are not enough chinook in our river that is not right, there are lots. Subsistence- we were limited to 300, 6 inch mesh 29 kings, that is a record. That is a mismanagement of the kings. Like Lamont said when we work together it is better.</p> <p>James Nicholai: I do not like this proposal at all, our ancestors used to tell us that when the salmon come when we need to take our salmon and get ready for the winter time and they didn't tell us how much to catch and to gather enough for families and our extended families and we give them what we catch too. When any of my families come and want something from my freezer I give them what they want. In the lower 48 people kick their kids out after age 18, we don't do that. I do not like the permit system. Our children and grandchildren need enough game from them, the need to provide for our families is never going to end. It is not good for our way of life to have all of these regulations. There was a Japanese officer talking about how their permit system works and it was the same way and they listen to their ancestors and that they were following their ancestral law, it is the same way with us. They are oral laws not written, we should write down our laws it would give a credence to our law. My ancestors said do not waste or throw away anything. The Japanese don't follow outside regulations they follow their own regulations. They didn't speak English they spoke their own language to their way of life. I do not like permit at all and I want to keep my way of life.</p> <p>Phillip Peter: We are concentrating Chinook, let them increase. Right now we are concentrating on the king salmon coming up here, there are other fish and game out there that will go down in numbers. I want to talk about chum and reds that follow the chinooks, we eat reds, chums and king salmon for food. A year ago I got a call from Fish and Game chums are really low, we will not be concentrating on chums. We are only concentrating on kings but chums are getting low. Reds are increasing. We had record number of years we caught almost 300 million chums commercial fishing. Some day when we accept this permit. It is not free, we have to pay for it like commercial fishing. I talked with my tribal members they do not want this.</p> <p>permit. ..</p>	



Alaska Board of Game Arctic/Western Meeting

January 6-9, 2017, Bethel

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			designed to restrict aircraft. Earl Samuelson: I think it is going to weaken the controlled use area. This one is meant to open the door/airway to let people go through and hunt moose. Does fish and game support this? Phil Perry: I don't know, this is outside my area and we don't have official comments. Earl Samuelson: I would like to remain neutral on this proposal.
83	See comments proposal 25		
Opposed	0	10	

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Paul Thijs
John D. Smith

Date:

12-14-16



McGrath Fish and Game Advisory Committee

12/9/2016

Assembly Room, Captain Snow Center, McGrath, AK

Excerpted for Koyukuk River Proposals taken up at the 2017 Upper Cook Inlet and
Statewide BOF Meeting

I. Call to Order: 12:05 by Ray Collins

II. Roll Call:

Nick Petruska- Nikolai; on the
phone

Members Absent:

Ray Collins- McGrath (Chair)
Mark Cox_ McGrath
Lewis Egrass- McGrath
Steffen Strick- McGrath
Andrew Runkle-Nikolai
Jimmy Nikolai- Telida
Robert Magnuson Jr- McGrath

Kevin Whitworth- McGrath
Peter Snow-McGrath
Steve Eluska-Telida
Vacant- Undesignated seat
Clinton Goods- Takotna
Jessie Grady- Takotna
Vernon John- Nikolai
Carl Gregory- Nikolai

Number needed for Quorum on AC: 8

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved unanimously. Moved by Strick,
second by Egrass.

V. Fish & Game Staff Present: Josh Peirce, DWC; Louise Standish, DWC; Nissa Pilcher,*
BDS.

- Attended via teleconference.

VI. Guests Present: Brett Gibbens, DPS; Barb Carlson (phone) Aaron Bodder; DWC (phone)
et al. (phone); Students from McGrath School.

VII. New Business; Elections and terms of all seats.

New members elected to the AC:

Roger Seavoy – Chair- McGrath

Gus Strick- McGrath

Ken Deardorff- Secretary- Undesignated

Mark Cox- McGrath- elected Vice Chair

New Business Cont;

Chairman Seavoy designated to write letter to USF&WS/Innoko Refuge, urging them to
keep the remaining presence in McGrath. Will include endorsement by City of McGrath
as well as McGrath Native Village Council.



Moved by Collins second by Egrass. Approved; Unanimous 10/0

Proposal 279: Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan;

Great deal of discussion with Carlson (Sleetmute), Aaron (DWC Bethel) et al...via teleconference re; amending the wording of the proposed changes to replace "SHALL" with "MAY" in paragraph 3C

Discussion mainly centered on the threat to headwaters escapement goals not being met if additional fishing periods allowed on the main Kuskokwim with 4-inch mesh under various escapement levels.

The consensus was that ADFG now has sufficient flexibility to provide fishing opportunities as well as provide for projected escapement levels.

The proposal was **opposed** by this AC. Moved by Collins second by Runkle. Voted was unanimous. Proposal failed 0/10

Proposal 275: Customary & Traditional subsistence uses.....

Although the discussion touched on the possibility of something like tier 2 being possible in the future, consensus is that other tools are in use at this time and progress towards escapement goals is being met.

Tier 2 is not needed at this time.

Moved by Strick, second by Egress. Unanimous **opposition** to this proposal 0/10

Proposal 276: Subsistence Fishing Permit

It is thought that this proposal is far too rigid to be practical. It will meet with lack of participation as well as presenting logistical hurdles and enforcement issues when attempting to get permits to those who need/want them. Additionally, many felt that fishermen will not cooperate with marking and record keeping as current projected in the proposal. The consensus is that this is "unworkable" as proposed.

Moved by Cox, second by Egrass. Proposal **opposed** 0/10.



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 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 AMENDED

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



ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE SEWARD AC'S AMMENDED LANGUAGE FOR PROPOSAL 265

SUBMITTED BY DIANNE WATSON

ON BEHALF OF THE SEWARD AC

The following is a discussion had at our November 3rd, 2016 AC meeting concerning the amended language we put forth for Proposal 265. The amendment came from Proposal 318 submitted by the Seward AC and passed by the Board in 2011. This discussion was not included in our minutes

Our rationalization for the amendment is this: The grounds available for tanner fishing in Resurrection Bay are 12 plus miles from town. Bad weather often reroutes tugs and their tows to the shelter of our Bay when the Gulf is rough. They run their circles over crab grounds close to town. This further curtails the area close to town where we can fish. If stacking was allowed, we could run to areas with less gear conflict.

Safety is also an issue. In a winter fishery, stacking would allow fewer boats to be operating in marginal conditions. If the weather is good, you could take out the small boat. If the weather is bad, having a larger boat available to run gear would be prudent. This would spread the operating costs, especially in this time of increasing fuel prices. There is no reason to encourage a larger fleet of vessels in a winter fishery when gear stacking would increase safety and reduce cost.

Since 2011 when the pot stacking was allowed, there has been minimal participation in the fishery. Catch data from the Dept will verify this.

With the amended language, we are asking that the status quo which has been in effect since 2011 be allowed to remain and the North Gulf Coast be broken out of Proposal 265.



Harvest and effort of Tanner crab from noncommercial fishery in Area C - North Gulf Coast

Season	Area C	
	Harvest	Effort
2008/09	9	19
2009/10 ^a	241	128
2010/11 ^a	41	31
<i>Average</i> ^b	97	59
2011/12 ^{a,c}	48	19

^a Harvest numbers adjusted for non-respondent harvest.

^b Averages from the three full open seasons.

^c Season closed 9/6/11 in Areas D and E, remained open in Areas A–C, but no additional harvest occurred.



Minutes
Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Teleconference
December 8, 2016 / 2:30P.M

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by the Chair Doug Carney, at 2:30 p.m.

Roll Call & Quorum – 8 members / 5 for quorum

SHAC members present were

Rick Breckheimer - Lime Village

Doug Carney & Susan Hubbard - Sleetmute

Barb Carlson & John Zeller – Red Devil

Absent were-

Faron Bobby – Lime Village

David Bobby & Charlie Gusty - Stony River.

Others Attending - The chair introduced the others attending

Nissa Pilcher, Boards Support

Josh Peirce – Area Biologist

Brett Gibbens – Wildlife Protection

Lisa Olsen – Fdivision of Subsistence

Members' Concerns – Members were asked if they had -

- Any other proposals members want to comment on, besides those listed below?
- Any agenda additions to Other Business for this meeting?
- Anything for future meetings?

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved without additions.

Reading & Approval of Minutes - from the Dec. 16, 2014 & Dec.10, 2015 teleconference meetings.

Area Biologist –

Josh – Roger Seavoy retired – I'm the new area biologist.

We did a moose composition count in November, mainly limited to the Bear Control Area- on the Holitna then up the Kuskokwim toward Stony

The bull/cow ratio was 58/100, and the calf/cow ratio was 55/100, which is slightly better than the last count from 2013, which was a bull/cow of 55/100 & calf/cow of 50/100, and these are very good numbers.

There is a moose trend count planned for March. We hope the weather and snow conditions are good and I would like to do a larger area, in 19A including up the Stony River and around Lime Village. We hope to find a high calf survival rate and high moose numbers, and then maybe we can have a limited moose season.

The bear control program was done about 3 years ago, so bear numbers will be increasing

There's a CKAC proposal 79, which would allow the taking of brown bear at black bear baiting stations that you'll probably want to look at.

Doug – Yes, that's on our list - it makes sense to me. You recently told me about the bear bounty some villages have. You want to tell us about that?



Josh – Yes, McGrath City Council gives \$150 for both wolves and bears. When hunters bring in a sealed bear hide.

Doug – We will go over the BOG proposals and then Barb Carlson will lead the discussion on the BOF proposals. Barb has gone to many BOF meetings and working group meetings over the past couple of years, mostly having to do with the shortage of King Salmon.

Just so everyone knows, the last SHAC meeting had a direct affect on the red fishing in Lime. At the last meeting Rick & Fred spoke about their inability to fish for reds, because of the net ban for Kings, and that Kings are in poor shape and aren't targeted that far upriver. That discussion was in our minutes and comments, and Barb addressed it at working groups and the BOF meeting.

Barb -

Doug - Hopefully with this year's proposal 279 on 4" mesh will be able to exempt Lime as well.

Barb -

BOG Proposal Discussion & Votes

Doug - The BOG cycle has changed from 2-years to 3 years.

