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Anchorage Advisory Committee
Date: November 15, 2016
Location of Meeting: Cabelas South Anchorage

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:30pm by: Joel Doner
- II. **Roll Call:**
Members Present: Phillip Calhoun, Jim Bolgiano, Ernie Weiss, Kevin Taylor, Bryce Eckroth (alternate), Willow Hetrick (secretary), Joel Doner (chair), Trevor Rollman, Frank Neumann (vice chair), Neil DeWitt, Matt Moore (alternate), Martin Weiser, Art Nelson, and Brian Nelson.
Members Absent: Ernie Weiss (Excused Absence), Jim Bolgiano (Excused Absence), Kenny Rogers (Unexcused Absence), Dino Sutherland (Unexcused Absence), Gerold (Jerry) Gugel (Unexcused Absence).
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: Alaska Outdoor Council
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Unanimously approved
- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** November 1, 2016 meeting minutes unanimously approved.
- V. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Cyndi Wardlow, Matt Miller, & Dave Battle ADF&G
- VI. **Guests Present:** Ron Arnold, Alaska Outdoor Council.
- VII. **Public Testimony:** Ron Arnold, Alaska Outdoor Council. GMU 13 community subsistence hunt – reduce conflict. Any bull tags any Ahtna communities. Want to know how many bulls are being taken on federal lands by federal land managers. Discussed proposal #11, thanks AAC for support. Regarding license increase fees – also came with ‘intent’ language requiring ADF&G to consult with the public on how to spend the additional money. Urging AAC to make sure that happens.
- VIII. **Old Business:** None
- IX. **New Business:** See Game Committee notes below.
- X. **Committee Reports:**



Game Committee-Frank Newman: Alaska Board of Game Regulation Proposal Form, GMU 11, 12, 13 for resident subsistence hunting. Suggest eliminating the current community subsistence hunt for the Copper River Basin area. Suggest removing the regulations, defaulting back to the old regulatory language. Ahtna rural residents have 1.7 million acres of private land to hunt on without competition; this is enough “reasonable opportunity”. Evidence to believe more people are utilizing this hunt than what it was intended for.

Phillip Calhoun made motion to adopt proposal with several corrections (discussed in the meeting and to be adopted), Neil DeWitt seconded. Frank Neumann will make suggested changes.

Call to question: 12 support, 0 opposed.

Fish Committee- Kevin Taylor: UCI Props 14, 34, 144-146, 219-231, & 233-241

UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 8, 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	14		Allow snagging for sockeye salmon in all Cook Inlet freshwater lakes <i>(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting).</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	The lakes are the fish spawning areas, should be protected.
BOF	34		Allow party fishing in Cook Inlet salt and freshwaters for all species except king salmon <i>(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting).</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	12	0	Party fishing allows individuals to catch another’s fish limit instead of being required to put the pole down once a fish is caught. Department would prefer to keep the regulations clean thus it makes enforcement easier. Afraid this could lead into other species such as game.
BOF	144		Require that when proxy fishing in Upper Cook Inlet, once a bag limit is taken the next legal bag limit caught must be retained.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	2	Proposed by the Anchorage Advisory Committee regarding proxy fishing. Evidence to believe that people are using a proxy to skirt the catch-and-release regulations. Proposal tries to deal with the people who are targeting large fish under a proxy which is not what the proxy system was designed to do. This is not against the proxy concept but against proxy abuse. Opposition because language is too broad and does not address the issues.



BOF	145	Allow only barbless hooks in Upper Cook Inlet flowing waters closed to salmon fishing.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	Support ADF&G in their decision to not consider this proposal.
BOF	146	Require the use of circle hooks when fishing for sockeye salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	Reduces the efficiency of the sockeye fishing. ADF&G may not support this proposal. Suggested that circle hooks are more efficient and safer. Difficult to support with overlapping fish species being targeted at the same time.
BOF	219	Allow a unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, no retention fishery on resident species when waters of Montana Creek are closed to fishing for king salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Trying to fish for rainbows. Montana Creek is a three-day per week fishing scheme. Want to fish for rainbow trout when the Creek is closed. Made escapement goal twice in the last few years. Area is a king resting area before moving upriver. Potential gear conflict on same sections of water; enforcement and regulatory issues. Other opportunities to fish for rainbow trout in the general area. Kings will bite this type of lure, causing stress during a critical time. 1 abstain due to lack of knowledge on the subject.
BOF	220	Establish sport fishery closure times in the Larsen Creek drainage.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	10	2	Escapement goals have been missed three times since 2008, 2 out of the last 5 years. Closed by EO in the last few years. Harvest in the area is small so it's not a sustainability issue. Evidence to believe there is illegal fishing at night. Law Enforcement has asked for tool to enforce. If it's easier for enforcement, AAC should support them. Allows more fish to escape. Opposition because not familiar with the appointee scheme of the Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission.
BOF	221	Prohibit harvest of king salmon in units 2, 3, 5 and 6, except Willow Creek.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	Exception of Willow Creek is a hatchery fishery. ADF&G prefers to keep options open and would prefer to use Emergency Orders instead of a regulation which is difficult to change a later date should things change. This causes extra work for all involved.
BOF	222	Prohibit fishing for king, sockeye, and coho salmon in the Larson Creek drainage.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	4	8	Seeks total closure for (mostly sockeye) salmon fishing in Larson Creek. Escapement goals for sockeye are between 15,000-50,000 fish. Believe that ADF&G typically makes escapement. Escapement has been made or come close to escapement. Annual harvest is around 1,000 per season. Confluence areas are typically fish staging areas that we should seek to protect. Sanctuary concept is not new to the ADF&G-there are several on the Kenai River and they seem to be working well. Sockeye runs being low these last few years, concerns of the stock are heightened. ADF&G has the opportunity to close the area by Emergency Order.
BOF	223	Prohibit king salmon fishing in Unit 2 if no retention is allowed.	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	10	3-day fishery area. Emergency Order has been used historically in the area to keep pressure off the fish. Extra handling can be detrimental to the fish. ADF&G will look at data, use an average 10% mortality rate, will go with non-retention. Will close fishery if mortality rate gets higher than 10%. Not allowing people to fish certain rivers would be against what we are here to do which is to create recreational opportunities to residents. Most people will go to a place where they can retain fish instead of this particular area and reduces pressure on other streams. Like the opportunity to fish without crowds.
BOF	224	Restrict hours and dates open to fishing on Jim Creek.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	11	0	Suggest open from 5am-10pm only (night time closure). Escapement goal has been missed 3 out of the last 5 years. Would give Law Enforcement tools. ADF&G may suggest different times but supports this proposal. Proposer is asking for more fishing time than the ADF&G would prefer (6am-6pm). The 5am time allows for people to go fishing prior to going to work and pm closure allows for fishing after night. Jim Creek is also an area that is difficult and dangerous. There is currently not a closure, this is proposing for one. 1 abstain due to lack of knowledge.
BOF	225	Reduce the bag limits for salmon, other than king salmon, and prohibit releasing coho salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	No catch and release for coho fishing. These streams are weekend fishing only since 1971. 6am-6pm fishery is also in place. This proposal reduces the bag limit and prohibits catch-and-release. Opposed because language is ambiguous.
BOF	226	Create a bag limit of one hatchery king salmon in the Susitna River drainage.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	Closed to retention since 2009, seeks to allow harvest of king salmon. Hatchery fish are also not coming back as high as wild stocks. This could make for more effort in these areas. Hatchery is currently adding new stock still. Hatchery fish can spawn in the rivers, and typically do meaning they add to the stock. If king salmon fishery is in jeopardy, need as many spawners as we can get.
BOF	227	Allow harvest of hatchery king salmon when emergency orders restrict the sport fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	See proposal 226 comments.
BOF	228	Increase the hours open to fishing in Fish Creek.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	8	4	Suggest extending the fishery from 5am-10pm. Escapement goals have been achieved every year since 2000. AAC seeks regulatory continuity and may create confusion, especially if areas are nearby. Different times throughout the year and across areas are difficult. AAC supported a similar proposal at Jim Creek which is the other side of the Susitna Valley. 5am-10pm is not in the regulations, this would be a new hour timeframe. Weekend fishery only. ADF&G could utilize Emergency Orders to change the days or time frame should extra escapement be met.
BOF	229	Reduce the maximum legal size for rainbow trout in Byers Creek from 20 to 16 inches.	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	11	Fairly remote creek far up the Susitna drainage. Typically managed under the statewide rainbow trout harvest document. Only 40 fish are harvested each year. Opposed: Area is heavily used, would like to keep more fish by making the harvest limit at 20 inches.
BOF	230	Create a Deshka River King Salmon Management Plan.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Singular fisheries typically do not have management plans; usually occurs when difficult situations between commercial and sport fisheries. ADF&G may suggest that this is more complicated than it needs to be. Deshka run timing used to be like clockwork but in the last few years have been coming back earlier. 1 abstain: would like more information on the fishery.
BOF	231	Create a Susitna River King Salmon Management Plan.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	11	See discussion on 230.
BOF	233	Extend the area closed to sport fishing downstream of the Little Susitna weir.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	7	5	Currently the closure is 300 feet around a fish weir, ADF&G suggesting 1,500 feet so that the fish in a hole in the Little Su are protected. Also has to do with water conditions. Trying to capture this area. 1,500=1/4 mile. ADF&G has been using Emergency Orders to close this fishery. Vice versa, Emergency Order could open the area if escapement goals are met. AAC wondered why not move the weir location to the hole, but lots of information not known. Opposition: EO already.
BOF	234	Open waters in a closed area on Wasilla Creek within 300 feet of Palmer Fishhook Road to sport fishing.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	12	0	Habitat Division has fixed the area where the culverts were and would like the youth to be able to fish the area.
BOF	235	Increase the hours open to fishing on Cottonwood Creek.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	12	0	Only open on weekends since 1971. Fishing liberalized by Emergency Order by bag limits increases. 579 fish is the average harvest, 927 escapement (1/3 of fish being harvested). 5 extra hours, supporters like the hourly numbers better. Supported the hourly changes on Fish Creek, would like to keep them all the same.
BOF	236	Increase the hours open to fishing in the Wasilla Creek / Rabbit Slough drainage.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	12	0	See above proposal , 235, same proposal, different drainage.
BOF	237	Amend the regulations for the Anchorage Bowl Drainages to allow harvest of salmon, other than king salmon, that are less than 16 inches in length.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	12	0	Add bag limit for sockeye and pinks <16 inches in the Anchorage bowl drainages. Previous oversight on the ADF&G for leaving it out.
BOF	238	Add Lower Sixmile Lake to the list of stocked lakes.	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	12	0	+ Lower Sixmile Lake to those that are stocked, currently not in the regulations, ADF&G would like this lake in the regulations.
BOF	239	Create a youth-only fishery on Ship Creek.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	12	0	Fishing would be on stock fish, defined area, one day, youth only. This would heighten the ability for youth to have the opportunity to fish. ADF&G would flag the area off and be down at the River on that day to help the kids fish.
BOF	240	Close all fishing on a portion of Campbell Creek when that portion is not open to coho salmon fishing.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	12	0	Law enforcement attempting to have enforcement tools and stop poaching that is a large problem in this area. There is a king fishery in this area, but it is for several days only and for youth only. This would not affect the youth only king fishery as it's lower on the drainage.
BOF	241	Extend the area closed to sport fishing on Ship Creek.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	3	7	<p>Closed to salmon, but can fish trout. Lots of poaching that goes on in this area. ADF&G would like to give enforcement a better tool to get those who are illegally taking salmon. Also requires to catch-and-release rainbow, steelhead, and trout.</p> <p>Opposition: AAC suggests having a spring trout fishery instead to allow for exceptional trout fishing. When salmon start running, close the fishery. This would allow Anchorage residents opportunity for trout in the City limits.</p>

ADF&G commented that it has been a pleasure to work with Anchorage Advisory Committee as of late.

Next meeting is on December 6th at the BP Energy Center at 6:30pm.

Adjournment: 8:51pm.

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



**Anchorage Advisory Committee
December 6, 2016
BP Energy Center**

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:35pm by Joel Doner, Chair
- II. **Roll Call:**

Members Present: Jim Bolgioani, Dino Sutherland, Brian Nelson, Martin Weiser, Matt Moore, Phillip Calhoun, Frank Neumann (Vice-Chair), Joel Doner (Chair), Trevor Rollman, Gerold Gugel, Bruce Eckroth, Neil DeWitt, Willow Hetrick (Secretary).

Members Absent: Excused Absent; Ernie Weiss, Kevin Taylor, Art Nelson. Unexcused; Kenny Rogers.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Dino Sutherland moved to approve, Trevor Rollman seconded. No objections.
- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** From November 15, 2016. Dino Sutherland moved to approve, Trevor Rollman seconded. No objections.
- V. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Matt Miller & Cyndi Wardlow
- VI. **Guests Present:** Al Cain, Member of the Board of Fish.
- VII. **Old Business:** None
- VIII. **New Business:** Letter to Board of Game regarding the decision to hold the CSH special meeting in Glenallen instead of Wasilla despite the largest percentage of participants from the Anchorage and Mat-Valley areas. Neil DeWitt moved to send the letter, Phillip Calhoun seconded. **Discussion:** Letter is written to be about the location of the meeting only. Like seeing meetings in areas where the hunts take place and into areas where most users are. Suggest adding language to alternate meeting locations between Anchorage, Wasilla, and Glenallen in cycles. Suggestions regarding editing which will be addressed. Agree with statement in teleconference meeting "if they come p here to hunt moose then they shouldn't mind coming up here to testify". There isn't anywhere to stay and/or eat in Glenallen to support the people who would be attending this meeting. Biggest reason why the BOG hasn't had any meetings in Glenallen before is because there is limited lodging and support services. Concerns about broadcasting live meeting and audio. 9 Support, 3 opposed, 1 abstain. Frank Neumann will take on editing and development of letter for BOG.
- IX. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Game Sub-Committee-** Frank Neumann, Arctic/Western Region Proposals. Neil DeWitt moved to approve subcommittee meeting, Martin Weiser seconded. 13 support, 0 opposed.

