

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.

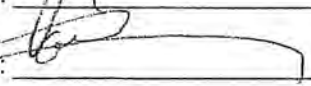
**Draft Agenda for
Bethel Advisory Committee Meeting
January 24, 2017 at 6:30pm
Bethel ADF&G Office**



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



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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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 <u>and ANS concerns</u>, ...</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	9 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. -Want more data on numbers of crab taken for subsistence and commercial fishing and want more background information. Aaron Poetter: This is aligning current regulations. It is not going to hurt anything. 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. Leo Moses: Edward Kiokun: Does this make this more lenient towards sports fisherman? Aaron Poetter: Explains harvest surveys and there has been little to no sport fishing in the area. 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. 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. David Bill: We have to table this to understand it completely. Mrs. Kusaiaik: It is becoming easier for outsiders to come to our area, they will come to our areas. Ben Lozano: I made a motion to oppose this proposal. Edward Kiokun: Seconded

Central Bering Sea AC



BOF 275

Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kus

<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	<p>Lisa Olsen: Explains Tier II fisheries</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Willi Atti: This proposal was heard in Fairbanks.</p> <p>Owen Beaver: I am not happy with this proposal. We don't really approve of this it is different than our way of life.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Tommy Kusiak: We work on these proposals here and they take them and look at them in Juneau.</p> <p>Owen Beaver: Explains how things got changed before because of changing net sizes, and the hardship created from changing mesh sizes.</p> <p>Mrs. Kusaiaik: Asks about when this fishery would come about.</p> <p>Leo Moses: Suggests</p> <p>David Bill: There was one guy who fished with a permit who got 75 fish, he got 75 fish in one day.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>David Carl: Expressed concerns over paying for permits and applications.</p> <p>Carmen Daggett: Explained how Tier II permits</p> <p>Mrs. Kusaiaik:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Owen Beaver: I agree with David Bill about our elders teach us. When you start something, you keep on taking.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Willie Atti: Motioned to oppose proposal 245.</p> <p>Tommy Kusaiaik: Seconded</p>
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Central Bering Sea AC



BOF

276

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
Support	8	0	Leo Moses: Inquires about whether this residents versus non-residents. Leo Moses: motion to support. Ben Lozano: seconded
Opposed	0	8	Leo Moses: Would like to opposes 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
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: Stan Atchek

Minutes Approved By: Leo Moses Jr.

Date: 12/19/16

St. M. Atchek
Leo Moses Jr.



Central Kuskokwim AC

12/28/2016

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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Central Kuskokwim AC



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 Lisa Olsen explained background. Household could choose either household or community. 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 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. Lisa- maybe design a permit system and then vote on that. 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. Mark- we didn't have to play by the same rules of the whole river last year. Lisa- if there is a crisis, fed water would have a permit, state would not. Ricky- when we had the early closure, that was important. Mark- every household in the middle Kusko should get a permit and gets to fish as much as they want. Lisa- if there is no biological impact in the middle and upper kusko then what stops the state from allowing that every year? Mark- Likes the idea of each household that has a permit. A subsistence user is a subsistence user. Lisa- Needs to be simple and equitable. Nick- just trying to get the state tools necessary at the time of need and other things can be worked out later on. Dave Cannon- some opposition is that people don't understand that this is only in times of conservation. Billy- If we have to go through a permit system, I would rather go through a community permit Mark-I don't want anyone fishing for me. I want to do the fishing for my household. 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. Dolly- Supports the household also. Dave- may be that not every household will get fish due to low numbers. Keep that in mind. Mark- if that is the case where middle kusko can't even fish for one or 2, then there should be no fishing 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 Lisa- I will support bc it is only a tool in times of Chinook conservation. 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 If USFWS takes a special action, then those permits are no good. Lisa- even in times of crisis, we could probably fish and not impact escapement. We might limit ourselves, when downriver isn't restricted. Members are concerned about making it equitable. 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 Crab

Continuation of 11/15/16

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Ni Mitchell

DATE (of meeting): 12/6/16

MEMBERS PRESENT: John McCombs, Steve Vanek
David Martin, Madeline Thompson,
Joe Simpson, Ron Vanek, Don Presley,
Dave Blossom, Doug Blossom

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
Harro Berger, Jeff Berger, Peter Clucas,
Gary Derman, Greg Encelowski, 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

Steve Vanek
Signature, Committee Secretary



FROM : DAVID R MARTIN

PHONE NO. : 907 567 3306

DEC. 27

Continuation of 11/15/16 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 Whittaker	Cam balche		
Madeline Thompson	Ninilchik	All	953 0000
Joe Simpson	Ninilchik		252 2157
Teague Vanek	Ninilchik		398-1153
Dan Presley	Anchor Point	All	398-6664
John McCoats			
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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



**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	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
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 Stellar 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 Stellar 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**

L 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 Pllum	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) were 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.

<p>BOF</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Support</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No Action</p>	<p>275</p> <p>0</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.</p> <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 thise</p>	 <p>AC08 2 of 4</p>
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BOF	276	Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during salmon runs.	 AC08 3 of 4
<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 Willie Phillip: Seconded 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. permit. ..</p>



Alaska Board of Game Arctic/Western Meeting

January 6-9, 2017, Bethel

Proposed Number	Proposed Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			<p>designed to restrict aircraft.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Phil Perry: I don't know, this is outside my area and we don't have official comments.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson: I would like to remain neutral on this proposal.</p>
Opposed	0	10	See comments proposal 25

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Paul Thijs

Minutes Approved By: John D. ...

Date: 12-14-16

Lower Kuskoquim AG



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

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

Members Absent:

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 GHF 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 GHF 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 GHF. The proposer states the plan's GHF is unduly restrictive and is burdensome to LCI angler's ability to catch non-local fish. We respectfully disagree.

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

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

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



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

7-0 OPPOSED.

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

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

7-0 OPPOSED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7-0 SUPPORT PROPS 37 & 38.

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

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

7-0 SUPPORT

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

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

7-0 SUPPORT.

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



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

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

7-0 SUPPORT.

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

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

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

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

7-0 OPPOSED TO PROPOSALS 44 & 45.

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

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

7-0 OPPOSED

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

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

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

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

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

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



7-0 SUPPORT AS AMMENDED

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

7. Schedule next meeting:

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

8. Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 2300



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.	



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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 discretionary 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.