Again, are there any additions members want to make to the list I have on the agenda?–

17/47, 51-56, 68, 72, 74, 75, 77, 79- 83, 156, & 160. There are none –OK.

17 / 47 – Proposal 17 is for the Arctic/Western BOG Meeting, and 47 is the same proposal for the Interior/Northeast Arctic BOG meeting.

Josh – Fairbanks AC was against it, seems like most trappers are.

Doug - Brett, you trap -what do you think about this one?

Brett – Protection officers would have to root around trap lines to make sure grouse wings & other parts aren't used.

SHAC members voted to oppose this one.

Further discussion on 17 & 47 all other proposals are included on the attached comment form.

BOF Proposals-

Barb Carlson read and explained these proposals in detail to the committee.

SHAC discussion is contained on the attached comment form

- 3 Proposals on King Salmon – 275, 276, 279
- Proposal discussion & comments

Other Business - There was no other business discussed

Adjourn - 5 p.m.

**Mandatory-** Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form

	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	275		Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	5	SHAC absolutely opposes Tier II, and there was very little discussion. SHAC sees no need to consider Tier II since the Chinook stocks are recovering, met escapement goals in 2015, and will potentially exceed escapement goals in 2016.
BOF	276		Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during times of low king salmon runs.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	0	<p><u>SHAC will support this proposal with the following amendments -</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delete all language concerning Community harvest permits, retaining the household permit language. Replace language requiring having the household permit present in the boat to keeping a temporary daily tally with you, and copying that info daily onto the permit, where it can be kept clean, dry, and intact, (eg in the smokehouse) If a household permit is turned in according to regulations, that household will automatically receive a permit for the following year without having to reapply. <p><u>Comments supporting these proposal with the amendments listed above-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permits are used throughout the state for salmon, and this permit is only for Chinook & only applies during times of conservation. Having household permits only, rather than both household & community permits, is much simpler for fishers and for administrators in ADF&G. (THIS DOES NOT PREVENT HOUSEHOLDS FROM FISHING TOGETHER & sharing the work & salmon.) Those who report their harvest on the permit as required will be rewarded by not have to re-apply each year, making permitting less of a hassle, & more streamlined for user and manager alike.
BOF	279		Clarify when 4-inch mesh set gillnets may be used during the early season king salmon subsistence fishery closer.



- ☐ Support
☒ Support as Amended
☐ Oppose
☐ No Action

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SHAC will support this proposal with the following amendments –

RE: Proposal language –

- In part 3C, replace the word “shall” with “may”, & in the 3rd line, insert “up to” in front of “seven days a week.”
- In part (1), (2)A, & (3)A – Following “the commissioner shall close, by emergency order, the commercial, sport, & subsistence King Salmon fisheries”, “the manager shall have the ability to exercise his discretional authority to keep open areas of the Kuskokwim Drainage where King Salmon have yet to arrive.”

Comments supporting this proposal with the amendments listed above-

- RE: The above amendment to part 3(C) / If the word “shall” were retained, the purpose of the closure through June 11 would be totally defeated by having 7 days a week 4” mesh openings
- RE: The above amendment to part 3(C) / Evidence from previous years shows that particularly on the lower river, 4” mesh nets have been used to target King Salmon. Therefore, even when escapement is forecast to be exceeded, the inadvertent King take prior to June 12 would drastically reduce headwater escapement, since the headwater’s King Salmon stock is the earliest part of the run. These headwater tributaries have had only 2 years to begin to recover. Last year, for the 1st time, escapement at the Salmon Fork (Pitka River) weir was impressive, demonstrating that this fork is a far greater spawning stream than imagined. Without this amendment, there would be a reversal of this positive trend.
- RE: also on 3(C) – Based on in-season data as well as the forecast, management has the ability to make wise choices for the river, so that in times of plenty people can catch some fresh fish, while allowing the headwater stocks to reach their spawning grounds.
- RE: Part (1), (2)A, & (3)A amendment above – While the manager presently has the ability to keep stretches of the river open to fishing when Kings are not present, language reflecting this discretionary authority is important to include in the proposal. (eg. The Gweek River is a non-salmon tributary & the Stony River King run does not enter the river until after June 8.)
- RE: Part (1), (2)A, & (3)A amendment above – When there is a ban on using a net, fishers near the headwaters of the Stony River (a tributary of the Kuskokwim), who don’t ever target Kings due to their poor quality, can’t legally fish for other species. Sheefish, whitefish, and even suckers can help feed their families.



UNALASKA FISH & GAME LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

16 August 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

5:30 pm, by Chairman Frank Kelty

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank Kelty

Steve Gregory

Jennifer Shockley

Shari Coleman

Dustan Dickerson

Melissa Good

Augie Kochuten

Jeff Hancock

ABSENT:

Roger Rowland

Mike Holman

Don Goodfellow

Tim Mahoney

GUESTS PRESENT:

Miranda Westphal, ADF&G Unalaska Office Supervising biologist; Justin Leon, ADF&G UNALASKA; Tyler Polum, ADF&G Kodiak; Ethan Nichols, ADF&G Unalaska.

Media: Jim Paulin, Report Alaska: Laura, Kraegel, KUCB.

Federal Subsistence: Rebecca Skinner, Coral Chernoff, Anton Chelikoff Pat Holmes.



Additional guests:, Suzi Golodoff, Abi Woodbridge, Caleb Livingston, Rebecca Duffy, Laresa Syverson, Pat Holmes, Mark Westphal , Walter Tellman, Vince Tutiakoff, Tom Robinson.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Shockley: Add Removal of committee member for cause for New Business/ Executive Session.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Motion to adopt agenda, with addition made by Coleman, seconded by Good.

APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

Discussion re Gregory's first name erroneously listed as Dave in prior meeting minutes.

Motion to approve minutes for June 4, 2016 made by Gregory, seconded by Good

Minutes approved by voice vote.

ADF&G UPDATE:

Westphal & Leon:

- Eastern & Western Golden King Crab open; data confidential
- State water Pacific Cod open; data confidential
- Aleutian Islands Rockfish open; data confidential
- Aleutian Islands Sablefish open; 17 vessels participating, 35,000 pounds landed

Polum:

- Review of sport fish signage posted to date and plans to send more with next State vessel passing through Kodiak.



- Discussion re multilingual signage and possibility of erecting bulletin board with info in multiple languages - this has worked well in Kodiak.

LEGISLATIVE:

N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

Local salmon sport-fishing:

- Kelty: ACR has been submitted for changes to fishing setback (from 100 to 250 yards) at Summer Bay and Morris Cove.
- Shockley: review of enforcement efforts by UDPS & NOAA officers.
- Golodoff: Proper release of snagged fish? Polum and Shockley discuss subjective assessment of "proper," plans to do PSA later in week on this topic.
- Woodbridge: Need to clean up Iliuliuk River, Summer Bay and Morris Cove watersheds.
- Holmes: Peer pressure, media and radio good ways to encourage stewardship
- Mark Westphal: Detailed concerns about impact of larger setback on salmon sport fishermen with no alternative places to fish. Are there ways to determine if fishing efforts at Summer Bay really impacts the sockeye stock? Polum explains weirs were used for four years after Kuroshima grounding but stream and aerial surveys provide only a snapshot in time of run and aren't necessarily representative of overall run health. Also, Aleutian Island salmon data covers such a large area that it doesn't help with detail of individual streams. Dickerson asks about possibility of installing cameras at Summer Bay; Kochuten responds that picnickers don't want to be watched. Mr. Westphal suggests every other day closures.
- Woodbridge: Believes 250 yard setback is too far, should only be 100 yards. Kelty reminds that current proposal was already rejected as emergency measure by ADF&G staff. Westphal concerned that 250 yards doesn't take Summer Bay geography into account. Holmes says setbacks can be put at any agreed-upon distance. Gregory urges having data to support changes in regulations, doesn't want to draw arbitrary

battle lines between conservation and harvest. Kelty supports getting a used weir but recognizes might be difficult to man it.

Local salmon subsistence fishing:

- Kelty: Subsistence fishing on Front Beach is a volatile issue, wants public input on the matter and opinions brought forward on the proposal put forth by committee member Holman who proposed weekly three-day closure for subsistence fishing. Hancock voices concern that the Holman proposal favors residents with 9-5 weekday jobs.
- Discussion re jurisdiction of current subsistence regulations do they include Unalaska Bay, Reese Bay, Beaver Inlet watersheds.
- Good: need to consider that escapement is not the only concern, habitat for spawning salmon has been degraded and what good are limitations on fishermen if there's no good spawning habitat for escaped fish to use? Sentiment echoed by Gregory, re silting of Unalaska Lake. Coleman notes that community is concerned and is asking this committee to do something - even if we don't have data perhaps we should consider anecdotal evidence and accept that this will impose limitations on some groups. Gregory agrees but cautions about going too far. Syverson notes that it's not just numbers but also size and health of fish that are of concern. This year's fish were small. Livingston notes that there have been no candlefish so far this year, and urges getting a serious count before making a serious decision.
- Hancock & Livingston: discussion how fish from Front Beach are recorded on subsistence permits and whether designating fish caught there could be used for data collection in future years? Could any data be gathered from previous years' permits?
- Golodoff: 40-year resident, fishes Front Beach, has seen a big increase in fishing pressure there in recent years. Day limits don't make sense because of weather; net length limits don't make sense - people will just fish harder, longer. Instead need to limit total number of fish taken from Front Beach. Praises residents of Front Beach who put self-imposed limits on their fishing effort there this year. Kochuten notes that some people have no other options; Golodoff willing to limit herself because she values salmon resource for the future and not just now. Good likes Golodoff's idea, also recommends minimum distance between nets. Tellman likes Golodoff's idea, reiterates that effort has been high and return low for last few years.
- Tutiakoff likes Golodoff's plan. Recommends going through Lisa Fox of ADF&G Kodiak to make an administrative change to regulations rather than waiting through 3-



year Board cycle. Notes that Board proposal would probably have to lump all Unalaska Bay limits rather than limit it to just one location. Kelty believes Board would reject proposal without supporting data. Miranda Westphal & Polum explain that permit limits are allocative and can't be changed by ADF&G.