Motion to reconsider Proposal #8: Frank Neumann motioned, Martin Weiser seconded. Discussion same as November 10, 2016 Game Subcommittee meeting minutes. 2 support, 9 opposed, 1 abstain.

Motion to reconsider Proposal #17: Frank Neumann motioned, Martin Weiser seconded. It's not illegal to take more meat than you want if you so choose. 1 support, 12 opposed.

Motion to reconsider Proposal #19: Frank Neumann motioned, Martin Weiser seconded. State of Alaska is getting revenue from each hunter, but only one tag is punched. Handcuffing residents hunters more than non-residents. 10 support, 2 opposed, 1 abstain.



Motion to reconsider Proposal #38: Frank Neumann motioned, Phillip Calhoun seconded. 9 support, 3 opposed, 1 abstain. Opposition because don't think they need an additional 5 days.

b. **Fish Sub-Committee** – Matt Miller, UCI BOF proposals 147-159, 160 – 166.

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	147	Start the Kenai River early-run king salmon fishery as an unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, no retention fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	3	10	Opposed: ADF&G has started this fishery early as an emergency order, using their existing tools. Would have to emergency order to close in the instance not enough kings counted. Step-up fisheries discussed as a possibility but depends on the fishery. Easier to start slow with unbaited hooks for the ADF&G to assess the fishery. ADF&G comments-wouldn't change management in low escapement years.
BOF	148	Rewrite the <i>Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan</i> to redefine early-run stocks and establish age- and sex-based escapement goals.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	13	Current management is based on a date. Early run is primarily tributary spawners. Late run are main stem spawners. AF&G cannot determine sex of fish very well. Burdensome to the ADF&G.
BOF	149	Revise <i>Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan</i> .	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	12	Opposed: difficult to understand, busy suggestions/wording. Suggest managing to the goal of ADF&G not the "historical average and range".
BOF	150	Start the Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries as single-hook, no bait, non-retention.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	3	10	Similar to 147 except this one is for both early and late runs. No closure between the runs. Already done with emergency orders.
BOF	151	Repeal barbless hook provisions in Lower Kenai River.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	8	4	2013 BOF cycle made the first barbless hook restriction not only on the Kenai River but in the State of Alaska. No data for barbless hooks causing higher mortality. Hook placement is most important factor in mortality not the type of hook (barbless vs. barbed). Barbless fish isn't going to hurt a fish more than a barb hook. Opposed: barbless hooks overall better than not. 1 abstain.
BOF	152	Expand the dates to prohibit back trolling and tie to prohibition of bait.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	7	2	Opposed: doesn't address back bouncing. Going upriver and fishing doesn't catch fish. Back trollig allows boats to go much slower. 4 abstain.
BOF	153	Prohibit fishing for king salmon from markers 300 yards below Slikok Creek upstream to Skilak Lake.	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	8	5	Opposed: Would close over 30 miles of river that are currently open to king fishing through the end of July. Within those 30 miles of river, there are closed, sanctuary areas (in regulation) where fish are milling prior to spawning. Would put way too much pressure on the rest of the river. In years where there is low abundance, can close from emergency order authority. Will not stop the fish from being caught. Time would be a better tool, not a geographic stretch. Support: sustains fishery and limits take to bolster king salmon runs. Takes care of the enforcement.
BOF	154	Expand the waters of the Kenai River closed to fishing for king salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	8	5	Close about 5 miles of river to fishing for king salmon. Support: protects spawning beds. 2 abstain.
BOF	155	Expand the waters of the Kenai River closed to fishing for king salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	6	6	See general discussion 153 & 154. Opposed: lengthy. 1 abstain.
BOF	156	Replace slot limit for Kenai River king salmon with maximum size limit to prohibit retention of king salmon greater than 42 inches in length.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	13	0	6 trophy fish over the last many, many years (~2002). Not going to affect many people. Opposed: Big fish produce big fish. Too bad this wasn't done earlier, large fish would have remained in fishing stock.
BOF	157	Modify the annual limit of king salmon from the Kenai River to two fish, only one taken prior to July 1.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	6	4	Currently, 2 can be from Kenai River, 5 in all of Cook Inlet. Opposed: enforcement would be difficult. 1 abstain.
BOF	158	Modify the annual limit of two king salmon for the Kenai River to include only one large fish.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	12	Opposed: bringing fish out of the water to weigh them is not a good idea. Suggest defining a "large" fish.
BOF	159	Extend the time that the slot limit for Kenai River king salmon is in effect.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	3	Opposed: by July 16, fish already in sanctuaries. Use emergency order. Support: idea is to protect the larger fish. Protects the slot limit fish (spawners) for a longer period of time.
BOF	160	Prohibit use of bait in the late-run Kenai River king salmon fishery until escapement goals have been met.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	12	If enough fish to harvest, want to harvest throughout the run rather than on one end of the run. Proposal wants to limit efficiency of catching fish. Opposed: affect non-guiding fisher people, not guides. Support: ADF&G manages well already.
BOF	161	Start the Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries as unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, no retention.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	11	This proposal includes no retention language. Opposed: can be addressed via emergency orders. Support: starts slow and steps up. 1 abstain.
BOF	162	Establish an Optimum Escapement Goal for Kenai River late-run king salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	11	Opposed: new escapement goal to deal with, let Board of Fish figure out new late run king escapement goals. Support: give more opportunity in the future for harvest. If upper end of goal is raised, less likely to extend fishery by one week after typical closure. Not a biological basis. 1 abstain.



BOF	163	Prohibit bait on runs less than 22,000 and eliminate 12-hour fishing period restriction.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	6	6	New king goal – would be supporting the new escapement numbers. Would be supporting in theory and would change when BOF finishes deliberation. New goals will be lower than 22,000. Will not support an old, obsolete discussion but support the concept. Non-retention would be more restrictive. Opposed: more restriction, not less. 1 abstain.
BOF	164	Repeals and readopts the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> .	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	5	6	3 abstain. Oppose: don't want to go backwards. Support: like dates better in the old plan.
BOF	165	Decrease the trigger for management actions on Kenai River late-run king salmon from 22,500 to 16,500.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	8	4	Opposed: restriction in the later dates is only on the set net fishery; sport fishery is closed but fish are already in the river. Would like to see the BOF keep the same lower escapement goal of 16,500. 1 abstain.
BOF	166	Modify season dates and area for Kenai River late-run king salmon management.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	13	Restrictions of season and area slower than current regulations, i.e more conservative. Opposed: puts more pressure on other areas of the River, creating more problems. ADF&G-not effective on spawners, can use EO authority, crowding in the lower River, added enforcement complexity.

Next meeting place and time:

- Game Sub-Committee, December, 13, 2016 @ 6:30PM at Bass Pro Shop
- Full Committee, December 20, 6:30PM at Cabela's

Adjournment: 9:00pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Willow Hetrick
 Minutes Approved By: Joel Doner
 Date: December 20, 2016



**Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 3, 2017
BP Energy Center**

- I. Call to Order: 6:31 by Joel Doner
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Jim Bolgioani, Dino Sutherland, Brian Nelson, Martin Weiser, Phillip Calhoun, Frank Neumann (Vice-Chair), Joel Doner (Chair), Bryce Eckroth, Neil DeWitt, Ernie Weiss, Art Nelson, Kenny Rogers, Matt Moore (alternate), Willow Hetrick (secretary).
Members Absent: Kevin Taylor (excused absent), Gerold (Jerry) Gugel (unexcused), Trevor Rollman (unexcused).
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Approval of Agenda: Frank Neumann motioned, Dino Sutherland seconded. All support.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From December 20, 2016. Martin Weiser proposed, Dino Sutherland seconded. 14 support, 0 oppose; unanimous.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Matt Miller and Sherry Wright
- VI. Guests Present: Dan Wright, Gary Olson, Rick Rydell, Richard Person, Arni Thomson
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:

Game subcommittee must have comments by February 3rd, 2017. Suggest taking up game proposals as a committee at the next meeting.

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BOF	116		Review the optimum escapement goal (OEG) and inriver goals for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	14	0	Support: support the review of the OEG only. Want to be able to open the door to do more research. Place holder for the BOF to look at the OEG goals.
BOF	117		Amend the <i>Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan</i> to remove the optimum escapement goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon.



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	6	8	Oppose: suggest the BOF work out the exact numbers as suggested in proposal 116. Support: this proposal gives some numbers/guidance whereas proposal 116. The word "optimum" was not based on science and is proven to fail. This proposal limits the OEG and eliminate the OEG from the Kenai River late run sockeye salmon.
BOF	118		Remove the optimum escapement goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon and add the guided sport fishery to the list of fisheries managed under the plan.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	7	7	Support: see comments on 117.
BOF	119		Amend management plan to achieve inriver goal range of 850,000–1,050,000 late-run sockeye salmon at run strengths less than 2.3 million sockeye salmon and 950,000–1,150,000 late-run sockeye salmon at run strengths greater than 2.3 million sockeye salmon.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	8	6	Changes from 3 to 2 tiers. Support: gets rid of 5 different sockeye goals and makes management better. The numbers that the proposer is trying to address are above the MSY and OEG that the system can handle. Would fish the incorrect allocation as referenced. Oppose: do not want to take it out because it would be difficult to put back in at a later date.
BOF	120		Decrease the inriver goal ranges for late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon by 100,000 fish and limit the bag and possession of sockeye salmon to three per day and three in possession in the Kenai River sport fishery.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	4	10	Addresses inaccurate counts of fish from sonar. Making the yields more variable. Haven't had a riparian assessment in a long time despite that it is required to be conducted every 3 years; the Department has not been conducting these and needs to. Oppose: do not want the daily bag limit of fish limited to three in possession.
BOF	121		Repeal and readopt management plan to remove the optimum escapement goal, mandatory restrictions and closed fishing periods or "windows", and specify that management will be based on the abundance of late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	7	7	Support: main goal is to eliminate the OEG. OEG is not a scientific or biological number, cannot support. Oppose: see comments from 116-120.
BOF	122		Remove mandatory closed fishing periods or "windows" from the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	6	7	The goal of using windows was to allow fish into the river during certain time, such as on the weekends. Support: the window management system is a failed system. Not everything that has been adopted has worked and most of the adopted proposals are hardly ever taken out. Managed longer without windows, via EO, then without. Biologists need to have the flexibility to manage the fish rather than on certain days or on certain times. Support: sets up an expectation on the user groups. May still be some potential benefit in the window principle. 1 abstain.
BOF	123		Repeal and readopt the management plan to allow for the commercial harvest of surplus pink salmon in the Upper Subdistrict with set and drift gillnet gear.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	4	Support: millions of fish that do not get fished. Opposed: escapement allows for more time and should be equally divided between sport and commercial. Last paragraph is badly worded; overall poorly written.
BOF	124		Amend the <i>Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan</i> to remove or lower the daily harvest triggers.



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	3	Changes one of the triggers to allow the second pink salmon harvest to happen. Support: allows to catch a harvestable surplus on the second opening. 1 abstain.
BOF	125		Remove mesh size restrictions on set and drift gillnet gear in the commercial pink salmon fishery.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	8	6	Requesting larger mesh opening; currently 4 ¾. Support: pink salmon cannot be caught with the small mesh size. Removes the size restriction and can use other gear to fish all permits. Mesh size really hampers small fisheries and small business people. Oppose: Would entertain a different size mesh, such as up to 6-inch gear. The way this proposal is written, cannot support.
BOF	126		Increase maximum mesh size for set gillnets to 5-inches and expand the fishing season to August 6–15 in the commercial pink salmon fishery.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	5	Support: same as proposal 125 but puts a limit on the larger size of the mesh. Also allows for more openings. Oppose: expansion of the time and number of possible openings. Time of the year when there may be incidental coho take.
BOF	127		Remove inriver goals from the list of escapement goals in the <i>Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan</i> and realign inriver and escapement goals in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan</i> .
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	12	Support: supports the in-river goal. Oppose: requesting a lot of changes, related back to OEG and sustainable goals. Proposer wants more fish in the river than the river can handle and then the biologists suggest. 1 abstain.
BOF	128		Amend plan to prioritize the need to harvest all surplus salmon stocks and to maximize economic yield and the overall benefits from salmon stocks managed under the plan.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	2	Support: still surplus salmon despite all harvest regimes that equates to millions of dollars to the economy. Would like to harvest the harvestable surplus salmon. Reiterating the sustained yield clause on the constitution. Oppose: 14 rivers with stocks of concern. 2 abstain.
BOF	129		Amend plan to prioritize the need to harvest all surplus salmon stocks and to maximize economic yield and the overall benefits from salmon stocks managed under the plan.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	1	Doesn't address user groups/not an allocative proposal. Simply addresses that fish should be harvested. Support: basically, the same proposal as #128; see comments from proposal #128. Allows for the harvest of surplus salmon that are not stocks of concern. Every pound that is not harvested is a waste of money to the state. Surplus = also after spawning. Oppose: afraid that the surplus numbers would be allocated to the commercial fishermen. Need to allow fish to get back up the river to re-supply the fisheries. Adding 'must' instead of 'may' becomes guidance that the BOF must address. 3 abstain.
BOF	142		Close waters within one statute mile of the terminus of Kustatan, Drift, and Big rivers, and Bachatna Creek; as measured from mean lower low water, to commercial fishing.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	9	Oppose: ADFG typically authors boundary changes and does a good job. If not suggested by the Department. May be a shore fishery lease in the area that we do not know about. 4 abstain: not enough knowledge to support/oppose.
BOF	143		Increase the amount of smelt that may be taken in the Cook Inlet commercial smelt fishery from 100 tons to 200 tons annually.