- Robinson: Where's the enforcement? Combat fishing has taken over this community. Wants enforcement to ensure escapement goals are met. We need to find agreement on what we mean by sustainability.
- Woodbridge: Bring it back to the fish - common problem is habitat degradation, mostly silting. City ordinances re fill/dumping are abysmal need to organize group to address habitat issue. Gregory concurs - community has changed, more paved roads and sidewalks, more drainage and less filtration into the watersheds. We are all at fault and need to make sustained effort to resolve issue. Believes quality of life survey should show clean water and good salmon habitat at the top.
- Syverson: Qawalangin Tribe is trying to start environmental monitoring program; Robin Waldron or Nikita Robinson might know if planned projects could include weirs or fish counts.
- Holmes: could also consider community fishing, fishing by proxy for elders who can no longer catch their own fish, or can't fish other than Front Beach. Notes that small fish could be a result of poor lake quality.
- Motion to submit ACR to limit number of sockeye salmon taken from Front Beach to 10 fish per household member listed on permit made by Gregory, seconded by Shockley.
 - Good: Hard to go back once we reduce limits.
 - Livingston: Really don't like this.
 - Dickerson: How will you tell one fish from another, to determine where it was caught?
 - Roll call vote; Coleman against, Kochuten abstain. Motion passes 6-1-1
 - Brief discussion re due date for ACR



Review of Statewide King and Tanner Crab Proposals

- Tabled until next meeting per Kelty, due to time constraints.

NEW BUSINESS:

Removal of committee member for cause

- Motion to go into executive session made by Good, seconded by Gregory: motion was withdrawn. The issue was tabled until next meeting due to the member not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

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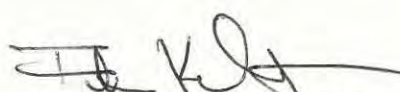

Unalaska City Council, Unalaska School Board meetings upcoming in October.

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting tentatively set for late September or early October 2016.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn, made by Good, seconded by Gregory. Motion passed by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned 7:33 pm.

 11/30/2016  11/30/2016
Frank Kelty, Chairman, Date Approved Jennifer Shockley, Secretary Date Approved



UNALASKA FISH & GAME LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

30 November, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

6:01 pm, by Chairman Frank Kelty

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank Kelty

Steve Gregory

Jennifer Shockley

Shari Coleman

Dustan Dickerson

Melissa Good

Mike Holman

Jeff Hancock

Tim Mahoney

ABSENT:

Roger Rowland

Augie Kochuten

Don Goodfellow

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mark Stichert, ADF&G, Regional Shellfish Coordinator – telephonically; Ethan Nichols, ADF&G; Colton LKU, ADF&G, SW/AI Commercial Salmon - telephonically.

Media: Jim Paulin, Report Alaska; Laura Kraegel, KUCB.

Additional guests: Taryn O'Connor-Brito - telephonically, Hal Lewis, Laresa Syverson

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:



Shockley & Dickerson: add Removal of Committee Member for Cause to New Business; can be done in open session.

APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

Motion to approve minutes for August 16, 2016 made by Good, seconded by Dickerson.

Minutes approved with no comments.

ADF&G UPDATE:

Nichols:

- Eastern & Western Golden King open: three boats operating each fishery data confidential. 47% taken in Western fishery.
- Bristol Bay Red King 100% taken
- Eastern AI Tanner below threshold for mature males; no quota for upcoming season
- AI Dungeness no harvest to date
- AI Rockfish no harvest to date

Discussion by committee members: Good, Dickerson, Nichols and Stichert re. local tanner crab survey. Due to State budget cuts, it's likely that this survey will not occur in our area every year, but could occur every other year.

Discussion among Stichert, Nichols and committee member Kelty, on how the Bristol Bay Red King season compared to last. Nichols reports that CPUE is up considerably from last year.

Discussion among committee members Kelty, Lewis and ADFG Stichert on how surveys are conducted. Surveys are not just to determine crab but also for cod and other finfish quotas. Survey is likely to expand both north and west next year to address movement of crab out of current survey area.

OLD BUSINESS

Update from 10/18-10/20/16 Board of Fisheries Work Session in Soldotna (Kelty):

- ACR-2 (250-yard set-back at Summer Bay) failed 1-6



- ACR-3 (limit Sockeye taken from Front Beach) passed 7-0, amidst concern about lack of data for this fishery.
- ACR-5 (Bait herring opening date) failed 2-5
- ACR-8 (AI Golden King closure date) failed 0-7

OLD BUSINESS

Proposal 280 (limit Sockeye taken from Front Beach):

Discussion: Per Colton, staff ADF&G commercial salmon. ADFG has no comments; proposal looks good. Kelty plans to ask City Council to support weir for Iliuliuk River. Comments by Gregory on how data will be used and how useful it will be without a habitat study to determine what Iliuliuk Lake can actually support. No public comments.

Motion to support made by Good, seconded by Holman. Voice vote, motion passes 10-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Statewide King & Tanner Crab Proposals for 03/20-03/24/17 meeting:

- Prop 242: Housekeeping so that language reflects actual practice. No comments from AC or public.
- Prop 243: Housekeeping to standardize sport and commercial size limits for Tanner in the AP and AI areas. Discussion among Good and on whether subsistence size limits will also change. Stichert recommends that AC make proposal for same. Discussion among Dickerson, Lewis and Stichert on reducing the size limit for the local Tanner crab fishery and whether lowered size limits would increase likelihood of the local commercial Tanner crab fishery opening. Stichert explains that not all areas of a fishery are alike so size limits can't be applied across the board.
- Prop 248: Artifact from derby fishing days when prospecting was a problem, now basically a redundant regulation. Discussion between Holman and Stichert about whether this is even being enforced anymore (not likely).
- Prop 250: Bycatch retention of *opilio* in *bairdi* fishery. Discussion among Good, Kelty, Nichols and Stichert about decreasing handling mortality by retaining rather than discarding; at what point can/will processors change production lines to run bycatch and what happens if bycatch isn't processed. Stichert comments on how changes in gear/size/bycatch regulations might change genetics of a given population by changing which individuals escape.



- Prop 251: Adds two weeks to western *bairdi* fishery. Discussion among Kelty, Good, Lewis and Stichert on impact on later molting season of western crabs. Mating/molting is mostly dependent on water temperature so mating/molting is likely to occur earlier with warmer waters conditions. Any possibility of in-season research projects? Lewis wants to know if crab fisheries are going to disappear because of global warming. Stichert agrees that acidification and warming of the ocean are concerning and believes he'd be quite popular if he were able to answer Lewis' question.
- Prop 252/253: Increases efficiency and safety of crabbers by not forcing them to return to port between fisheries. Discussion among Good, Lewis and Stichert about increased safety by not running with full pot loads; use of cameras to ensure that crabbers are meeting requirements? Stichert says this possibility already under discussion at federal level and may be possible to collect more data this way.
- Prop 254: Identification/determination of hybrid Tanner crab in targeted Tanner crab fishery. Discussion among Stichert and Dickerson on what observer data shows about increase/decrease in hybrid numbers. Hybrids are increasing per data but not known if this is because population is increasing, or whether recognition is simply better. Returning hybrids to ocean could increase hybrid population since they do reproduce.
- Prop 255: Gives more flexibility to crabbers on *opilio* bycatch retention in eastern *bairdi* fishery.
- Prop 256: Allows retention of *bairdi* in Red King fishery.
- Prop 257/258: 166° line is somewhat arbitrary and doesn't necessarily reflect limits of currently identified stocks in Bering Sea Tanner fisheries.
- Prop 258: 163° line is somewhat arbitrary and doesn't necessarily reflect limits of currently identified stocks in Bering Sea Tanner fisheries.
- Prop 259: Housekeeping to clarify gear regulations.
- Prop 260: Accept ADF&G guide to identify *bairdi* and *opilio* crab.
- Prop 261: ADF&G proposal in response to other bycatch retention proposals restricts percentage of bycatch retention.
- Prop 262: Adak area is hoping to develop local, small-boat Tanner crab fishery. This language mimics that for other localized, small-boat fisheries but, per Stichert, survey data is needed before trying to implement something like this.
- Prop 263: Decreases observer coverage in Golden King fishery. Discussion among Good and Stichert that there's no survey to help with management - ALL data in this fishery comes from observer data. Reduced observer coverage would be financially beneficial to participants.



- Prop 264: Derby fishing artifact, no longer necessary in current system.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal 278 - Bering Sea Tanner Crab

- Discussion: Proposal changes the calculation for determining threshold in eastern but not western Tanner fishery. 166° line doesn't represent any real stock boundary - stocks moves back and forth across this line and fishing on one side of this line can impact stocks on the other side. Kelty questions use of new boats for surveys. Stichert: The boats, crew, gear and methodology have been the same for several years now and nobody questioned their data when quotas were increased a few years ago. Kelty: this is a \$50M fishery, represents \$2M to Unalaska. Stichert: female abundance declines before male and this decline likely to be more significant next year. Never had a season with stocks this low. Very few small crabs are being seen; this is a low productivity cycle for all crab and now is the time to conserve. Good: concerned about tossing data out that we have already collected and are currently using.
- Motion to support made by Holman, seconded by Gregory. Roll call vote, motion passes 6-4.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman travel to Kodiak in January 2017 approved by State

NEW BUSINESS

Removal of committee member for cause

- Discussion: Shockley explains concern about lack of participation by Kochuten who missed five meetings in a row during the last 18 months. Would like to see her position held by a community member who has interest in participating in AC process and representing our community. Bylaws specify that member who has missed three meetings in a row can be removed. Holman: any absences excused? Unknown, not recorded. Gregory: How is excused absence defined? Hancock: Members can still participate telephonically even if not in town for meeting. Gregory concerned about "Pandora's box" regarding how to define excused absences.
- Motion to address removal of Kochuten for unexcused absences totaling more than three made by Holman, seconded by Good.



- Hancock reviews bylaws from AC manual. Discussion on Kochuten's own characterization of her level of interest in the AC as low. Dickerson proposes allowing her opportunity to resign so other community member can take her place. Good: Can Frank send her a letter asking her to resign? Gregory supports this idea as well. Kelty agrees to contact Kochuten and question her willingness/interest to continue serving. O'Connor-Brito recommends looking at 060 Uniform Rules of Operation, Membership regarding procedure to fill vacancies and reasons for which vacancies might be announced.
- Motion to table issue until Kochuten has been informed of issue by Kelty, made by Holman, seconded by Gregory. Roll call vote, motion passes 9-1.

NEXT MEETING:

- Next meeting tentatively set for early February 2017. Discussion on best day/time for meetings. General support for weekday evenings.
- Discussion: O'Connor-Brito: Minutes of this meeting need to be approved, signed before January 10th, 2017 Kodiak meeting. Forbidden to approve minutes by email; can only be approved by regular meeting, teleconference or motion to allow Chair to approve minutes.
- Motion: Motion for Kelty to approve 11/26/16 meeting minutes made by Good, seconded by Shockley. Voice vote, motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

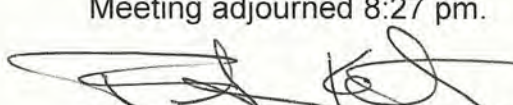


Laresa Syverson would be interested in serving on AC.

VOICE OF THE MEMBERSHIP

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Good, seconded by Gregory. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned 8:27 pm.

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Frank Kelty, Chairman Date 12/26/16 Jennifer Shockley, Secretary Date 12/26/16



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February 26, 2017

John Jensen, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries
Alaska Department of
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Juneau, AK 99811-5526

Subject: Comments from the Unalaska/Dutch Harbor Advisory Committee from a meeting held on February 20, 2017 in Unalaska, AK on Board of Fisheries Statewide Crab Proposals to be heard at the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Crab meeting in Anchorage, Alaska March 20-24, 2017.

Proposal #242 5AAC34.917 Saint Matthew Island section blue king crab harvest strategy. Correct and error in regulation to accurately specify the percentage of mature male blue king crab used in setting the total allowable catch as follows:

Motion to support Proposal 242: made by Goodfellow, seconded by Mahoney,

Discussion, Housekeeping measure ADFG proposal, no opposition.

Motion passes 6-0

Proposals #243 through #249 No Action by Unalaska AC

Proposal #250 5AAC 35.506. Area J Registration Allow full retention of legal male *C. opilio* Tanner crab incidentally harvested by vessels targeting *C. bairdi* Tanner crab in in the Bering Sea District west of 166° West long., as follows:

Note: Committee member Melissa Good has arrived at the meeting 7 committee members in attendance.

Motion to support #250 by Mahoney second by Goodfellow

Discussion: Majority of the committee felt, that this proposal would reduce handling mortality; and it wouldn't be a large percentage bycatch due to crab



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rigged differently so most opilio would escape threw the pot tunnels or escape rings in the pots. Opposition felt this could lead to high grading on large opilio, catch accounting difficulty for ADFG. If no percentage in place, possibility of a harvester targeting bairdi could take large amounts of opilio instead of the target specie.

Motion passed 4-3

Proposals #251 5 AAC 35.510 Fishing seasons for Registration Area J. Change season closer date from March 31 to April 15 for C. Bairdi tanner crab in waters W 166° Long as follows:

Motion to support Good second by Goodfellow

Discussion focused on crab molting issues, a major concern for ADFG the committee shared the concern.

Motion to support failed 1-6

Proposal #252 & #253 taken together, 5 AAC 39.645 and 5 AAC 39.670 Shellfish Observer Program. Allow a vessel carrying an onboard observer to rig, bait, and set gear for a new crab fishery before fully exiting the crab fishery for which the observer was briefed as follows:

Motion to support by Shockley second by Goodfellow

Discussion the committee felt this was one of the benefits of the crab rationalization program, and would be a cost saving and would have positive economic benefits for the crab fleet, no opposition.

Motion to support passed 7-0

Proposal #254 5 AAC35.521 Identification of Bering Sea Tanner crab. Amend the description of a hybrid Tanner crab so that hybrid designation is dependent upon the target Tanner crab fishery for which the vessel is registered as follows:

Motion to support by Goodfellow second by Hancock

Discussion, majority felt that it is very hard for harvesters and processors to make and accurate designation of this crab, the department wants the hybrid



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crab harvested and taken out of the fishery to slow down cross breeding between the species this is a good way to do it. It would also reduce vessel citations. Opposed agreed with ADFG concerns on catch accounting of the different species and high grading.

Motion to support passed 4-3

Proposal #255 5 AAC 35.506 Area J registration. Allow full retention of incidentally taken legal male *C. opilio* Tanner crab when a vessel is participating in the *C. bairdi* Tanner crab fishery east of 166°W long, as follows:

Motion to support by Good second by Goodfellow

Discussion, Majority felt that this would reduce handling mortality and wouldn't be a large percentage of crab taken as crab pots are rig differently so most *opilio* would escape. More *opilio* are showing up east of 166° W long and is increasing the possibility of handling mortality, doing this is one of the benefits of a rationalized IFQ crab fishery. Opposed felt could lead to high grading on large *opilio*, catch accounting difficulty for ADFG. If no percentage in place, could lead to a harvester targeting *bairdi* and they could harvest large amounts of *opilio* instead of the target specie.

Motion to support passed 5-2

Proposal #256 5AAC 35.506 Area J Registration. Allow full retention of legal male *bairdi* Tanner crab incidentally harvested by vessels targeting Bristol Bay Red King crab as follows: 5AAC 35.506 (i) (2) should be amended to read east of 166°W as incidental harvest while the vessel operator is registered for the Bristol Bay Red King Crab fishery; a vessel operator that is registered to fish for Bristol Bay Red King crab may also retain all legal male *C. bairdi* Tanner crab taken incidentally during normal Bristol Bay Red King crab commercial operations.

Motion to support, Goodfellow, second by Mahoney

Discussion, the majority felt that this may not be a good idea, with the uncertainty that ADFG has with the *Bairdi* fishery now. ADFG main concern is having no percentage limit in place for this fishery. They felt that this was not a good idea and would be open to a percentage of bycatch but not wide open. The case was



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made once again, that if this was enacted it would save on mortality in the handling of bairdi Tanner and you have a large stock of legal male crab on the increase now.

Motion to support failed 1-6

Proposal #257 5 AAC 35.510 Fishing seasons for Registration Area J. Extend the Bering Sea District Eastern Boundary for retention of C. Opilio Tanner crab from 166°W.long, to 165°W long, as follows:

Motion to support by Mahoney seconded by Good

Discussion, committee felt that this was a good proposal to move the boundary to the east by one degree, information from harvesters is more Opilio are being seen further east. This will open some new ground for this fishery and hopefully will be of some economic benefit to the harvesters.

Motion to support passed 7-0

Proposal #258 5 AAC 35.506 Area J registration. Extend the Bering Sea District eastern boundary for retention of C Bairdi Tanner crab 163°W long, as follows:

Discussion, ADFG has concerns of the impacts of King Crab bycatch if the directed biardi Tanner crab fishery moves further east into a sensitive Bristol Bay Red King crab area. Committee members were all in opposition of this proposal.

Motion to support failed 0-7

Proposal #259 5 ACC 34.925 Lawful gear for Registration Area Q. Specify that escape rings and mesh are placed on a vertical plane or side of the pot in the Saint Matthew Blue King crab fishery as follows:

Motion to support by Coleman seconded by Mahoney

Discussion, housekeeping proposal by ADFG committee was in support.

Motion to support passed 7-0

Proposal #260 5 AAC 35.521 Identification of Bering Sea Tanner crab. Adopt by reference the ADFG Chionoecetes Crab quick Reference Guide for C. bairdi and C. opilio Tanner Crab as follows:



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Motion to support Shockley seconded by Hancock

Discussion, ADFG guide for identification of a Hybrid Tanner crab a housekeeping issue for ADFG that will be used by harvesters and processors.

Motion to support passed 7-0

Proposal #261 5 AAC 35.506 Area J registration. Allow *C. opilio* Tanner crab bycatch up to 5% retention in the Bering Sea District *C. bairdi* Tanner crab fishery east of 166°W long, as follows:

Motion to support by Good and seconded by Goodfellow

Discussion, this proposal came from ADFG at the 5% level there was no support by the committee; a motion was made to amend for a retention amount of up to 25% of *opilio* in the *C. bairdi* Tanner crab fishery. Most of the committee felt 5% was too low and would put a burden on processors of having to change operation methods for such small amounts of crab and this proposal would decrease handling mortality. Amendment passed 5-2

Motion to support amended main motion passed 5-2

Proposal # 262 5 AAC 35.505 Description of Registration Area J Districts; 5 ACC 35.506 Area J registration; 5 ACC 35.50X Western Aleutian Tanner crab harvest strategy; Registration Area J 5 ACC 35.558 Reporting requirements for Registration Area J and 5 ACC 35.590 Vessel length restrictions. Develop a management plan for the Western Aleutian Tanner crab fishery as follows:

Motion to support by Good and seconded Shockley

Discussion, this proposal would setup a small boat Tanner crab fishery for vessels 60' ft. and under when the size of the resource justifies a fishery. The committee thought that adding language to the proposal that would allow a Commissioner permit to be issued would assist in getting surveys done that would be needed by ADFG to have a small fishery opened. We had amendment made, and seconded to add Commissioner Permit authority back into the proposal that amendment passed 7-0.

Motion to support amended main motion passed 7-0



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Proposal #263 5 AAC 39.645 Shellfish onboard observer program. Reduce onboard observer coverage rates and change observer deployment periods in the Aleutian Island Golden King Crab fishery as follows:

Motion to support by Shockley seconded by Hancock.

Discussion, no support at all for this proposal, this fishery has any surveys being done, except for a recent industry funded survey. Very little is known about this species except information gathered from the observers. Committee felt now is not the time to reduce observer coverage.

Motion to support failed 0-7

Proposal #264 5 AAC 34.625. Lawful gear for Registration Area O. repeals provisions allowing concurrent harvest of red king crab and golden king crab in Registration Area O as follows:

Motion to support by Good seconded by Goodfellow

Discussion, this is an ADFG proposal. This proposal repeals regulations in Area O the Dutch Harbor area; this proposal would not allow vessels to harvest IFQ and non IFQ crab Red King Crab and Golden King Crab simultaneously. The committee was in favor of the repeal of this regulation.