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	4	9	Occurs at the mouth and up to the power lines of the Big Su. Oppose: not enough data to support doubling the number of tons harvested. No consideration for the fishery input into the ecosystem (other fish, belugas, birds). Big Su is now being considered as a beluga sanctuary area. Without data, cannot support. Support: MSY-not enough people to fish the resource and support harvest if it becomes more popular. Do not think that there is a population issue. 1 abstain.
BOF	195		Remove the commissioner's emergency order authority to extend the Kenai River personal use fishery hours.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	13	Oppose: stripping EO authority from the Commissioner isn't supported. Understand/recognize that the City of Kenai needs time to clean up the beaches, etc. Would request the BOF have the discussion further.
BOF	196		Prohibit dip nets from being attached to a vessel.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	13	Opposed: Safety concerns; fishery already unsafe and do not support tying off. Punitive way to restrict the fishery. Agree that trawling should not occur, but do not think that this is the right proposal to fix the problem.
BOF	197		Prohibit dipnetting from a vessel that is not anchored in the Kenai and Kasilof river personal use fisheries.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	13	See comments on proposal 196.
BOF	198		Prohibit webbing in personal use dip nets that exceeds 2.5 inch stretched measure.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	13	Dip nets are defined on a statewide basis. 2.5 inches = back to the intent of the fishery. 1 abstain.
BOF	199		Prohibit dipnetting on the Kasilof River from a vessel with a motor on board greater than 10 horsepower.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	14	Currently, fish may be taken from a boat and there are no horsepower restrictions in the downstream region described. Attempts to mimic the sport fishery. Oppose: do not want to restrict the vessel operator to 10 horsepower only, this is not enough to safely navigate this river. To put the two fisheries in the same category is not a good idea as they are far enough away from each other.
BOF	200		Amend the number of king salmon that may be retained in the Upper Cook Inlet personal use fishery to 10 king salmon under 20 inches.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	8	6	ADF&G does not believe this proposal would have a lot of impact on the king salmon fishery. Very few kings are caught/harvested in the fishery. ADF&G would prefer to maintain status quo for research reasons. Includes all of UCI fisheries. Support: eliminating the smaller kings may help the population of large breeders. If it is not going to affect the run, then support. Oppose: may help enforcement.
BOF	201		Amend the area open to dipnetting from shore in the Kenai River personal use dip net fishery.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	14	0	Refers to the upper boundary of the shore fishery on the upper river. Seek to make the marker the creek instead as the marker tends to get hit, washed away, etc. Requires a small reduction on the order of feet/minimal. Seeks to also restrict walk in fishing in marshy area above Warren Ames bridge.
BOF	202		Extend the Cook Inlet personal use dip net fisheries to the 2nd Sunday of August.



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	14	EO authority has been used but it used rarely and is always in conjunction with the City of Kenai. Extending the date into August may affect the coho run. Oppose: would like to keep the EO authority. Support: this would allow or people to have more time to fish in the case of bad weather or water conditions.
BOF	203	Extend the season and liberalize the bag limit in the Kenai River personal use fishery when the sonar estimate is projected to exceed 1.2 million sockeye salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	4	10	This proposal gives the Commissioner EO authority to extend it. Changes the bag limit and lowers the escapement threshold. Oppose: EO is already there, this is just a proposal to raise the bag limit. This puts the ADFG into the coho season. Support: can catch and release the coho salmon.
BOF	204	Extend the boundary of the Kenai River personal use dip net boat fishery upstream to Cunningham Park.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	2	12	Would add ~1.5 miles to the dipnet fishery. Support: eliminate congestion in the lower river. Oppose: would be within the heart king salmon fishing area. Would not be a shore fishery; boats only. Dipnetting and sport fishery could be in conflict. Believe it is fine the way it is.
BOF	205	Allow shore based personal use dipnetting in the Kenai River upstream to Skilak Lake.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	14	Oppose: difficult is not impossible to enforce. Too much conflict.
BOF	206	Create an area upstream of the Kenai River personal use fishery where recording and fin clip requirements are waived for fish that have not been off loaded.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	4	9	Small area above the Warren Ames bridge where it is difficult to enforce the clipping and recording of fisher. Oppose: allowing a few more hundred feet is not going to hurt. 1 abstain.
BOF	207	Amend the boundary description language for the area open to dipnetting in the Kasilof River personal use salmon fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	2	ADFG seeks to clarify the lower boundary as a straight line. Support: give people a definite line to reference. This would help with safety of fishermen. Helps keep the dipnetters out of the commercial area.

Next meeting place and time: Cabela's conference room, located at 155 W 104th Avenue. January 17th at 6:30pm. Game subcommittee will be announced via Department email as soon as possible.

Adjournment: 8:46pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Willow Hetrick
Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
Date: January 17, 2017



Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee
12/20/2016
Cabela's in Anchorage

- I. Call to Order at 6:33 pm by Chair Joel Doner
- II. Roll Call: Members Present: Joel Doner, Jim Bolgiano, Phillip Calhoun, Kevin Taylor, Neil DeWitt, Matt Moore, Martin Weiser, Brian Nelson, Dino Sutherland, Trevor Rollman, Ernie Weiss, Bryce Eckroth, Kenny Rodgers, Gerold Gugel.

Members Absent: Willow Hetrick (excused), Frank Neumann (excused), Art Nelson (excused).

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: All.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From December 6 approved with correction of Proposal 4 vote record (was opposed).
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Sherry Wright, Boards Support, Tim Baker, CF
- VI. Guests Present: Art Jones, Dan Wright, Arnie Thomson, Martin Midge, Ron Jordan
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business: continued discussion of Board of Fisheries Proposals.

UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 8, 2017 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOF	168	Remove restrictions to the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery in July and August.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	3	There have been paired restrictions put in place since 2014. The department have not failed to meet the management goals of Kenai River King salmon. In (f) re: August goal, restrictions that are put in place effectively add fish to the escapement goal. In discussion, have to remember there is a new escapement goal based on larger kings. The larger fish are predominantly caught by the sport fishers. It needs to be proportionate to our catch. The smaller kings are no longer part of the goal. The paired restrictions also takes tools out of management hands. The committee had some discussion about proposed plans for counting kings. Question of why there is a desire to allow a larger number of fish to escape upriver. There was discussion on the desire to achieve the middle of the escapement goal. They used to have Bendix sonar, now they are using Didson. 1 abstain.
BOF	169	Remove restrictions to the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery in July and August.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	2	Reference comments on Prop 168.



BOF	170	Reconsider “paired” restrictions to the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	14	Doesn’t make sense. Too complicated and difficult to manage. In-river personal use needs more time, not less.
BOF	171	Remove the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Kasilof Section from “paired” restrictions in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> .	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	2	Percentage of fish caught out of Kasilof Section are 2% of the big kings from one testifier. Doesn’t make sense to be restricted to the Kenai River. 1 abstain.
BOF	172	Remove “paired” restrictions in the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	3	Reference comments on Prop 168 – 169. It hasn’t hurt anything in the past. We need all we can to sustain the fishery. 1 abstain.
BOF	173	Decrease the projected inriver run goal of late-run king salmon to 19,000 fish and remove the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery from “paired” restrictions.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	6	6	Trigger is 22,500 kings currently. Removes some of the July restrictions and all of the August restrictions. Hard to determine the effects and could result in changes to the in-river fisheries. Reference comments on Prop 168 – 170 and 172. Oppose doesn’t want to see the numbers lowered to make escapement. It should be raised. 2 abstain
BOF	174	Remove provisions (e)(3)(A) (i) and (ii) that restrict the number and/or depth of commercial set gillnets fished by a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holder in the Upper Subdistrict if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	2	Removes the step down provisions when bait is restricted. This proposal deals with the mesh depth issue. There is a variety of depth in this fishery. The few big days where the boat gets loaded are critical, and they don’t happen often. With a shallower net, the net doesn’t allow the fish to ‘bag’ up in the net. Impact will vary greatly up and down the coast. Department uses time to manage the fisheries and cost of net gear should be considered. Opposition not convinced that the survey provided at the 2014 meeting was inaccurate. Strong currents in Cook Inlet also affect the effectiveness of nets. 1 abstain.
BOF	175	Clarify the length and depth of set gillnets that may be used in the Upper Subdistrict commercial salmon fishery, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	13	1	This clarifies the length and depth of set gillnets when there are restrictions put in place.
BOF	176	Allow commercial set gillnet fishing periods in the Kenai and Kasilof sections to be managed separately, with regard to “paired” restrictions, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	1	There are 90 miles of beach and the fish enter in a glob. An opening isn’t based on one guy who is seeing fish – the guy 40 miles north, may not have fish and still have the same 36 hours to fish. This allows management to open when the pulse of fish are present. No one is getting extra fishing time. Believe they would be able to catch far more sockeye and fewer kings, should this proposal pass. 2 abstain.
BOF	177	Allow commercial fishing periods in the Kasilof and Kenai/East Forelands sections to be opened separately, with regard to “paired” restrictions, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	1	Reference comments on Prop 176. 2 abstain.



BOF	178	Increase the number of days only non-motorized vessels may fish on the lower Kenai River.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	10	Less opportunity for people with motorized vessels. 2 abstain.
BOF	179	Add Thursdays as a day only non-motorized vessels may fish on the Kenai River downstream of Cunningham Park.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	3	Previous proposal didn't say which day. There is added erosion on those that closed motorized vessels. Have to take care of the nursery.
BOF	180	Establish two Kenai River riparian habitat areas equal to approximately nine-tenths of a mile that will be closed to fishing from shore within 10 feet of the waterline from July 1 – August 15.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	13	1	If you don't have a river boat you are out of luck. Support caring for habitat.
BOF	209	Repeal the <i>Northern District King Salmon Management Plan</i> .	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	12	Dept would continue to use EO authority if it wasn't in the plan. 1-2% is what the Northern District harvests. This would impact Northern District set netters greatly as they are already reduced by fishing time. Department can modify based on run strength as needed. This fishery has been reduced to one day per week, reduced number of people fishing and is greatly reduced from historical use. Deshka River is the only river open to sport fishing. To completely annihilate a fishery is not "fair or equitable" sharing of the conservation. Management would go to EO, rather than completely shut down the fishery. Avg 1900 kings would be the average saving (which is 1 – 2 % of the returns to Northern District. Starts at Nikiski and goes north. There are lots of other streams that are getting kings. Eliminates a mechanism for the department to manage in case of an abundance. It's already paired down to nearly nothing. If there were no king season, there would be no fishing until the red season starts in June. Last time they got an extra fishing season was in 1989. They never get extra time, only get restricted.
BOF	210	Repeal and readopt management plan to fully utilize surplus salmon stocks based on the abundance of salmon returning to the Northern District.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	14	This primarily goes from June 25 through remainder of salmon season.
BOF	211	Close the Northern District commercial set gillnet fishery until the first regular period after June 24, if the Susitna River sport fishery is restricted by emergency order.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	12	Similar to 210, with a specific closure. Any restriction on the Susitna closes the whole fishery. This is like cutting off your nose to spite your face. 1 abstain.
BOF	212	Close the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Northern District on August 15.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	13	Season currently ends by EO with only a few people continuing to participate late in the season. The committee discussed some of the sport fish vs. commercial harvest. This would be the later part of the coho run. There is a small number of participants, but it means a great deal to those harvesting it. There are a ton of small streams that don't get fished. The Knik/Turnagain Northern district list of streams was read to the committee that offer sport fishing opportunity. To take away an opportunity is difficult to get back. It is closed when deemed necessary.
BOF	213	Close commercial fishing within one mile of Little Susitna River when the Little Susitna River sport fishery is restricted to no bait.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	13	This would restrict one set net operator. This would not conserve fish.



BOF	214	Close commercial fishing within one mile of the Little Susitna River when more than half of Northern District streams with king salmon escapement goals are closed to sport harvest of king salmon or when the Little Susitna River sport fishery is restricted by emergency order.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	13	This is similar to Prop 213, only changes the mechanism to take the same action. There's a hole in front of the confluence that sport fishermen want to preserve. Fishing time is two days per week for 12 hours for Northern District fishermen. The majority of the time, there are fish coming into the streams. To close it completely takes away the livelihood – almost takes property from those who have these leases.
BOF	215	Close commercial fishing within one mile of the Little Susitna River, if the Little Susitna River king salmon sport fishery is restricted to harvest less than 7 days per week and artificial lures by emergency order.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	13	Referenced comments from Prop 213 - 214
BOF	216	Close waters within one-statute mile of the Little Susitna River to commercial fishing.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	13	Referenced comments from Prop 213 - 214
BOF	217	Remove the Eastern Subdistrict of the Northern District from commercial set gillnet restrictions that apply July 20–August 6.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	4	Department has regularly put restrictions in place. This would remove them to allow a full complement of gear on the eastern district side. Northern District begins at Nikiski to Point Possession. One net per permit. Support giving the department the tools to manage discreet stocks. Kenai River reds surplus also can be harvested. If you fish double gear, probably get 1.5% more. Reduced from three nets to one net most of the year. Last year was the first time in 15 years, they were allowed to fish 2 nets. Sockeye numbers provided are season long numbers. They are not the predominant harvesters on these fishery stocks.
BOF	218	Allow a holder of more than one Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission set gillnet limited entry permit to fish with one set gillnet per permit held in the Northern District.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	13	1	There is a need for the regulations to be clear. If you own two permits, can you operate two complements of gear? Question was raised, why would the legislators allow someone to own two permits but only fish one? That doesn't make sense.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Next meeting will be January 3, 2017 at BP Energy Center at 6:30 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Ernie Weiss
 Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
 Date: January 3, 2017 meeting

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- I. Meeting was called to Order at 6:33 pm by Joel Doner, Chair
- II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Phillip Calhoun.

III. Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee Members Roll Call				
First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent Excused	Absent Unexcused
Jim	Bolgiano			X
Phillip	Calhoun	X		
Neil	DeWitt	X		
Joel	Doner	X		
Bryce	Eckroth		X	
Gerold	Gugel			X
Willow	Hetrick		X	
Matt	Moore	X		
Brian	Nelson			X
Art	Nelson	X		
Frank	Neumann	X		
Kenny	Rodgers	X		
Trevor	Rollman	X		
Donald "Dino"	Sutherland	X		
Kevin	Taylor	X		
Martin	Weiser	X		
Ernie	Weiss	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

- IV. Approval of Agenda: Approved.
- V. Minutes of the previous meeting (January 3) was approved.
- VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: Pat Shields, CF Soldotna; Sherry Wright, Boards Anchorage
- VII. Guests Present: Dan Wright, Richard Person, Anthony Adams, Arni Thompson
- VIII. Public Testimony – Richard Person: He came to provide testimony on some of the Board of Fish proposals, including those he has submitted to the BOF (110, 114). 101 – 102 that address 600 foot openings and supports those in the regulatory management plans. Would prefer to fish a whole opening, but would like to be able to fish, and if it is deemed 600 ft, then at least he can hope to harvest some fish. 104 – 105 have to do with reduced size of gear –opposes any requirement to have more than one set of gear – it is expensive and prohibitive to come up with that. Prop 110 is Richard's proposal dealing with Kasilof Special Mgmt area – dual permit allowed to fish two permits. Would like to see it be one net per permit. It's not a fun place to fish for him – but would like to be on equal footing. 114 requires people to move all their gear and anchors from the terminal harvest area when the fishery closes. Currently, people consider those areas "their's". Nets are stacked in there 4 – 5 deep, just a few feet apart. It's a mess and

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not sure the BOF intent was to give this exclusive opportunity. 135 was put in by his son Joseph - would like to do away with the Blanchard line. Three sections rather than Kasilof / Kenai sections. He went into more details of the proposal. Blanchard line is a somewhat arbitrary line. Believes there would be less harvest of kings and could stabilize the opening day to June 20, rather than dependent on number of reds going up Kasilof River. Prop 138 – would like to see the 1% rule go away. Was open for questions.

IX. Old Business: none

X. New Business: Board of Fisheries Upper Cook Inlet proposals.

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	89	Repeal and readopt <i>Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan</i> with the amended plan removing mandatory time and area restrictions from July 1–August 15.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	8	4	Drifters prefer to fish 12 hours on Monday, 12 hours on Thursday, as they have done in the past. Would like the department to have the tools they need to manage the fishery. In support of escapement goal management and the department should be responsible to make the goals. Public perception is that the coho stocks are all headed to Susitna drainage. But reality is those are a mixed stock fishery and assumptions have been wrong. Looking forward to the genetic study information. Some members question the effect restrictions have on the coho returns to the Susitna drainage. Coho salmon vary widely and are susceptible to over-escapement which impacts future yields.
BOF	90	Remove restrictions on the commercial drift gillnet fishery from July 1–31 and manage the drift gillnet fishery based on inseason salmon abundance.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	8	4	Referenced comments on Prop 89.
BOF	92	Restrict commercial drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Corridor and Drift Gillnet Area 1 from August 1–15.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	9	This removes about half of the inlet in August. Most of the coho have transited through by this time. Dept already has EO authority, if needed and would have a better understanding of what is going on with coho by this time in the fishery. Drift fleet is diminished by that time and looking at local fishermen that are trying to harvest surplus sockeye/pinks/chums. This is an unnecessary punitive restriction. In support: surplus salmon can be taken in Area 2. 1 abstain.
BOF	97	Repeal the drift and set gillnet one-percent rules that apply from August 1–15.	

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	1	There are late pushes of sockeye that make the 1% rule problematic. The 1% rule is applied in consideration of coho and/or king salmon stocks. This rule causes the fishery to close, even though there is harvestable surplus of fish. There is no other 1% rule in the state of Alaska, tying the hands of the manager. It has no basis in science and wastes fish. Surplus is after all other user groups have gotten their fish. In opposition: this proposal supports exploiting commercial fishermen at the expense of all the others. 1 abstain.
BOF	98		Reduce sport fishery bag limit for coho salmon on the west side of Cook Inlet and close drift gillnet fishing in Areas 3 and 4 for remainder of season if coho salmon sport fishing is restricted or closed in the Little Susitna River.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	Paired restrictions are dangerous. Restricting something way over here, to way over there doesn't make sense. This pits one group against another. Motion to AMEND to remove the sport bag limit (no second).
BOF	101		Allow commercial fishing with set gillnets within 600 feet of shore in the Kasilof Section, with fishing time occurring 600 feet or less offshore not subject to the hourly restrictions in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan</i> .
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	1	This was fished one time in 2015. That is the purpose for this proposal. This would not affect the driftnet fishery. SHA is typically drift and set net fishery and those hours don't count toward time fished. It's a zoo. The committee discussed some of the history of creating the terminal area. The terminal goes out one mile and used to be ½ mile fishery. It's arbitrary to have restrictions in the Kasilof Section, when the terminal fishery is wide open. In opposition: it is not fair to the other commercial fishermen.
BOF	102		Amend management plan to allow commercial fishing with set gillnet gear in the Kasilof Section within one-half mile of shore and eliminate the provision allowing commercial fishing with set gillnet gear only within 600 feet of shore in the Kasilof Section.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	This proposal removes tools from the managers. Department already has the authority to open these concurrently if needed. This would expand the area.
BOF	103		Add a 24-hour no fishing window on Tuesday in the Kasilof Section through July 7 and adopt mandatory no fishing windows in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area after July 7.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	11	This would cut down the ability to harvest Kasilof River sockeye run, which is about 2-3 weeks earlier than the Kenai run. Restricting early in the run really lends itself to over-escapement. Tuesday is pretty arbitrary – what user group is benefitting from Tuesday closure? 36 hour closure is a pretty big deal – the shorter the closure the less consequential it is. Run strength and run timing are not known by this time. Friday windows were intended to allow fish to pass into rivers for the weekend. Local folks desired the ability to have a mid-week closure.
BOF	104		Reduce the closed fishing period or "window" and increase additional fishing time with set gillnet gear in the Kasilof Section.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	3	Meet the escapement goal also means not exceeding the top end of it. Window is in place to allow fish to pass for personal use fishery. Reducing the closed fishery allows fishermen some flexibility on when to fish. This would add more tools without impacting other runs. In opposition: This proposal raises way too many issues; just too many changes for one proposal.

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BOF	106	Replace the optimum escapement goal with the sustainable escapement goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	6	5	Several members are not fans of the optimum escapement goal. Don't like prioritizing on river at the expense of another river. Need to be managed. The department considers achieving the bottom end of an escapement goal more than exceeding another goal. People fear under-escapement. Depending on the stock, the biological escapement sometimes changes to be most effective (scientifically). This is a penalty for fish that aren't even there yet. They are not concurrent runs – they are separate. 1 abstain.
BOF	114	Require all nets, buoys, ropes and anchoring devices to be removed from the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area when this area is closed to commercial fishing.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	0	This might allow some other participation. As a drifter coming in, nets are not supposed to be set in the navigational channel, but they are all over the place. Already need to look out for dipnetters standing out in the channel. Wood River in Nushagak – nobody leaves gear and this will not make the fishery more orderly. People will be fighting for that fishery more often.
BOF	137	Remove "one-percent rule", where the commercial set gillnet fishery will close after July 31, if less than one percent of the season's total sockeye is harvested in two consecutive fishing periods.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	1	Referenced comments on Prop 97. Set net only. In opposition: Commercial side of the house is already running the rule – could support if there was no fishing in Area 2 after August.
BOF	141	Limit the depth of all set gillnet gear in Upper Subdistrict of the Central District to no more than 29 meshes deep.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	10	Oppose - It's a huge cost to have to change out all your gear. 1 abstain.

Frank was contacted by Homer AC regarding a letter to the Governor and others regarding the re-appointment of Mr. Ted Spraker to the Alaska Board of Game. The Mat Valley AC also was approached. Ted is easy to talk to; being on the BoG is not easy and he has been on the board for over 15 years. The question is if the AC would support the letter. Lack of action resulting from the sheep working group was discussed. Committee was asked to consider the letter and will discuss at the next meeting.

The remaining BOF UCI proposals are as follows: 85-88, 91, 93-96, 99-100, 105, 107-113, 115 – 136, 138-140, and 181. If anyone would like to bring these up, the chance for that would be at the January 31st meeting, as the comments are due by February 9.

Next meeting will be January 31st at the William J Hernandez hatchery at 6:30 pm in order to review BOG Interior region proposals. The Game Subcommittee will get the committee comments out for AC review prior to that meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Ernie Weiss
Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
Date: January 31, 2017 meeting



**Anchorage Advisory Committee
Game Subcommittee
January 31, 2017 - Excerpted for BOF UCI
William J Hernandez Hatchery, 941 Reeve Blvd, Anchorage**

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Chair Joel Doner
- II. Members Present: Joel Doner, Phillip Calhoun, Jim Bolgiano, Neil DeWitt, Frank Neumann, Kevin Taylor, Brian Nelson, Matt Moore, Gerold Gugel, Bryce Eckroth, Martin Weiser
Members Absent Excused: Ernie Weiss, Art Nelson, Dino Sutherland, Trevor Rollman, Willow Hetrick
Members Absent Unexcused: Kenny Rogers

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 – 11 present
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved without objection
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: January 17, 2016 Approved with changes without objection
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: David Battle, Cory Stantorf, Sherry Wright,
- VI. Guests Present: Rod Arno, Gary Olson, George Jacoby, Stephen Bartelli (Mat Valley AC), Richard Persons, Martin Miegs, Joe Schuster, Tyler Loken,
- VII. Public Testimony – Joel Doner offered several opportunities for members of the public that wished to address the committee. The following people did.

Rod Arno – AOC – Heads up on the CSH proposals (Fish & Wildlife Service posted documents regarding the MOU between Ahtna and Feds. Common Use clause in State should be considered. Ahtna is seeking a Charter for Ahtna Intertribal community to represent their communities and have authority for allocation and co-management through the Federal program. The majority of would take place on state lands (9+ million acres) that may be put in trust with the federal government. Would be up to the BOG to capitulate to give them what they have been unable to get through the state process. The 3 documents are: Charter, Memorandum of Understanding, and a Traditional Use Map.

AC Questions / Discussion – Wondering if the feds has the authority to take over in this way? Right now there is not. State could lose management authority which was put into place during ANSCA. Response re: 2009 BOG actions – not any board intent to authorize a native or rural preference. The purpose was to allow issuing permits, available to anyone in the state. Wonder if the AC should even bother taking up the GMU 11 – 13 proposals coming up if there is something else underway that may take away state management? Depends on what the BOG is willing to give away. Rod Arno asks that the public make comments available for the board regarding this matter.

Richard Person – Setnetter on East side Cook Inlet. Spoke about a few proposals already – Prop 175 was put in by his son. 105 fathoms of gear is allowed. In 2014 when this was written up, they went to the local biologists to ensure they could fish their full complement of gear. ACR was taken up in Juneau that didn't pass. This is the second attempt to clear this up so they can



fish their full complement of gear. Anchorage AC proposal to do away with this altogether would also be good.

VIII. Old Business:

BOG member Ted Spraker was invited to attend the meeting. He has been in Alaska 42+ years and started working with Dept of Fish & Game in 1974 as Assistant Area Biologist in Glennallen. He was moved by ADFG to Soldotna in 1978 till his retirement in 2002. Murkowski requested he serve on the BOG and has ever since. This would be his 6th term and last. His desire is to complete his original purpose for coming on the Board - to fix Unit 13. There are still issues to deal with there and there are a couple of proposals in the upcoming meeting that may do that.

Past attempts at addressing subsistence hunting opportunities have failed miserably. The other thing that has been changed is the 2004 implementation of predator control, which has been without a doubt a very successful program. Have to deal with the high number of people that like to hunt caribou. The number interested is not acceptable for a quality hunt.

Spraker was thankful for the committee taking the time to address the Interior Region meeting. Really would like to see everyone (AC) testify at the Board meeting. He indicated he allows additional time for testimony and does not hold the public to a 3 minute limit. Listening to the public is very important. As area biologist, he worked with the Kenai Peninsula ACs, and would be at Central Peninsula AC meeting tonight, if he wasn't here. He still attends meetings on the Peninsula. He is available by phone if anyone wants to discuss anything. He asks for your support for one more go-around.

Phillip Calhoun *Question / Discussion – Should Boards submit board generated proposals?* Ted believes they should – they are not trying to avoid public proposals. Some of the proposals that come through are not totally focused – a bit here, a bit there. The board proposals provide that focus. The Board ensures there is still time for the public to participate. They could make a motion at the table and pass it, but they don't do that.