Motion to support passed 7-0

Proposal # 280 5 ACC 01.380 Subsistence fishing permits. Decrease the number of sockeye salmon that may be retained in the subsistence salmon fishery on Front Beach in the Unalaska Bay District to no more than 10 fish, as follows:

Motion to support by Goodfellow seconded by Mahoney.

Discussion, Unalaska AC proposal and all committee members present in support.

Motion to support passed 7-0



Frank Kelty, Chairman Unalaska AC



excerpt for March 2017 Statewide Crab meeting

*This was AC5 in the Nov. 2015
Pacific Cod meeting*

ADF&G-Kodiak

I. Call to Order: 2:14p by Paul Chervenak, Chairman

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Paul Chervenak, Peter Hannah, Oliver Holm, Ron Kavanaugh, Rolan Ruoss, Kip Thomet, Mellissa Berns (Conrad Peterson), Tuck Bonney

Members Absent: Julie Kavanaugh, Lou Dochterman, Andrew Finke, Nathan Rose (A), Ronnie Lind, Dale Reft(A), Curt Waters

Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: Processor, Big Game Guide/Outfitter, South End Set net, Small Boat Crab/Herring/Salmon, Transporter/Sport Fish Charter, West Side Salmon Gillnet, Old Harbor Community

III. Approval of Agenda: Motion (Thomet) 2nd (Holm) Passes 8-0

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: February 23, 2015

Motion (Thomet) 2nd (Holm) Passes 8-0



V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Taryn Oconnor-Brito

Wayne Donaldson, Nathaniel Nichols

VI. Guests Present:

VII. Old Business: Discussion of vacant seats and seats expiring so as to send out notification to interested parties before out January election meeting

VIII. New Business:

Discussion of proposals-Chignik Pacific Cod, S AK Peninsula Pacific Cod and Bering Sea-Aleutian Is Pacific Cod

Selection of Committee member to represent KAC at BOG (Motion passes 8-0 to send Julie Kavanaugh)

Set next meeting date for January 26th at 1:00p

Motion for Paul Chervenak to approve minutes (due to submission deadline) passes 8-0

This space may be used to record minutes



BOF	8	Limit the number of pots in the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Chignik Area to 60 per vessel	<p>Current system is pretty fluid, changing would make it much more complicated/problematic</p> <p>May lead to allocation issues</p> <p>Would probably lead to additional costs and enforcement issues</p> <p>Hard to say what it would change as fish move in and out of State waters</p>
Oppose	0	8	Click here to enter text
BOF	9	Reduce waters closed for the protection of Steller sea lions	<p>These waters were agreed to - NMFS will reinstate a consultation if this passes, which could dramatically lesson available waters</p>
Oppose	0	8	Click here to enter text



BOF	21	Update state-water s Pacific cod management plans of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands with	We support with the Department's correction for Ship Rock
Support	8	0	Click here to enter text

Old Business: Enter old business here

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 4:34p

Minutes Recorded By: Paul Chervenak

Minutes Approved By: Paul Chervenak

Date: November 19th, 2015

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This was AC1 in the 2016 AYK meeting

November 17:

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7pm by Vice-Chair Glen Watson
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members Present: Lekander, Tikiun, Roczicka, Watson, Lavalley, Kassman, Kinogak, Kohl & Johnson
Members Absent: Hunter, Carter
Quorum: 9 of 11 present – quorum established
List of User Groups Present: All
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda approved unanimous w/ amendment to remove/table all issues that had late winter or spring 2016 response deadlines to future meeting.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of January 14, 2015 meeting reviewed/approved unanimous
- V. **FISH & GAME STAFF PRESENT:** Phillip Perry – GMU 18 Wildlife Biologist, Aaron Potter – Kuskokwim Area Fisheries Biologist
- VI. **GUESTS PRESENT (in person or via teleconference):** Jerry White, Gary Vanasse, Mark Leary, Dave Cannon, Barb Carlson (Chair-Stony/Holitna AC), Alissa Joseph
- VII. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 1. Election of expired terms: Henry Kohl & Greg Roczicka were re-elected to maintain their current seats; Jerry White and Gary Vanasse were elected to replace Rafe Johnson and Ross Boring (w/ note that member Johnson would still be serve as an alternate)
 - 2. Election of officers: Greg Roczicka was elected chairman, Glen Watson as vice-chair, and Jon Lavalley as secretary.
 - 3. Review/comment on AYK BOF proposals:



**ARCTIC / YUKON / KUSKOKWIM FINFISH
JANUARY 12–17, 2016
ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
		Number Support	Number Oppose
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	95	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <u>XX Oppose</u> <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	Tier II does not fit the customary subsistence use principle that everyone similarly situated should have equitable opportunity for harvest – regardless of how small harvest amount is – would exclude too many traditional users. Also notable is the uncertainty of run returns and variability from year to year (i.e. stronger than forecast) to which Tier II cannot be responsive. Need to be conservative, but also should have management capability to adjust opportunity in-season that would be precluded by Tier II status.

Meeting recessed at 10pm – to continue 6:30pm on December 22nd

Bethel Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Meeting re-convened 6:45pm December 22, 2015 by Chair Roczicka with members Tikiun, Lekander, Lavalley, White and Hunter present. 6 of 11 – Quorum established.

Others present in person or via teleconference included Mark Leary, Lisa Feyereisen (Chair – Central Kusko AC), Dan Gilliken, ADFG-WC staff Phillip Perry and Brandon Frost of SOA Wildlife Troopers.

BOF	222	Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during times of low king salmon runs.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <u>XX Support as Amended</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	6	0	<p>Following lengthy discussion mainly surrounding potential differences between “community” vs “household” permits and reflecting on recommendations made through the BOF Kuskokwim Chinook Panel, the Committee voted to amend and support the proposal as follows:</p> <p>(b) In times of king salmon conservation and ANS concerns, ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replace the “community” permit in (b)(1) with a “household” permit for king salmon that begins on June 10 w/ no end date that is based on the pattern of use described in the applicable board finding that recognizes dependence on earlier harvest/processing opportunity to achieve their ANS. - A king salmon household permit in (b)(2) that starts June 20th with no end date for users who don’t need the pattern of use as described in the applicable board findings to achieve their ANS - Permit should have names of people who are allowed to fish that permit listed on the permit/assignable to designated fisherman. - Application period would coincide with the PFD application time period. - Include a sunset clause for the regulation to expire January, 31 of 2019.

Other Business:

Update from Phillip Perry on GMU 18 current moose population surveys. End of Nov/beginning of Dec. this year a composition survey was completed in the Lower Kuskokwim with 623 moose observed from Tuntuliak to Kalskag. Ratios found 53 bulls to 100 cows (over half of the bulls were small spike/fork), and 70 calves per 100 cows. All this indicates a strong population showing high potential growth rate. Noted also the very low predation on calves being a positive factor.

Next meeting scheduled for Feb 23, 2016 at 6:30pm.

Adjournment: 8:54 P.M.

CENTRAL KUSKOKWIM FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Joe Parent Vocational Education Center, Aniak December 8-9, 2015

Excerpted for Statewide King & Tanner Crab, March 2017

- I. Call to Order: 11:30 by Lisa Feyereisen
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present:
Ricky Cilette [Aniak] Darlene Heckman [Lower Kalskag]
Nick Kameroff [Aniak] Walter Morgan [Lower Kalskag]
Sohpie Sakar [Chuathbaluk]* Tim Zaukar [Crooked Creek] *via teleconference*
Lucy Simeon [Chuathbaluk] Mark Leary [At Large; from Napaimute]
Billy Alexie [Upper Kalskag] Lisa Feyereisen, Chair [At Large; from Crow Village]
 *Sophie arrived at approximately 1:30 pm, after the board deliberated on first BOF Proposal
Members Absent:
1 Upper Kalskag seat, 1 Crooked Creek seat; both vacant
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Agenda approved with two additions and the plan to move items around to fit guests schedule.
Additional items; Kuskokwim Intertribal Fish Commission update by Nick Kameroff & Develop
‘Areas of Concern’ that the Central Kuskokwim AC members have
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
Last meeting was a teleconference on December 19, 2014. It is unknown at this time where the minutes are for this meeting or who was taking them.
- VI. AK Fish and Game Staff Present: Roger Seavoy & Doreen Parker McNeil (DWC) *in person*, Aaron Tiernan, *via tele-conference*, and Nissa Pilcher (BDS) *via teleconference*;
USFWS Present: Yukon Delta Refuge, Robert Sundown, *in person*, Ty Benally, *in person*, USFWS Subsistence Division, Pippa Kenner, *via tele-conference*.
- VII. Guests Present: Dan Gillikan, Napaimute Environmental Director, Dave Cannon, KRWC.
- VIII. New Business: Chair briefly went over what an AC is and what is expected of members, ie attending meetings, frequency of meetings, communicating with the state and federal boards.



BOF	95	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			There has been little to no support for this proposal from the area.
BOF	96	Separate the amounts necessary for subsistence use of king salmon into three parts on the Kuskokwim River.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	0	Concern about not meeting ANS would through river into Teir II for a section, also discussed was concern that this would designate fishing areas for people, which was then said was not the intent by the proposer. Other results of other AC voting results discussed.
BOF	97	Create a permitting system for king salmon subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended			This proposal was discussed as well as proposal 222. Committee questioned what species would be required to be reported on the permit, members noted that they were not in favor of the original idea for the community
BOF	95	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	0	<p>communities. Concern expressed in different reporting requirements in different years depending on run size, members felt this could be confusing, and were concerned that people could face punitive measures if they didn't turn their permit in. This is the first time that a permit system has been talked about for this river due to necessity and it is scary and sad but what else can you do to make sure that everyone gets an even amount of fish, some members believe that it will be difficult getting people to record and then turn in any permits.</p> <p>Proposal supported as amended, please see Proposal 222 for amendment.</p>
BOF	98	Establish descriptions of subsistence fishing sections for the Kuskokwim River during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	0	Housekeeping, these are boundaries that are already being used.
BOF	99	Modify gear operation in the Kuskokwim River by limiting four-inch mesh subsistence gear to one gillnet per household.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	0	If times of conservation this size is still catching the kings. Four inch nets can still be closed in-season when needed..
BOF	100	Establish subsistence beach seine specifications in the Kuskokwim Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	0	Smaller mesh used to limit gilling fish and facilitate live release of non-target fish. Member participates in beach seining (elder) and was queried about what gear that her family uses and her current net fits within these guidelines, which they were. Did not want to make it illegal what was common practice in some middle river villages.