Prop 207 was one that was opposed by most of the ACs and still went through and passed. Many people were frustrated by the feeling of not being heard. They spend time away from their families to participate in the process, then come away feeling frustrated. The Board listens to all the testimony. Many comments were supportive of Prop 207 and this proposal had a long public review process. Strong supporter of ethical hunting and many people complained of people buzzing them when they had packed in and then got planes flying over them. Some have been appreciative of hunting being quieter. Spraker supported proposition 207 and still does.

Neil DeWitt *How much weight do you give FSB or Western Arctic Caribou meetings?* They have requested feds to back off and give them time. There used to be an incredible number of caribou and at one time they considered 200,000 would be a good number. Hunters need to stick together, not be divisive among ourselves. Problem is that this will put more people in other areas. Many of the people formerly from those areas also will have an adverse impact by closures.

Kevin Taylor *Back to the sheep issue – what do you think needs to be done?* His answer was personal – doesn't believe we need to do anything. Spraker is more of a long term guy, when looking at populations. Guide concession program on BLM/state lands is an answer to our problems. Letter to legislators to that effect is underway. 10 year leases promote stewardship,



Board of Fisheries UCI proposal comments:

Prop 110 - Proponent was able to speak to the committee about this proposal. If ADFG allows a person to own two permits, you should be able to fish them both. This is almost a housekeeping issue to clarify.

Vote: 11 – 0 Support

Prop 135 – Proponent’s father was able to speak to the committee about this proposal. East side is divided by Kenai / Kasilof sections. There are 7 – 8 miles between the two rivers, and the division is called the Blanchard line. The proposal seeks to add a third section – K-Beach. Also the opening time for some of these sections would change. South K-Beach currently opens when Kasilof opens, even though it is quite far away. North K Beach and South K Beach would begin July 1. They would gain 7 days roughly of fishing time. Kasilof would open June 20. South K Beach would lose around 10 days of fishing. If we are worried about early run king salmon South K-Beach would be the primary harvesters. North of the Kenai River would stay the same. Blanchard line is arbitrary any time you discuss moving it. Kasilof River has a habitual over-escapement issue. This would help. There is a concern of sport and personal use people not getting opportunity to harvest. June 20 is able to open right now (so this doesn’t move the date earlier than already in regulation. A concern exists that not enough information is available to support this. Encourage the Board to give this a good look and consider all the options. May be a good king conservation measure. Getting a period during the heart of the season, in light of king conservation may be a benefit. This represents lost opportunity for those fishing further south, when Kasilof fish come early. The July 1 date will need to really be looked at critically because of the second run of kings.

Vote: 4- 2 – 5 Support.

Prop 14 & 34 should be included in UCI BOF comments (discussed during LCI meeting).

New Business - none

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Matt Moore
Minutes Approved By: Joel Doner
Date: February 3, 2017

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Call to Order: 6:40pm

Roll Call/Establish Quorum:

Glen Watson

Henry Kohl

Robert Lekander

Thad Tikiun

Jerry White

Jamie Kassman

Greg Roczicka

Jon LaValle

Robert Hoffman (alt.)

Excused: Alissa Rogers, Henry
Hunter

Invocation: James Charles

Introduction of Guests:

Jenn Peeks- ADF&G Boards Support

Jonathan Lomack- *Akiachak*

Phillip Peter Sr.-*Akiachak, Lower Kuskokwim AC*

James Charles- *Lower Kuskokwim AC*

Dan "Max" Olick- *Kwethluk*

James Nicori- *Kwethluk*

Albert Hoffman- *Bethel*

Scott Hoffman- *Bethel*

Lincoln Peter- *Akiachak*

Martin Andrew- *Kwethluk*

Tanya Epchook- *Kwethluk*

Jennifer Hooper- *AVCP*

George Guy- *Kwethluk*

Chariton Epchook- *Kwethluk*

Daniel George- *Akiachak*

Elizabeth Nicolai- *Kwethluk*

Elections: Vacant Seats (one full voting member, one alternate)

Henry Kohl Nominates Thad Tikiun 2nd Mike Riley 1111111

Robert Hoffman nominated and seconded 1111

Mike Riley wins full voting member

Thad Tikiun Nominates Robert Hoffman for alternate, second by Robert Lekander

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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

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Concerns/Comments of AC members:

Henry Kohl thanked Jen for putting together meeting packets

Approval of Agenda: motion by Jaimie Kassman, second Thad Tikiun
Agenda approved

Approval of Minutes: Dec. 27, 2016

Henry Kohl Motion to approve minutes

- **Add Jennifer Hooper to guests on Dec. 27, 2016 meeting**

Minutes approved

BOARD OF GAME INTERIOR REGION PROPOSALS (Comments due February 3, 2017)

Multi-Unit

(47, 53, 54, 83 were previously voted on under Arctic/Western Region Proposals)

Motion to take same stance as we did on previous proposals jamie, second Thad

Motion passes 9-0

- **Proposal 47-** Change Definition of "edible meat" for game birds (*Same as West. Region Prop. 17, Bethel AC Supported as Amended [6, 1]*)
 - **Proposal 53** – Clarify resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and nonresident general hunting seasons for caribou in Arctic/Interior/Western Regions (*GMU's 12 and 18-26*). (*Same as West. Region Prop. 6, Bethel AC Opposed [0, 7]*)
 - **Proposal 54:** – Change "general season" to "subsistence" for Arctic/Western Region black bear hunts (*GMU's 12 and 18-25*). (*Same as West. Region Prop. 5, Bethel AC Opposed [0, 7]*)
 - **Proposal. 83 (McGrath Area)-** Open nonresident draw hunt for caribou in GMU 18 & 19. (*Same as West. Region Prop. 25, Bethel AC Opposed [1, 6]*)
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- **Proposal 55** – Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting season and nonresident general hunting seasons for moose (*GMU 12, 19-21, 24*)
 - **Proposal 67-** Lengthen the season for bear baiting in the Interior/Northeast Region
 - **Proposal 68-** Change the "any bull" or "one bull" bag limits to "antlered bull" for all moose hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region

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- **Proposal 70**-Open a resident disabled veteran hunting season for moose in the Interior/Northeast Arctic region.
- **Proposal 72**- Allow the harvest of wolf and coyote by land and shoot with a trapping license in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region

McGrath Area

- **Proposal 74**- Change the antler restrictions for resident moose hunting in Unit 19B
- **Proposal 75**- Reauthorize the predation control program in Unit 21E
- **Proposal 76**- Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 21E
- **Proposal 77**- Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21E
- **Proposal 79**- Allow the harvest of brown bear at bait stations in Unit 19A
- **Proposal 80**- Remove the restriction on boat horsepower in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A.

BOARD OF FISH: KUSKOKWIM

- **Proposal 279**- Clarify when 4-inch mesh set gillnets may be used during the early season king salmon subsistence fishery closure,
- **Proposal 275**- Tier II subsistence salmon fishing permits for the Kuskokwim River fishery.
- **Proposal 276** Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during times of low king salmon runs

Other/Miscellaneous Business:

- Discussion: Letter of support for the Kuskokwim Sonar Project and Kuskokwim Escapement Projects.
- Motion to approve letter of support Hoffman, 2nd Hunter
Motion passes will write a letter of support

Next Meeting Date: Call of the Chair

Adjourn: 9:55 pm

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Jamie Kassman Motion to discuss Fish proposals ahead of other game proposals for visitors second White

UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 8, 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	279		Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan. Clarify when 4-inch mesh set gillnets may be used during the early season king salmon subsistence fishery closure
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	Greg summarized the prop and early season closure Guests opposed to any 4 inch mesh, would prefer the openings be with 6 inch mesh if prior to June 11 th Lengthy discussion on potential amendments, reached no consensus Discussion to amend to, prior to June 1, limit to one 12 hour fishing period per week with 4 inch mesh Proposal failed as written.

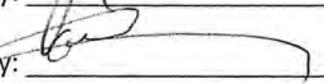
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STATEWIDE (EXCEPT SOUTHEAST AND YAKUTAT) KING AND TANNER CRAB AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES MARCH 20–24, 2017 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
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



**+Central Bering Sea Fish and Game Advisory Committee
10/25/16
Fish and Game Office Bethel Alaska**

- I. Call to Order: 2:08 pm by Annie Cleveland
Owen Beaver: Invocation
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: David Bill, Annie Cleveland, Willi Atti, Owen Beaver, Leo Moses Jr., Benjamin Lozano, Tommy Kusaiak, Edward Kiokun
Second day: Stan Atchak, Leo Moses Jr. present,
Members Absent: Stan Atchak, James James, Joseph Moses John, David Carl, James Nicolai
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Willi Atti: motion to accept agenda as revised.
Ben Lozano: seconded
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 10/5/15 minutes have been pre-approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Carmen Daggett (Boards)
Phillip Perry (DWC)
Lisa Olsen (Subsistence)
Aaron Poetter (Fisheries)
- VI. Guests Present:
Janessa Esquible, Ornie Reich, Anna Rose McArthur, John Active (Translator)
- VII. Public Comments/Concerns
Owen Beaver: Gold mining on the Kuskokwim by Bartletts
- VIII. Old Business:
- IX. New Business:



BOF	RC38	Clarify when 4 inch mesh set gillnets may be used during the early subsistence fishery closure.
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Note: RC38 is also known as Proposal 279, to be considered at the Upper Cook Inlet meeting. -

<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	<p>0 Neutral</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Willie Atti: The target fish are for sheefish and whitefish, what if you caught king salmon during that period.</p> <p>Lisa Olsen: Explained that the board might require that king salmon be released.</p> <p>Leo Moses: What if it was for subsistence.</p> <p>Lisa Olsen: The board could say even if you caught it for subsistence you would let the king salmon go, because they are trying to conserve the king salmon.</p> <p>Stanley Anthony: If we catch a small king salmon and it dies we don't leave it. When a fish gets caught in a 4" net we take it home and eat it.</p> <p>Owen Beaver: When a fish stays in a net they get weaker and weaker and we take them. The small nets get tangled and we.</p> <p>Willi Atti:</p> <p>Tommy Kusaiak: 4 inch mesh catches king salmon and chokes them, the salmon get caught they won't go very far they will, die. They cannot be used for salmon only for white fish. If I want to catch salmon I would use 6 inch. King salmon use larger nets. The four inch mesh are not good for the salmon here. Four inch mesh kills lots of different kinds of fish.</p> <p>David Bill: When I fished in Bristol bay we used 8 inch mesh in Bristol Bay. Our superintendent, in the 8 inch mesh you kills the salmon before you get it in the boat. He said to use the 8.5" mesh, and the 8 " mesh killed the salmon because it damaged the hard parts on its head. Every fish has a sensitive part of the head. In some regulations said you have to throw away the dead fish. It is up to you how we vote on this one. When I worked for commercial fishing we never used anything smaller than 8.5" mesh.</p> <p>David Carl: They used all that is in the land and is in the waters, in Bristol Bay and Nushagak, we caught up river near Dillingham, we had no restrictions to use four inch. People never complained how many fish there were. Tommy Kusaiak: Take the four inch mesh size off. There are not a lot of fish in the tributaries, if we make it bigger or large then we can use on the main river.</p> <p>Willi Atti: I think it is fine if we change the mesh size.</p> <p>Stanley Anthony: I think it is a good idea to have larger mesh. I know because I fish some times large get snagged in the net and die. If we made the mesh bigger size it would be better smaller mesh kills fish.</p> <p>David Carl: We met once I hunt black fish, we use blackfish nets with very small fish. When we were trying to catch fish and mink that got stuck in them died. Small mesh nets small fish that is what we understand. If we made the mesh size would be larger.</p> <p>Willi Atti: Reiterates the killing of the king salmon and that they should be limited on the tributaries of the Kuskokwim river.</p> <p>Aaron Tiernan: Any salmon bearing tributaries end of being closed to protect the spawning areas.</p> <p>Willi Atti: Since the use of 4inch mesh is mainly to with fishing within the Kuskokwim river itself, because of the make up of this group, maybe this group may consider to be neutral on this proposal.</p> <p>David Bill: We are not the only ones deciding on this. There are a lot of people on the Kuskokwim are against this.</p> <p>Willi Atti: Inquires about when this would be only allowed until June 12. Aaron Tiernan: Explains the fishing time frame on the period in the early season.</p> <p>Willi Atti: Would like to motion to remain neutral on this proposal.</p> <p>Edward Kiokun: Seconded</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Tommy Kusaiak: We need to amend it to a larger size. Kuskokwim fisherman will. We should support Kuskokwim fisherman and oppose this.</p>
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Support, Support As Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposa
			Leo Moses: motions to oppose this proposal. Willie Atti: Seconded
			Leo Moses: Inquires about whether it is residents versus non-residents Leo Moses: motion to support Ben Uzano: seconded
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
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 Uzano: Seconded

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Stan Atehek

Minutes Approved By: Leo Moses Jr

Date: 12/19/16

St. M. Atti
Leo Moses Jr.



FROM : DAVID R MARTIN

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Ninilchik

DATE (of meeting): 11-22-16

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Martin, Steve Vanek,
Madeline Thompson, Joe Simpson, Dan
Presky, Dave Blossom, John McCombs

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:

Jeff Berger, Mike Schuster, Rion Vanek
Gary Deiman, Robert Clucas

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: NONE

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:10 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting ~~Adjourned~~ ^{Recessed}: 10 PM till 11-29-16

Steve Vanek
Signature, Committee Secretary



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Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee
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Name/Organization	Mailing Address City, Zip Code	Interests (optional - see below)	Email/Phone
David Martin			
Madeline Kasper	Ninilchik AK 99639 P.O. Box 39800	ALL	tkasper7mt@alaska.net
Joe Simpson	Ninilchik		252 2157
Don Presley	AP		398 6660
Dave Blosson	Kasilof	All	398-7073
John E. Cook	Ninilchik	ALL	567-3334
Steve Vanek	Ninilchik		567-3470

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
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Announcements

BoF proposals for southeast and PWS, and statewide crab + shellfish are due - apr. 11, 2017

BoF. proposals due by Monday 28 by 5 PM. for units 11, 12, 13.