BOF	222	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action		<p>Fish Board Generated Proposal 222 with friendly amendments: Passed Unanimously</p> <p>Except as provided in this section, fish (i.e., Pike, Whitefish “<i>spp.</i>”, Burbot, Dolly Vardon, Blackfish, Grayling, Trout, Sheefish, Lamprey, Stickleback, Smelt “<i>spp.</i>”, etc.) may be taken for subsistence purposes without a subsistence fishing permit.</p> <p>ALL salmon may only be taken by a HARVEST TICKET. APPLICATION PERIOD FOR HARVEST TICKET WILL BE OPEN FOR A MINIMUM OF 90 CALENDAR DAYS (B3 Board Proposal). There are two types of Harvest Tickets to apply for. Each household may only apply for either a Type 1 or Type 2 and may not apply for both types within a calendar year.</p> <p>(Type 1) A Salmon <i>Subsistence</i> Fishing Harvest Tickets may be issued to households who AFFIRMS a communal subsistence pattern of use of king salmon as described in the applicable Board finding;</p> <p>(i) Season dates for Salmon <i>Subsistence</i> Fishing Harvest Tickets BEGINS June 10.</p> <p>(ii) Annual Salmon <i>Subsistence</i> Fishing Harvest Ticket limits will be determined based on a percentage of annual forecasted surplus salmon, the number of applications received, and the number of individuals attached to the TICKET.</p> <p>(Type 2) A Salmon <i>Household</i> Fishing Harvest Ticket may be issued;</p> <p>(i) Season dates for Salmon <i>Household</i> Fishing Harvest Tickets BEGINS June 20.</p> <p>(ii) Annual Salmon <i>Household</i> Fishing Harvest Ticket limits will be determined based on a percentage of annual forecasted surplus salmon, the number of applications received, and the number of individuals attached to the TICKET.</p> <p>Rationale; See Red Font Section Below</p>

Rationale;

The CKAC felt strongly that we wanted to eliminate as much paperwork as possible for the individual/families and the state, make the harvest ticket simple and easy to understand. Hence on the ticket report which is required to be sent in at the end of the fishing season. We recommend that there should be 3 boxes to check that would enable the annual automatic rollover of the harvest ticket. One box



would indicate that the fisher (household) would like to re-enroll for the upcoming year in the same Type of harvest ticket; another box would say that the fisher would like to change the type of harvest ticket (Type one to Type two or vice versa); and, finally the last box if checked would indicate the fisher's choice is not to reapply for a harvest ticket the upcoming year. Essentially a household would only have to apply for the initial harvest ticket, and then they would receive their new Type 1 or Type 2 ticket in the mail annually similar to how we receive our fishing calendars.

Type 1 ticket holders would be able to utilize processing ways outside the "C & T" for all fish species other than Chinook salmon.

It would be easier to know we are required to carry a harvest ticket every year (Calendar in house and small paper in pocket like a license), then to have to apply every January and wait until May to find out if it was necessary to have applied for a ticket. By having a harvest ticket requirement annually, the only thing that would change annually would be the number associated with allotted "Catches". The number of catches could be unlimited in times of a vast surplus or set to a certain number in times of conservation, per species (depending on forecast and number of tickets etc).

The harvest ticket would replace the "calendar". We included all salmon species as that is what is included on our calendar. There would have to probably be a couple years overlap with the post season survey in order to test the reliability of the harvest ticket subsistence total. However, in the future, the harvest ticket could potentially eliminate the need for any or all post season surveys (money savings for the state).

The reasoning behind two different starting dates for Type 1 and Type 2 (KRSMWG Amendments), was the amount of time/days required to preserve your catch using C & T methods. Those who put fish into smoke houses (Board findings for C & T) need more time to adequately preserve their fish, compared to those fishers who utilize the "freezer", where it only requires one day in order to complete the processing of the fish.

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Alaska Board of Game Statewide Meeting, March 18-28, 2016, Fairbanks			
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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	5		Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds
Support	10	0	Trapping bait implications discussed



- 2.) Roger Seavoy- moose harvest handout: Comparison between Unit 19, 2013 and Unit 18, 2015. Discussion covered current population trends, current harvest trends, current regulations, discussion about Teir II and what it means, implications for the mid and upper river. In time of conservation when we are restricted on fish having moose is very important.

Areas of Concern and or Focus:

Fishing: Conservation and the current status of all stocks; Being able to have an active role in the management and decisions made.

Forgetting the lessons our elders taught us.

Need for reduction of “Motor” size on the Aniak River and potential for” propeller only” regulation (no jets).

Whitefish Lake: Overharvest of the species and littering throughout the area. There is a lack of accountability for the users.

Use of 4 inch mesh nets and the incidental harvest of other species besides whitefish.

The need to increase *Predator Control* for both bear and wolf.

The lack of ethical hunting and whether or not this could be addressed through Hunter’s Education classes, posters, etc.

Sport Fishing up the Aniak and whether or not they are being compliant with local traditions.

There appears to be over crowing in some areas (combat fishing).

The potential harmful impact of Dog Musers on fishing populations (e.g., Burbot, Sheefish, Eels).

Concerns over the potential change of Tier II status for moose season. The harvest strength of the large population based outside of 19a and their ability to easily overwhelm the potential surplus.

Consider discussing whether or not the CKAC would be considered the local advisory group during the Donlin Gold Mine.

Concern over poor moose browsing habit for the next five years and the effect of the viability of moose, due to the Aniak Complex Fires of 2015.



CENTRAL KUSKOKWIM ADVISORY COMMITTEE



CKAC Meeting 12/8-9/2015

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Lower Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee November 12-13th, 2015
Excerpt for Statewide King & Tanner Crab March 2017
Bethel Long House



AC20
1 of 4

*This was AC10 n the 2016
AYK meeting*

- I. Call to Order: Time: 10:45 am by James Charles
- II. q Roll Call:
Members Present: Phillip Peter, Sr. (Akiachak), Willie Phillip (Tuluksak), Frank Berezkin (Oscarville), Jackson Williams Sr. (Akiak, Vice Chairman), James Charles (Tuntutuliak, Chairman), John Nicholas (Kasigluk), John Andrew (Kwethluk), Sandra Nicori (Kwethluk, Secretary), William "Charlie" Brown (Eek), Henry Tikiun Sr. (Atmautluak), Henry Parks (Nunapitchuk), Earl Samuelsen, Sr. (Napaskiak), Richard Larsen (Napasiak) Jacob Black (Napakiak)
Members Absent: Richard Larsen q
Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 8, quorum established q

List of User Groups Present: Subsistence users, commercial fisherman, trappers, and hunters.
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Add Proposal 222 by proposal 97 to the discussion around Proposal 27.
- IV. q Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: 12/8/2014 q
Minutes approved q
- V. q Fish and Game Staff Present: q
Phil Perry (Wildlife Conservation), Aaron Poetter (Commercial Fisheries-telephonic), Patrick q Jones (Wildlife Conservation), Carmen Daggett (Boards Support Section) q
- VI. q Guests Present:
Charles Enoch (KYUK), Jacob Black (Napakiak), Greg Rochizka, John Andrew (AVCP Bethel), Martin Nicolai (Kwethluk), Chariton Epchook (Kwethluk), Mark Cloward (Troopers), Brandon Forest (Troopers), Greg Roczika (ONC Bethel), Phillip Nicholas (Kasigluk)
- VII. q Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. q Administrative
 - i. Election of Officers
 - 1. q Unanimous Consent: Chair: James Charles, Vice Chair Elected Phillip Peter, Sandra Nicori (Secretary)
 - ii. q Election of Representatives
 - 1. Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim Board of Fisheries meeting
 - a. q Nominated Main: James Charles, nominated alternate for Phillip Peter Sr.
 - 2. Statewide Board of Game Meeting
 - a. Nominated Main: James Charles
 - 3. q Discussion of AC terms: Wants to have half of AC two year term and three year terms.

**ARCTIC / YUKON / KUSKOKWIM FINFISH, JANUARY 12–17, 2016, ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	92	Modify the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan to manage the king salmon subsistence fishery based on the Bethel Test Fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	13	<p>Greg Rocizka: Explains it was a place holder and written in a way that we might actually withdraw it now, I recommend the AC take no action on this proposal. Half of the run doesn't get there until late June or early July. I have a problem with the language; we will be waiting till the late part of June.</p> <p>Charlie Brown: Explains that the way we fish we wait for kings, before we fish for other species of fish. Several comments were mentioned, one was that who honestly really knows when 50% of the king fish run has gone by..., and also it is different depending what part of the river you subsist, upriver is different from downriver. Charlie commented that the other fish species do run at the same time as the kings do. Proposal # 92 died, no action was taken.</p>
BOF	93	Modify the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan to establish an inriver run goal of king salmon above the Bethel Test Fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	13	<p>Motioned by Earl Sameuelson, motioned died to lack of a second, no action. Proposal #93 was moved to the floor, but since no one seconded his motion this proposal also died.</p>
BOF	94	Establish an inriver run goal for the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	13	<p>Earl Samuelson , Napaskiak, moved to adopt Proposal 94# , he was seconded by Willie Phillip, Tuluksak. A question brought up: on the Stony/Holitna, they would like ANS for chinook. Earl Samuelson was not in favor due to the fact that the numbers (?) were too high, John W. Andrew said if we adopt we would have later openings for the fish. Chariton Epchook, Kwethluk, said even if we are against this our wives will not be happy. Question called by Phillip Peter, vote was 13 against the proposal. Did not pass.</p>
BOF	95	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	13	<p>Greg explains Tier II and ONC's general opposition to Tier II permits. Explains the tier II system that makes a lottery people a lot of people maxing out of the number of points. Doesn't take into a count the sharing of salmon. Earl Samuelson moved to have discussion only on this proposal, he was seconded by John W. Andrew. Earl commented that he was against the proposal, Aaron discussed the pros and cons of this proposal. Most feel that the proposal would give few people the opportunity to receive 'kings'. Question was called by Jackson Williams, vote was zero for, 13 against. Did not pass.</p>
BOF	96	Separate the amounts necessary for subsistence use of king salmon into three parts on the Kuskokwim River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	13	<p>Earl Samuelson moved to adopt, he was seconded by Willie Phillip. Earl wanted further information from ADFG, the reply was that they were not in favor of the proposal. Question called by Jackson Williams, voice vote was 0 yeas, 13 against.</p>



BOF	97	Create a permitting system for king salmon subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	13	<p>A household permit for the entire Kuskokwim, does not allow users that have not used them before because they have not had the means to do so. We are against having a permitting system. There are many families that fish for more than one family. Greg: We are opposed to having permits all of the time. We are only interested in having a permit system when there is a conservation concern, it allows some use of the harvestable surplus instead of not allowing use of the fish. Earl Samuelson made motion to adopt # 97, seconded by 'Charlie' Brown. Question/comments: may be like moose hunting permits. Many do not have jobs in the villages, Aaron's reply was that it would only be for chinooks. Chariton Epchook commented 'if we miss the chinook run, then what? No chinooks'. Martin Nicolai, Kwethluk, asked the board to reject this proposal. Question was called, Earl S. made motion to vote, results were zero yeas, 13 nays. Did not pass.</p>
BOF	222	Create a permitting system for king salmon subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim River	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	13	<p>Jackson: Inquires about having the permit system removed when the conservation concern is removed. Earl: Explains how the system works, explains how the elder fisher program, the elder program can work during time John W. Andrew commented that Kwethluk Joint Group voted to go against Proposal # 222. They did not want the permit system for harvesting King Salmon subsistence use, it may not be good in the long run, once you get into the "permit system", it is not easy to get out of it.. Jackson Williams said people in Akiak and most of Bethel do not want the permit system. Henry Parks, Nunapitchuk, If we go into the permit system we will be using 'white man' methods and rules.... We all know the Kings are low in numbers, we can stand together to oppose this. Jacob Black, Napakiak, When I heard about this permit system, I've used all the other fishing permit system. Looking back...if the proposal is adopted will it be a permanent system once adopted? We are all working on things for the generations to come. We are working for the younger folk's future. I am not in favor this – Proposal # 222. Proposal 222: Kwethluk and Akiak are opposed to the proposal 222 the permit system. Motion was made to adopt # 222 by 'Earl' Samuelson, and seconded by Jackson Williams. Charlie said he learned a lot from doing a test fisheries job, starting back in '83, '84, how the fish runs work and some patterns he observed. Henry Parks, said many back home aren't aware of this proposal and it's ill effects if voted yes. Vote was zero yeas, and 13 nays. Did not pass.</p>
BOF	98	Establish descriptions of subsistence fishing sections for the Kuskokwim River during times of king salmon conservation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	13	<p>Earl: Motioned, seconded by John Wassillie, James Charles: Explains he liked the old line. Earl: Suggested using landmarks, and state requests suggestions for the landmark names. Earl Samuelson moved to discuss Proposal #98, seconded by John Wassillie. Aaron, Bethel, talked about the descriptions of and the fishing districts subsections using GPA readings. Chariton said he was against the proposal. Jackson Williams, "not my style to fish in other areas, he moved to leave May open for fishing. He misses having chee fish, which are the second to swim upriver. Earl S. asked if land markers can be used because not everyone owns GPS's at home, James asked about the federal and the state lines near Tuntutuliak. Question called for by Charlie Brown, vote was zero yeas, 13 nays. Did not pass.</p>



John Nicholas, Kasigiuk, Are we going to continue following RULES for Fish and Game? Pretty soon, we will not be able to do either(?) I am against following rules (regulations) It will come to a point where we will not be able to hunt or fish. I am saying this on behalf of our grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jackson Williams, Aklak, I agree with our elder John Nicholas, elders back then said it will come to a point when we will not be able to freely subsist.

Earl Sameulsen: Explains would like to work on a proposal to get three moose on the Yukon. Would the AC be supportive on that item?

I would like to make a motion to add a proxy for the elder fishery in the Yukon management plan to be mentioned.

Jackson - we strive to hunt, gather and fish despite conservation methods especially for the chinooks.

John Wassillie - ...learning as we get more information and in the process becoming visually aware of our subsistence needs.

Henry Tikiun - We were taught at an early age to subsist but the young people now will have a different type of hardship when they start subsisting.

Phillip - Thanks to all, being able to use our first language makes the process easier. If we work as one, it will be an easier process. The younger generation may read and write in English but they will be able to carry on the traditional uses of subsisting.

Charlie - Working together in all phases makes the process easier. We may face hardships or get discouraged but working together makes the process easier.

Frank - I am very thankful.

Willie - We are working for the future generation.

John Nicholas - Keep up your good work. We won't always be around. "Keep up the good work". If all our traditional sayings were written down - WOW! I find one thing confusing though. I was issued a PID for fishing, hunting, and trapping card. I wanted to go fishing, they said no. I can't understand that. They issued it!

Earl - (I was busy doing record keeping or something, sorry)

Closing prayer was said by Jackson Williams. Meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m. by Chairman James Charles. Adjournment: 2:27 pm Minutes Recorded By: Sandra Nicori and Carmen Daggett

Minutes Approved By: James Charles Date: 12-22-15

Minutes Approved By: John Williams Date: 12-18-15

Minutes Approved By: Earl Sameulsen Date: 12-18-15



Minutes excerpted for Statewide King & Tanner Crab, Marine Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee Teleconference

December 10, 2015 / 2:30pm

Call to Order

The chairman, Doug Carney, called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm

Roll Call & Quorum

SHAC members present were -

Rick Breckheimer - Lime Village

David Bobby & Charlie Gusty – Stony River

Doug Carney & Terrance Morgan- Sleetmute

Barb Carlson & John Zeller – Red Devil

Absent -Fred Bobby - Lime Village

Quorum is established – 5 needed.

Others Attending

Nissa Pilcher -ADF&G Boards Support

Josh Peirce -ADF&G Biologist

Susan Hubbard-Sleetmute resident

Nissa Pilcher -

Nissa explains how minutes must be approved when they are submitted.

Someone on the committee needs to be designated to approve the minutes for accuracy after they are written.

The committee made a motion and voted to designate Doug Carney as the person to approve SHAC minutes.

Chairman

Doug Carney asks members if there were any additions to the agenda.

Approval of agenda was given.

Chairman said that minutes of Dec 16, 2014 were lengthy and asked for vote on deferring reading and approval of minutes till next SHAC meeting – members concurred.

Chairman explains how proposals are used at BOF & BOG meetings –

Boards can generate their own proposals using amendments to other proposals, information gathered at Board meetings and from comments on proposals.

In the comments SHAC makes today for these board meetings, we can offer amendments to any of the proposals that are to go before the Board, including our own.



I'm going to turn the meeting over to Barb Carlson so she can go over the proposal that I brought before BOF last year. We'll also go over other proposals that have to do with king salmon for the next BOF meeting.

After Barb is done with BOF proposals, I will go over BOG proposals with you, so we can make comments of approval or disapproval on them.

Barb Carlson – BOF Proposals

At the last meeting I was given approval by SHAC to make proposals as needed after going to the March BOF meeting. Since that time I have gone to many meetings concerning the shortage of Chinooks. This included BOF meetings, BOF subcommittee meetings, and salmon working group, (KSMWG), meetings.

I have spent much time with ADF&G subsistence, which helped in the writing and formatting the 3 proposals I came up with for our committee. **These are proposals 94, 96, & 97.**

I decided it would be better to keep each component of SHAC's plans separated into their own proposals to meet BOF desire for only one singular idea or regulatory change per proposal.

This is also preferred by BOF for purposes of selecting components of any proposal they want to use to create a proposal of its own.

There is also BOF proposal **222**, which is similar to SHAC's 97, in that it deals with permits.

Proposal 93, by KNA is similar to SHAC's 94, in that it deals with in-river goals.

There are not a lot of proposals that concern us, but the few we will deal with are in regard to King salmon.

David Bobby left at 3:25 during discussion of proposal 96.

Charlie Gusty had left by 3:45, so did not vote on proposal 97 comments.

BOF proposal discussion is included in the proposal comment form.

Doug Carney – BOG Proposals

(At this point Josh Peirce made SHAC aware he was online.

Josh pointed out several proposals he thought SHAC might want to consider, which it did.)

Proposals discussed were 5, 50, 69-74, 77-87.

BOG proposal discussion is included in comment form.

SHAC moved & approved Barb Carlson to represent SHAC at the January, 2016 BOF meeting .

SHAC adjourned at 5:15p.m.

ARCTIC / YUKON / KUSKOKWIM FINFISH

JANUARY 12-17, 2016

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form

Proposal Description

BOF

**Proposal
Number**



<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7 Unan.	0	<p>Discussion, Reasons, & Intent of its amendment– SHAC amended its proposal to change the in-river goal of 120,000- 218,000 down to 50,000-180,000. SHAC determined this range by adding the current escapement goal to the lower and upper end of the historical subsistence King harvest occurring upriver of Bethel. SHAC would prefer the original number of 120k – 218k, but believes the adoption of some high range is absolutely crucial to the fishery recovery and continuing existence of this fishery as a source of food for thousands of people on this river. SHAC is willing to offer this amendment to lower its original in-river goal, as a compromise with the in-river goal in proposal 93, and to help address concerns of ADF&G that too high of an in-river goal could result in greatly exceeding the high end of the escapement goal.</p> <p>Discussion, Reasons & Intent of this in-river goal proposal – SHAC is convinced that an in-river goal is a necessary & vital component of the King fishery recovery. It will insure that enough fish get past Bethel to meet escapement goals and to provide reasonable opportunity for fishermen upriver of Bethel, as well as a comparatively equal effort necessary along the whole river to obtain those fish.</p> <p>SHAC believes goals should be in regulatory language so that there is direction and continuity for management this year and for management by future managers.</p> <p>SEE ATTACHED GRAPH A</p>
BOF	95	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.	
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BOF	96	Separate the amounts necessary for subsistence use of king salmon into three parts on the Kuskokwim River.	