We took up upper Cook Inlet proposals.

71-070 This was done at the 11-17-16 meeting.

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Proposal Number	Yes	No	Abstain	Summary of Discussion about this Proposal
71	0	7	0	Hook and release mortality.
72	0	7	0	Sometimes they are not land locked danger to the Coho
73	6	1	0	The opposed said "might catch a King"
74	0	7	0	leave as is. cause more bank erosion
75	0	7	0	See # 74
76	0	7	0	open salmon spawning and rearing areas. More bank erosion
77	0	7	0	Too many issues in one proposal. This is good for people. NOT good for fish
78	0	7	0	leave as is. be conservative
79	0	7	0	King Salmon spawning rearing areas we agree with some of this but not some of it. Should be just one issue per proposal



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Proposal Number	Yes	No	Abstain	Summary of Discussion about this Proposal
80	7	0	0	smaller gap is better.
81	7	0	0	We agree with Dept.
82	0	7	0	We opposed this because naturally produced kings have to be released. Should catch and keep any king caught. Mahos for less regulation and criminals.
83	7	0	0	We agree
84	7	0	0	looks like house keeping
85				No action see # 86
86	7	0	0	Let local managers manage. Stop Bof from Micro Managing
87				No action see # 86
88	7	0	0	No action see # 86



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Proposal Number	Yes	No	Abstain	Summary of Discussion about this Proposal
89	7	0	0	We agree with the comments
90	7	0	0	We agree with the comments
91	7	0	0	See the issue section.
92	0	7	0	Doesn't allow commercial fishermen a reasonable opportunity to harvest surplus salmon. Denies public an opportunity to buy and eat salmon. The science does not show restrictions affect N. district escapements. MSA requires the use of best science.
93	0	7	0	See # 92
94	7	0	0	It is mathematically impossible to ever exceed 1%. Therefore the purpose of the 1% rule is to punish drift fishermen and waste a lot of pink salmon



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Proposal Number	Yes	No	Abstain	Summary of Discussion about this Proposal
99	7	0	0	we amended this to change 365,000 escapement to 250,000 as the system is spawning limited. amendment passed 7-0 - amended proposal passed 7-0
	Amended			
100	7	0	0	The whole purpose of opening the set nets early was to slow the escapement into the Kasilof. Therefore it should be mandatory
101	7			NO action see #102
102	7	0	0	This helps to harvest the surplus. we agree with the comments
103	0	7	0	strictly allocative. Not supported by any science at all. will lead to further overescapement and is therefore contradictory to Magnuson-Stevens act.



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Proposal				Summary of Discussion
#	Support	Oppose	Abstain	(include minority view)
104	7	0	0	Do away with mandatory time and area closures. Let managers manage on abundance. Stay with the escapement goals
105	0	7	0	Should not open this area based on 50,000 escapement
106	7	0	0	See #107
107	7	0	0	OEG of 160,000 - 390,000 is not scientifically defensible. allows too many sockeye into the river that no one catches
108	7	0	0	No action - see #107
109	7	0	0	We support the first option "one set net per permit". If he has 2 permits he may use 2 nets.
110	}			NO action see #109 If he has 2 permits he can have 2 nets.
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112				



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Proposal #	Proposal			Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
	Support	Oppose	Abstain	
113	7	0	0	allows one extra shack of net in the special harvest area. Net would be in a bag and used only in the SHA. Makes common sense to do this.
114	7	0	0	this solves navigational problems and other hazards
115	7	0	0	House keeping
116	0	7	0	We want to get rid of the OEG. It is not scientifically defensible. also against MSA
117	7	0	0	get rid of OEG. It is not scientifically defensible.
118	7	0	0	OEG not scientifically defensible.
119	7	0	0	It should be one escapement goal only. We recommend 700,000 - 950,000

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	Support	Oppose	Abstain	
120	0	7	0	There should only be one escapement goal, get rid of tiers.
121	8	0	0	We had another AC member present. We support having only one escapement goal. We recommend 700,000 - 950,000.
122	8	0	0	When fish are present fishing should be open. Let managers manage on abundance.
123	8	0	0	Pink salmon are not being harvested. This is a food source for the nation and should be harvested.
124				No action see # 123
125	8	0	0	This is an economic burden on fishermen for no biological reason. Should not have to buy more nets for a fishery that may happen.

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AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Nivitchik

DATE (of meeting): 11-29-16

MEMBERS PRESENT: John McCombe, Dave Blossom
Madeline Thompson, David Martin, Steve Vanek
Dan Priddy, Jeff Berger, Ron Vanek,

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
Gary Peiman, Robert Lucas, Greg Encelowski,
Mike Schuster, Aaron Berger, Doug Blossom

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: None

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:10 PM.

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 10:06 PM

Steve Vanek
Signature, Committee Secretary



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Maddie Frappa	Niinilchik	All	953 0000
David Phant	Clan Gulch		
Don Presley	Anchor Point	All	398 6664
Jeff Byzer	Niinilchik	All	907 252-7485
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	Support	Oppose	Abstain	
126				No action see # 125
127	0	8	0	The proposed goal is too high - should be one goal that is scientifically defensible. This is not strictly allocative.
128	8	0	0	Current management plans are out of compliance with Alaska constitution and MSA
129	8	0	0	all salmon stocks should be utilized including pink and chum salmon
130	8	0	0	This shared responsibility should also apply to all salmon management plans. Dip netters share no burden.
131	0	8	0	we voted against this only because it still had the 1% rule in it. We reject the whole concept of the one percent rule.

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	Support	Oppose	Abstain	
132	9	0	0	another AC Board member was now present This is basically a housekeeping proposal. It does away with the misalignment of the two sections.
133	8	1	0	We agree with the proposal. The opposition person was against permit stacking. another AC member participated during 133
134	9	0	0	This allows abundance based management. It allows local manager the ability to manage which is the foundation of Alaska's management plan.
135	9	0	0	Managing for three areas is a good idea. These areas are already defined.
136	0	9	0	We oppose the restriction of 29 meshes.

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137	9	0	0	No scientifically or biological reason for the 1% rule. It is statistically impossible to ever get above one percent.
138	9	0	0	Get rid of 1% rule - see #137
139	9	0	0	see #137
140	0	9	0	current regs are working fine. Shorter nets are not a management tool, allocative
141	0	9	0	The science does not support this. This would not reduce the king harvest.
142	0	9	0	This is a reoccurring proposal every cycle. Colonel Cockrell met with fishermen and worked out a satisfactory description of the boundaries. This has worked well since the 1990's. The fishery is conducted in an orderly fashion since then. The resource is very healthy and can sustain 2 twelve hour commercial openings. It is NOT being over exploited at all.



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	Support	Oppose	Abstain	
143	9	0	0	There is plenty of smelt available. Increasing it to 200 tons will not affect biomass at all
147	9	0	0	
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				on last page
144	9	0	0	This would help stop catch and release mortality
145	7	1	1	We support barbless hooks for Trout. The opposer thought it was to restrictive
146	8	1	0	This would greatly reduce fish snagged in the fins or body but could still be snagged in the mouth by lining. The opposer didn't like circle hooks
147	0	9	0	The early run king are still hurting, a hooked and released king is totally exhausted when released. Either it dies or doesn't spawn. Leave them alone until fully recovered.

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148	9	0	0	Run timing based on a date does not protect tributary spawning, see issue of statement.
149	0	9	0	This does not reduce the hook and release mortality which we believe is greater than the Dept. estimate.
150	0	9	0	We oppose hook and release because of the mortality. Starting out with hooks and release does not save king.
151	0	9	0	studies show barbless hooks decrease mortality. a king has a chance to get unhooked before it is exhausted.
152	0	9	0	should not tell who can back trail or not.
153	9	0	0	We agree. King fishing should only be allowed in the lower river not all the way to Skilack Lake

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154 154	9 NO	0 action	0	See # 153 - 153 is a better proposal, protects more of the River.
155	9	0	0	We think # 153 is better as it protects more of River
156	6	3	0	Those opposed did so only because it still allows hook and release mortality otherwise everyone felt the large king should be protected.
157	9	0	0	This might help save some early run kings
158	0	9	0	We opposed this because it still allows for the larger king mortality.
159	0	9	0	Though we agree with the date change, we oppose slot limits in general

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160	0	9	0	Because no bait is attached to this we oppose it. If paired restrictions were not in place we could support it.
161	0	9	0	Paired restrictions shut down set nets therefore we oppose paired restrictions see #160
162	0	9	0	This allocative with the purpose of keeping set nets closed. Not based on the science.
163	0	9	0	Need to get rid of paired restrictions to get nets. No bait for kings. Will take king escapement down by allowing bait in August
164	9	0	0	as amended; amendment states get rid of d, 1 and C, 2 passed 9-0



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165	9	0	0	There is no biological reason to have 22,500 limits. This just restricts the East side setnets.
166	9	0	0	Gives more protection for Early run kings.
167	8	1	0	This is to call attention to the paired restrictions to the set nets. Get rid of paired restrictions.
168	9	0	0	Gets rid of paired restrictions. Paired restrictions puts most of the burden on setnetters.
169	9	0	0	allows flexibility for the managers.
170				No action see #168 + 169
171	9	0	0	The Kasloof section does not catch many kings and should not be "paired"
172	9	0	0	Short and to the point. makes sense

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	Support	Oppose	Abstain	
173	9	0	0	We agree with all the issues stated.
174	9	0	0	Should get rid of mesh restrictions, Science does not support smaller mesh
175	0	9	0	See # 174 - why make the regulations more complicated
176	9	0	0	Kenai and Kasilo sections should be managed separately, get rid of paired restrictions.
177	9	0	0	Manage sections separately
178	9	0	0	This would also help with erosion on banks also. Should be non-motored all the time.
179	9	0	0	Drift boat helps erosion control and makes fishing experience more pleasant.
180	9	0	0	Is a housekeeping proposal

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AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): NiNiChik

DATE (of meeting): 12/6/16

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

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
Haron Berger, Jeff Berger, Peter Clucas,
Gary Devman, 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

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Name/Organization	Mailing Address City, Zip Code	Interests (optional - see below)	Email/Phone
Steve Vanek			
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Michael [unclear]	Ninilchik	All	953 0000
Joe Simpson	minilique		252 2157
Teague Vanek	Ninilchik		398-1153
Dan Presley	Anchor Point	All	398-6664
John McCoats			
John [unclear]			
Dave Blossom	KASLOK	All	398-7073
Doug Blossom	Ninilchik	All	398-1602

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#	Support	Oppose	Abstain	(include minority view)
181	9	0	0	We agree that the rivers should be drift boat only for many reasons we all understand.
182	9	0	0	We agree that this is a good discussion point. Would be good for a committee to come up with a solution.
183	0	9	0	If there is no coho concern, then commercial fishing should be open inlet wide on pinks also local unguided anglers will have a chance.
184	0	9	0	Kings will still be caught with unacceptable mortality also, no more guided days
185	9	0	0	Issue statement by the proposer is very convincing we agree that unguided and local anglers should have better access to reds and pinks



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186	9	0	0	This should be catch and keep but if it is catch and release then barbless hooks is the way to go.
187	9	0	0	We agree with barbless hooks, also agree with #188
188	9	0	0	If there is going to still be catch and release then single hook through gill allows fish to be released easier.
189	0	9	0	Increase bank erosion. This is only to satisfy guide industry without regard to the environment
190	0	9	0	This is a guide proposal that ignores environment and opportunity for local and unguided anglers.
191	0	9	0	The issue statement is false. The Commercial fishery is still limited to protest cohos. If there are enough cohos to change bag limit, Com. Fishing should be allowed.

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192	0	9	0	lost opportunity. It would be better to close that area to protect spawners,
193	0	9	0	archery on salmon in rivers not a good idea
194	0	9	0	There would be too much hook and release mortality until a small one is caught better to close fishery until there are a lot of big ones.
195	9	0	0	as amended, amended it to close at 10 PM instead of 11 PM, Gives city more time to clean up. Commissioners should always have EO authority.
196	8	1	0	We agree that it is not hard held if attached to a boat, opposed didn't agree.
197	8	1	0	NO trawls operating in the river. also a safety issue because boats would be running around.

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Summary of Discussion

Support Oppose Abstain

(include minority view)

Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
198	9	0	0	Most people opposed the subsistence gill net in the Kenai River. Dip nets with 4.5 mesh size is a gill net. Dip net should be the same as a landing net
199	9	0	0	a very good proposal. Get ahead of the problem before it becomes a problem
200	0	9	0	10 things too much
201	9	0	0	House keeping
202	0	9	0	This would not make it safer. More time for accidents and erosion and burden on city.
203	0	9	0	just another reason to keep net setting closed. Dip netting is for poor people. what a joke! Poor people can't afford to come to Kenai.
204	0	9	0	This would increase bank erosion. will not do what the proposal says.