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BOF	222	Create a permitting system for King Salmon subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	2	3	Most members OPPOSED the use of the following tools - The reporting of daily harvest immediately and directly on the permit itself invites intrusive interruptions by govt. officials SHAC communities don't want more regulation, documentation & problems in an already over-regulated subsistence lifestyle Most members AGREED on use of the following tools - PERMITS to be used ONLY in times of emergency King Salmon conservation. PERMITS to be used ONLY for Kings -- no other Species Writing salmon take on a calendar for reporting Having fish allotted by permit at the beginning of season, but did not want to report on the permit -- interruption of fishing effort (The former 2 tools would contribute to more timely & better reporting)

Old Business:
Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Barb Carlson

Minutes Approved By: Doug Carney

Date: 12 Dec, 2015



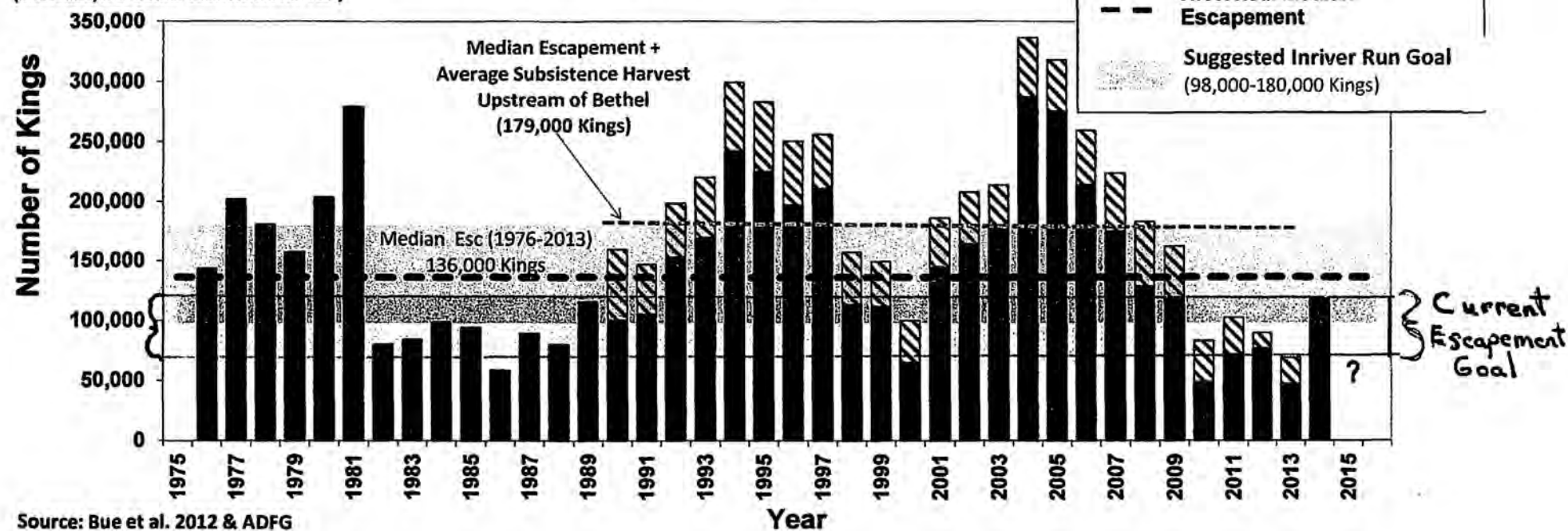
Graph A

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Kuskokwim River KINGS

Total Escapement Estimates (solid) + Subsistence Harvest Upstream of Bethel (cross-hatched)

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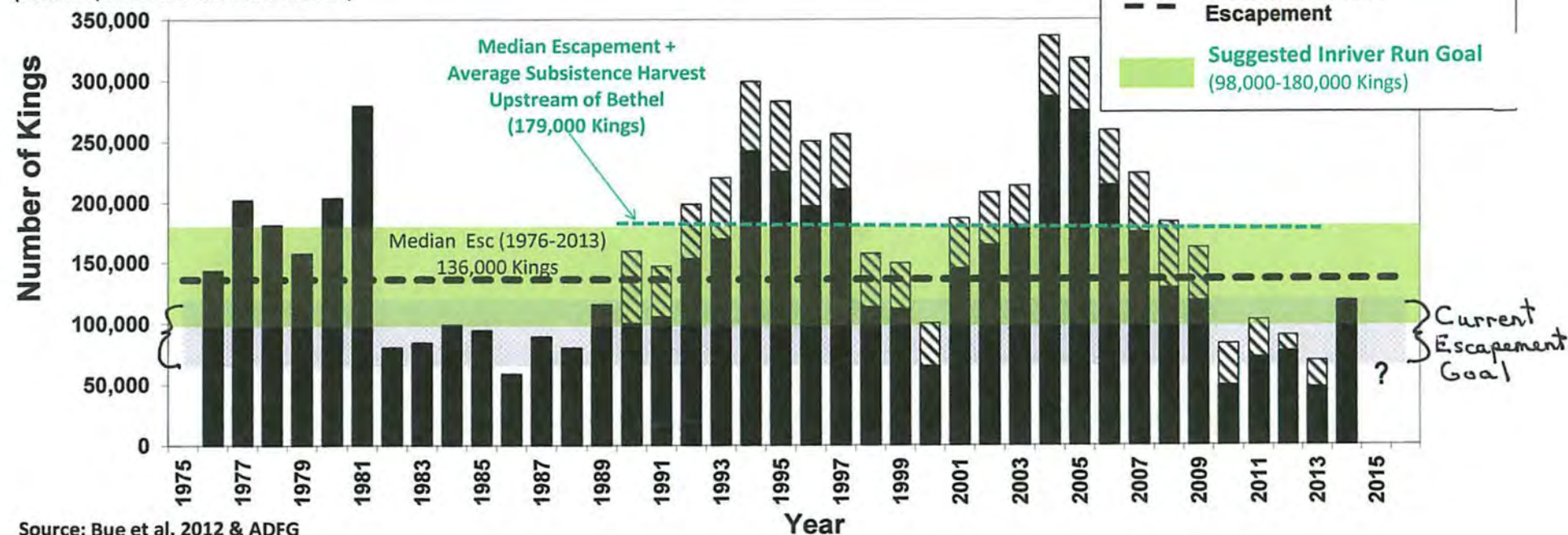
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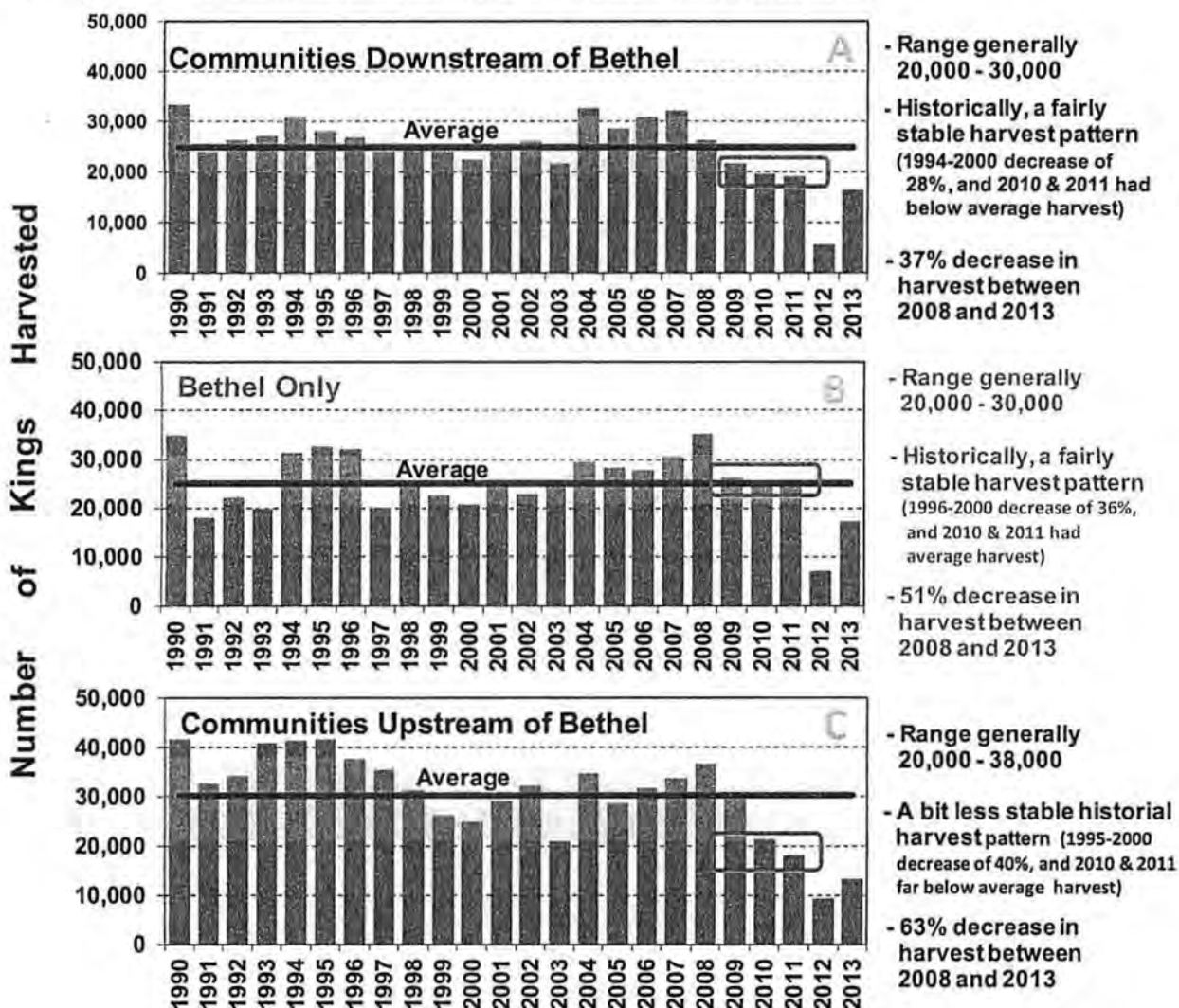


Source: Bue et al. 2012 & ADFG



Graph B

Subsistence Harvest of King Salmon in the Kuskokwim River





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