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205	0	9	0	enforcement nightmare Further bank erosion, Too many permits required
206	0	9	0	all fish should be clipped immediately upon landing them in a boat,
207	9	0	0	house keeping
208	9	0	0	Good idea. If that many are caught they eat a lot of salmon eggs.
209	0	9	0	This fishery can be closed by EO if there is a problem anti-commercial fishery proposal with no science.
210	9	0	0	as amended: amendment would delete d(1), d(2) and add coho to (a), passed 9-0 Amended proposal passed.
211	0	9	0	This is an attempt to "pair" restrictions. Should not be done scal management by EO is the preferred method, Not Regulator's



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212	0	9	0	This is a traditional and historic fishery and can be managed by EO as the state says fisheries are managed.
213	0	9	0	This is a "paired" restriction that has no basis in science. Can be closed by EO as the state says management in Alaska is done
214	0	9	0	The word "shall" takes away the right of the commissioner's EO authority
215	0	9	0	This is another "paired" restriction with no scientific basis. EO can always be used - EO is foundation of Alaska management
216	0	9	0	allocative proposal. See # 215
217	9	0	0	The Dept. has EO authority and should use it. EO authority is the basis for Alaska's management scheme



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222	9	0	0	This is a staging area for Larson Lake. anglers and guides have discovered that this is an easy place to catch salmon as they wait for the right conditions to move into Larson Lake. The Dept. had to close this area by EO in 2016. There should not be any fishing here at any time so does not contradict EO authority. <small>SEE Department's issue justification on p. 11-14 closed water Department Proposal #223.</small>
223	9	0	0	We agree - catch and release mortality will slow down time that recovery will happen to allow retention
224	9	0	0	This would help protect Jim Creek Salmon
225	9	0	0	We believe in catch and keep and leave after catching bag limit.
226	0	9	0	We oppose this because of catch and release mortality, could support if any bag limit.



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227	0	9	0	No hook and release of wild things. Keep whatever you catch.
228	0	9	0	allow Dept. to open longer by EO. Don't allow catch and release.
229	0	9	0	This allows catch and release mortality which the proposers are trying to prevent.
230	0	9	0	This does away with Dept. EO use based on abundance.
231	0	9	0	Dept. already has EO authority.
232	9	0	0	We agree with the Dept.
233	9	0	0	This protects the staging areas in the Little Susitna, a good idea.
234	9	0	0	Dept. proposal

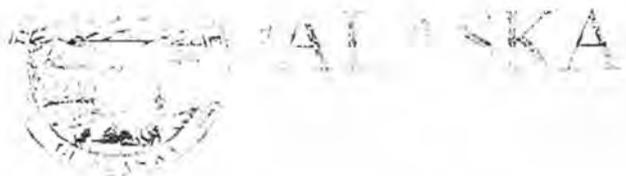


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Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee



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January 31, 2017

1. Call to Order
2. Roll call & Establish Quorum
3. Welcome and Introductions
4. Review and Adopt Agenda (ACTION)
5. Minutes of last meeting (ACTION)
6. Elections: (ACTION)

Terms expiring: Robert Clyde (Bob) Clucas; Gary Deiman; Mike Schuster; Madeline Thompson
Alternates: Aaron Berger; Doug Blossom, Jr.

7. Elections of officers: current; David Martin, Chair; John McCombs, Vice Chair; Steve Vanek, Secretary
8. Old Business: (announcements)
 - a. BOF UCI Feb. 23rd to March 8th. Anchorage, Sheraton
 - b. Statewide BOF March 20-24 Anchorage, Coast International Inn
9. New Business:
 - a. Kodiak interception (resolution)(ACTION)
 - b. Ted Spraker endorsement to BOG (letter) (ACTION)
 - c. Moose Composition counts
 - d. BOG proposals (ACTION)
 - e. Chairman or his designee to attend BOF (ACTION)
10. Next meeting:
11. Closing Comments: Newly elected members fill out forms TONIGHT! and give to Chair.
12. Adjourn



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FEB. 03 2017 04:05PM

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Niimitchik

DATE (of meeting): 1-31-17

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Martin, Gary Deiman,
Mike Schuster, Rion Vanek, Jeff Berger,
Aaron Berger, John McCombs, Steve Vanek,
Joe Simpson, Dave Blossom

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
Madeline Thompson, Doug Blossom
Greg Encelowski, Robert Clues, Dan Presley,

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: None - Because of bad weather

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 PM.

Steve Vanek
Signature, Committee Secretary



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January 31, 2017

Alaska Board of Fisheries,

John Jensen, Chair

The Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee was presented, at our Jan. 31, 2017 meeting, Resolution XX-2017 that addresses the genetic reports from the Kodiak Management Area (KMA) and the interception of Cook Inlet salmon. We voted to unanimously support the Resolution, which is enclosed in the following attachment. Many people in our community have been drastically harmed from the lack of surplus Upper Cook Inlet salmon being available for harvest, resulting from unmanageable management plans and the Kodiak interception. The harm has been in the form of businesses and processors closing, jobs and livelihoods lost, social and financial devastation, resource and habitat loss and no opportunity for the younger generation to enter any facet of the fishing industry, just to name a few.

The genetic reports documents the large interception of Cook Inlet salmon. This interception is of a magnitude to be in violation of the Mixed Stock Policy, Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy, Magnuson Stevens Act, and the directive of the Board of Fisheries in 1988 to minimize the directed harvest of Cook Inlet sockeye salmon stocks.

We support the BOF direction for ADF&G to focus the KMA salmon harvests on local stocks and minimize the interception of non-local stocks. We are hopeful that the BOF will reaffirm this direction at the UCI meeting.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Steve Vanek, AC secretary



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FEB. 03

RESOLUTION XX-2017 AK BOARD OF FISHERIES

WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) recently received new salmon genetic reports from the Kodiak Management Area (KMA) and;

WHEREAS, these ADF&G reports present new information on the genetic identity of both Chinook and sockeye salmon stocks harvested in the KMA, and;

WHEREAS, the 2014 and 2015 KMA Commercial Salmon Fishery Annual Management Reports are not yet available to the BOF and stakeholders, and;

WHEREAS, the 2016 KMA Commercial Salmon Fishery Annual Management Report was made public only a couple of weeks prior to the Kodiak BOF regulatory meeting, and;

WHEREAS, there was limited opportunity for public testimony and public comment in regard to this new information, and;

WHEREAS, there was limited time available to analyze and incorporate the new biological, genetic and annual reports into BOF deliberation at the Kodiak BOF meeting, and;

WHEREAS, there has been increasing public concern and confusion as to how the KMA salmon fisheries are to be managed and bear the burden of conservation, and;

WHEREAS, the BOF, ADF&G and the public did not have sufficient time or opportunity to develop regulatory proposals or participate in discussions concerning the impacts of the new information and the compliance with the Sustainable Salmon Policy, the Escapement Goal Policy or the Mixed-Stock Management Policy, and;

WHEREAS, the new genetic and harvest data information may also effect the development of new Fishery Management Plans as prescribed by the recent Ninth Circuit Court decision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ALASKA BOF EXPRESSES THE FOLLOWING:

1. The BOF will demonstrate its concern and commitment to, within the next year, hold a special regulatory meeting in reference to the new genetic information and harvest data as it relates to the Chignik, Kodiak and Cook Inlet Management Areas.
2. The BOF reaffirms the regulatory intent written into the KMA management plans and directs the ADF&G to focus the KMA salmon harvests on local stocks and minimize the interception of non-local stocks.

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Central Kuskokwim Advisory Committee
February 8, 2017 6:00-7:00pm
Teleconference
Teleconference info: 1(800) 504-8071 Access: 5432709



Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order: 6:08pm

Roll Call:

Billy Alexie: Present
Walter Morgan: Present at 6:15
Darlene Heckman: Present at 6:15
Lucy Simeon: Present
Sophie Sakar: Present but left at approximately 6:35. Did not vote.
Tim Zaukar: Present at 6:25 and Present for voting
Lisa Feyereisen: Present

Quorum: At beginning of Meeting only 4 people but at 6:15 quorum was established.

Invocation: Sophie Sakar

Introduction of Guests:

Aaron Poetter (ADFG), Dave Runfola (ADFG, Subsistence), Jen Peeks (ADFG, Board Support)

Comments

- Chair's Comments: Chair discuss the prior two meeting when Proposal 279 was discussed and why we were meeting today. We were going to try to come up with either a vote or a consensus of comment to submit to the board.

Committee members were asked to comment on 4inch mesh nets, how the management decisions impacted their fishing last year, and what issues or support they had for Prop. 279.

Billy: Billy didn't feel comfortable with the wording regarding the highwater mark. This may work in some sections of the river but did not work in Kalskag. Overall Billy doesn't like 4" mesh nets. Most people got what they needed last year. Run timing was good and regulations worked.

Lucy: Does not like 4" mesh. 6" were better nets for catching. She was in Anchorage a bunch for medical last summer and her two daughters did most of the fishing. They caught what they needed last year. It all worked out good.

Walter: Walter stated that he didn't want to open up the whole river to four inch nets at any time. He stated that we do not target salmon with four-inch mesh and that it is good to have other fish when salmon fishing is closed. He stated why Kalskag ends up always getting the short end of the stick and said that forecasted escapement numbers are just shooting from the hip. He would like to see an opening for Sheefish.

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Darlene: She does not like 4-inch mesh but would like to see an opportunity for Sheefish.

Tim Zaukar: Stated that when 4-inch mesh nets were used two years ago it prevented the first run from showing up in any numbers. He also said that the 100-foot length did not work at Crook Creek. They were able to set 4 in nets in feeder creeks and not in the main stem but at times those creeks became crowded. They do not target salmon with their four-inch mesh and it is difficult to get Sheefish with them as they hit off and die. He was concern over the decrease in the number of white fish from getting caught downriver and discarded during previous years when four-inch mesh were allowed.

Sophie: Satisfied with fish from last year. Does not agree with Prop 279.

Lisa: Do not like the use of four-inch mesh at any time during the salmon run due to incidental catch of Chinook. Disagree with regulations mandating number of days open.

New Business: Chair Summarized everyone's comment to make sure she had recorded them clearly. Discussion consisted of not voting on Prop 279 however, we did vote unanimously on the following:

If forecast is expected to make escapement:

- * 4" mesh opportunity could be provided as long as it was different sections of the river at different times
- * Limit the number of hours for opening
- * 100 foot length from high water mark needed to be adjusted accordingly to provided equal opportunity throughout the river.
- * State to consider providing 4 inch opportunity to provide it upriver sequencing it downriver.

Motion to support the above summary of ideas: 6 Yeahs
0 Opposed

Other/Miscellaneous Business:

Next meeting will be the "Call of Proposals" for the Board of Game and whether they want to submit any proposals.

Adjourn: 7:06 pm

Signature: _____

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Signature: _____

William Alexie

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES



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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	279		<p>5 AAC 07.365. Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan. Clarify when 4-inch mesh set gillnets may be used during the early season king salmon subsistence fishery closure.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			<p>Members felt comfortable with the first clause.</p> <p>Majority did not feel comfortable to vote on 279 as it is written bc of (3) (c). Plan was to talk about it one more time and Nick will present form the three meetings. Ricky Cilletti (via Lisa F.)...too restrictive, wouldn't vote for it as written. Would like the word "shall" taken out...would like the option but not mandate an opening.</p> <p>Billy- don't feel comfortable with 279, 100ft. water mark even if water get low, it won't be accessible to fish. Need to fix up our wording. Uncomfortable with the wording, especially with the high water mark bc it would affect their communities. Don't like the 4", last year when fished with 6" everybody liked it bc they got what they needed. Last year, most people got what they needed and were satisfied with the schedule.</p> <p>Lucy- dislike the 4"...would rather use 6". Family was happy with what they got with 6". High water point- I don't understand the 100ft high water mark. If water is low, it wouldn't be catching any fish.</p> <p>Walter- at that time we are fishing for Sheefish. At least with the 4" mesh it gives us something to fish with.</p> <p>Sophie- don't agree with what is written, with the wording. I won't be voting on it, the wording is not understandable. Some places are shallow and hard to catch fish with the channel changes and need to move around to where they can catch the fish. No matter what we say or try to talk about no body is going to listen to us so we might as well do what they want us to do.</p> <p>Dolly- I don't like it [4" mesh nets]. I agree with an opportunity of one week of fishing.</p> <p>Walter- hard to get the early run unless you have an eddy. At that time we fish for Sheefish...Should consider closing half of the river...only open half the river to 4". By the time it reaches Kalskag, we get nothing. Downriver chokes the [fish] off before they get to the [middle river]. Very difficult to catch fish in Kalskag. if forcaste is good sure 7 days a week, but if its low we need to protect the first run upriver. They also use 300ft.</p> <p>AP- clarified the proposal.</p> <p>Walter- They aren't considering us in Kalskag...by the time there are 400 nets down river, we don't get any fish at Kalskag. Should open up river first and then open down river.</p> <p>Lisa Summary- limiting hours of opening and limit where open on the river.100 ft. mark does not work in the middle of the river. 4" mesh can be used for shee or whitefish. If an opportunity was provided for 4"</p> <p>Tim- 4" is too small, fish will get caught and fall off the net. People only targeting kings will throw away the whitefish. It would be good to catch fish, but maybe not waste any. A lot of people set net for white and Sheefish in Crooked, but if a lot of people are setting nets there aren't going to be any good eddys. Maybe limited openings so it limits fish.</p> <p>Billy- Closing down, and then moving sections of closing.</p> <p>4"mesh limit soak time and limit sections of the river. Begin upriver and move down river, even is projected escapement would meet escapement. Until the 12th.</p> <p>Lisa's Summary Don't like the wording of 279, 400 nets down river will kill a lot of salmon and whitefish.</p>



**Cooper Landing Advisory Committee
10/16/2016 and 12/11/2016
Cooper Landing Community Hall**

- I. Call to Order: 12:02pm by George Heim
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: John Pearson, Theo Lexmond, Robert Gibson, Todd Donahue, Mike Adams, Ed Holsten, George Heim
Members Absent: Billy Couilliette, Alex Kime, Gerry Neis
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
List of User Groups Present: 1-12

Note: Theo Lexmond was excused towards the end of the meeting, so number reflects 6 votes rather than 7 from proposals 185-194
- III. Approval of Agenda: Yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Yes
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: None
- VI. Guests Present: Public present: None
- VII. Old Business:
 - i) Discuss BOF proposals for 2017 Southcentral Region BOF meeting.
 - ii) Revisit discussion regarding Salmon on the Upper Kenai River.
 - There is great uncertainty regarding escapement on the Upper Kenai as there is no counter on the Upper River. AC will draft and submit a proposal to the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge to install a sonar counter on the Upper Kenai.
 - Call for proposals for the next cycle for an Upper Kenai River salmon management plan.
- VIII. New Business:
 - i) Prepare comments for ACR proposals for the March 2017 BOG meeting.



- 155: Motion to adopt; 3 oppose -predators are important to a healthy herd. 2 Support- predator control can be useful tool
- 4 abstain- need more information as to when to open predator control.
- 156: No action
- 158: Tabled
- 159: 7 support- a hunter’s education class is never a bad idea and it might save some moose.

ii) Elections.

- By unanimous consent everyone retained their present positions.

UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 8, 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	71		Align size restrictions for Dolly Varden and rainbow trout bag limit in the flowing waters of the Kenai River Drainage Area.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Easier to read the regs, good idea.
BOF	74		Align the Kenai River king salmon sanctuaries start date, and boat closures with the proposed rainbow trout spawning closure start date.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Housekeeping, good to align the regulation.
BOF	85		Repeal and readopt provisions (a)–(f) of the management plan and add provisions to manage the drift gillnet fishery to harvest surplus sockeye, pink, and chum salmon production and achieve escapement goals.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	No need for commercial fishing to be extended, could potentially hurt Coho runs.
BOF	86		Amend provisions (a)–(f) of the management plan and add language to manage the commercial drift gillnet fishery based on the inseason abundance to meet escapement goals and harvest surplus salmon.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	Too liberal, with no concern of overharvest or low in-river fish numbers. Expanded areas are not necessary.
BOF	87		Amend <i>Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan</i> to maximize commercial harvest of sockeye salmon.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	Does not address over harvest. No goals on escapement.
BOF	88		Remove restrictions to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, so that the fishery would occur during two inlet-wide fishing periods based on test fishery and escapement data.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	See 86
BOF	89		Repeal and readopt <i>Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan</i> with the amended plan removing mandatory time and area restrictions from July 1–August 15.
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	See 86



BOF	90	Remove restrictions on the commercial drift gillnet fishery from July 1–31 and manage the drift gillnet fishery based on inseason salmon abundance.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	See 86
BOF	91	Remove area restrictions imposed on the commercial drift gillnet fishery during July 9–15 and 16–31 time periods.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	See 86
BOF	92	Restrict commercial drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Corridor and Drift Gillnet Area 1 from August 1–15.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	It eliminates effectiveness of the 1 percent rule and is detrimental to silver salmon.
BOF	93	Amend preamble of management plan and restrict commercial drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Corridor and Drift Gillnet Area 1 from August 1–15.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on 92
BOF	94	Remove the one-percent rule, as referenced to both the set and drift gillnet fisheries, from the drift gillnet management plan.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	Not a good idea, concern of harvest of silver salmon, which is a sport fish.
BOF	95	Restrict commercial drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Corridors and Drift Gillnet Area 1 from August 1–15.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on 92.
BOF	96	Allow commercial fishing with drift gillnets in all waters of the Central District, except the Kenai and Kasilof Sections, from August 16 until closed by emergency order.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	Detrimental to silver salmon stock.
BOF	97	Repeal the drift and set gillnet one-percent rules that apply from August 1–15.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Based on 94
BOF	98	Reduce sport fishery bag limit for coho salmon on the west side of Cook Inlet and close drift gillnet fishing in Areas 3 and 4 for remainder of season if coho salmon sport fishing is restricted or closed in the Little Susitna River.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support		7	Silver stocks seem to be declining and lowering the bag limit may not impact the resource.
BOF	99	Amend management plan to remove all restrictions and manage the commercial set gillnet fishery to harvest surplus Kasilof River sockeye salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	Concern of the impact of this on the resource
BOF	100	Open the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Kasilof Section as early as June 20 if the department estimates 50,000 sockeye salmon will be in the Kasilof River before June 25.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	There is concern for king salmon management regarding this proposal.
BOF	101	Allow commercial fishing with set gillnets within 600 feet of shore in the Kasilof Section, with fishing time occurring 600 feet or less offshore not subject to the hourly restrictions in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan</i> .	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	This would remove an important management tool.
BOF	102	Amend management plan to allow commercial fishing with set gillnet gear in the Kasilof Section within one-half mile of shore and eliminate the provision allowing commercial fishing with set gillnet gear only within 600 feet of shore in the Kasilof Section.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	Creates great concerns for by catch of king salmon.
BOF	103	Add a 24-hour no fishing window on Tuesday in the Kasilof Section through July 7 and adopt mandatory no fishing windows in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area after July 7.	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	7		Good step toward king salmon management program. This disperses the burden of conservation.
BOF	104		Reduce the closed fishing period or “window” and increase additional fishing time with set gillnet gear in the Kasilof Section.
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on 103.
BOF	105		Allow commercial fishing with set gillnet gear in the North Kalifonsky Beach statistical area (NKB - stat area 244-32) when the upper end of the Kasilof sockeye salmon escapement goal range is projected to be exceeded.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	If it is determined a good number of fish are inriver, not just projections. The sockeye may not be Kasilof fish.
BOF	106		Replace the optimum escapement goal with the sustainable escapement goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	Removing the language of lower end escapement is not a good idea for future runs. OEG is management tool and shouldn't be eliminated; we need more sockeye inriver.
BOF	116		Review the optimum escapement goal (OEG) and inriver goals for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support		7	An upper river management plan is much needed. The in river goals need to be higher for biodiversity. Upper river stock is getting hammered. The actions and decisions of Fish and Game deeply effect those on the Upper River; really been getting tough. OEG important management tool, too much of an open state. We have no historical data of Upper River. Support contingent on these comments.
BOF	117		Amend the <i>Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan</i> to remove the optimum escapement goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	OEG important tool; based on 116
BOF	118		Remove the optimum escapement goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon and add the guided sport fishery to the list of fisheries managed under the plan.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	No need to single out sportfisherman.
BOF	119		Amend management plan to achieve inriver goal range of 850,000–1,050,000 late-run sockeye salmon at run strengths less than 2.3 million sockeye salmon and 950,000–1,150,000 late-run sockeye salmon at run strengths greater than 2.3 million sockeye salmon.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	The upper tier of the inriver goal does not provide enough fish on the upper end to adequately distribute escapements throughout the OEG range and in river goals. Counterintuitive to 116.
BOF	120		Decrease the inriver goal ranges for late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon by 100,000 fish and limit the bag and possession of sockeye salmon to three per day and three in possession in the Kenai River sport fishery.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	Based on 119 and 116
BOF	121		Repeal and readopt management plan to remove the optimum escapement goal, mandatory restrictions and closed fishing periods or “windows”, and specify that management will be based on the abundance of late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	It removes all the management tools fish and game has. Windows are important aspects to have biodiversity in stocks of fish.
BOF	122		Remove mandatory closed fishing periods or "windows" from the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery.
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Based on 121



BOF	123	Repeal and readopt the management plan to allow for the commercial harvest of surplus pink salmon in the Upper Subdistrict with set and drift gillnet gear.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	Concerns for silver salmon bycatch, lack of data collection.
BOF	124	Amend the <i>Cook Inlet Pink Salmon Management Plan</i> to remove or lower the daily harvest triggers.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	Concerns again for coho stocks.
BOF	125	Remove mesh size restrictions on set and drift gillnet gear in the commercial pink salmon fishery.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	Concerns of harvest of coho and kings.
BOF	126	Increase maximum mesh size for set gillnets to 5-inches and expand the fishing season to August 6–15 in the commercial pink salmon fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on 125.
BOF	127	Remove inriver goals from the list of escapement goals in the <i>Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan</i> and realign inriver and escapement goals in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan</i> .	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support		7	Helps assure biological diversity; may get more sockeye into river.
BOF	128	Amend plan to prioritize the need to harvest all surplus salmon stocks and to maximize economic yield and the overall benefits from salmon stocks managed under the plan.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	All salmon stocks should not be open to this plan. Not enough data on overescapement.
BOF	129	Amend plan to prioritize the need to harvest all surplus salmon stocks and to maximize economic yield and the overall benefits from salmon stocks managed under the plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Based on 128.
BOF	130	Amend <i>Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan</i> so that fishery restrictions on fully allocated stocks of concern are shared among all user groups in proportion to the respective user group harvest of that stock.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			No clear intent.
BOF	131	Define commercial fishing statistical areas in the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	Undermines the intent of the 1 percent rule. Complicates the 1 percent rule, leaves it too open for manipulation.
BOF	134	Remove restrictions in the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery and allow for regular weekly fishing periods through July 20 with additional fishing periods based on inseason abundance.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	Management needs to be done before July 2.
BOF	137	Remove “one-percent rule”, where the commercial set gillnet fishery will close after July 31, if less than one percent of the season’s total sockeye is harvested in two consecutive fishing periods.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	Concern for silver salmon populations.
BOF	138	Remove the one-percent rule that applies to the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict after July 31 so that the set gillnet fishery will close August 15 and be managed using regular fishing periods from August 11 through August 15.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			See 137
BOF	139	Repeal the one-percent rule, as it applies to the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery so that the set gillnet fishery will close August 15.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			See 137



BOF	140	Allow a set gillnet to be up to 45 fathoms in length and a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holder to operate up to 135 fathoms of set gillnet gear when commercial fishing with set gillnets 29 meshes or less in depth.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on 141
BOF	141	Limit the depth of all set gillnet gear in Upper Subdistrict of the Central District to no more than 29 meshes deep.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	7		King salmon conservation concerns.
BOF	142	Close waters within one statute mile of the terminus of Kustatan, Drift, and Big rivers, and Bachatna Creek; as measured from mean lower low water, to commercial fishing.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	7		Housekeeping- coho conservation is important.
BOF	143	Increase the amount of smelt that may be taken in the Cook Inlet commercial smelt fishery from 100 tons to 200 tons annually.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	Definitive run size data is unavailable; lack of data to liberalize the fishery; Beluga stock may be impacted.
BOF	144	Require that when proxy fishing in Upper Cook Inlet, once a bag limit is taken the next legal bag limit caught must be retained.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Proxy fishing should not be abused.
BOF	145	Allow only barbless hooks in Upper Cook Inlet flowing waters closed to salmon fishing.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		If one is releasing, barbless only in ethical.
BOF	147	Start the Kenai River early-run king salmon fishery as an unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, no retention fishery.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Good reasonable management tool, would spread out early season fishing pressure on the Kasilof.
BOF	150	Start the Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries as single-hook, no bait, non-retention.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Based on 147
BOF	151	Repeal barbless hook provisions in Lower Kenai River.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	Barbs are unnecessary for catch and release, easier on bycatch.
BOF	152	Expand the dates to prohibit back trolling and tie to prohibition of bait.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	Drift-only section should stay drift-only
BOF	153	Prohibit fishing for king salmon from markers 300 yards below Slikok Creek upstream to Skilak Lake.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Based on 155
BOF	154	Expand the waters of the Kenai River closed to fishing for king salmon.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Based on 155
BOF	155	Expand the waters of the Kenai River closed to fishing for king salmon.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		It makes sense, the science is there, not ethical to catch salmon on their spawning grounds.
BOF	159	Extend the time that the slot limit for Kenai River king salmon is in effect.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Makes sense, 1 st run fish are still in the river, slot limit should remain in effect for King salmon fishing.
BOF	160	Prohibit use of bait in the late-run Kenai River king salmon fishery until escapement goals have been met.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Start conservative until fish are in river.
BOF	161	Start the Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries as unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, no retention.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			See 160



BOF	162	Establish an Optimum Escapement Goal for Kenai River late-run king salmon.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Current escapements are not adequate, conservation is #1 priority.
BOF	163	Prohibit bait on runs less than 22,000 and eliminate 12-hour fishing period restriction.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	We all need to share the burden of conservation.
BOF	164	Repeals and readopts the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> .	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	More conservation is required for a management plan.
BOF	165	Decrease the trigger for management actions on Kenai River late-run king salmon from 22,500 to 16,500.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	No need to lower escapement. Current escapements are not too liberal.
BOF	168	Remove restrictions to the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery in July and August.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	Just because in river fishing is over, conservation in ocean should still be considered.
BOF	169	Remove restrictions to the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery in July and August.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on 168
BOF	170	Reconsider “paired” restrictions to the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			See 172
BOF	171	Remove the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Kasilof Section from “paired” restrictions in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> .	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			See 172
BOF	172	Remove “paired” restrictions in the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	Paired conservation is important, paired restriction is important for shared conservation.
BOF	173	Decrease the projected inriver run goal of late-run king salmon to 19,000 fish and remove the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery from “paired” restrictions.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			See 172
BOF	174	Remove provisions (e)(3)(A) (i) and (ii) that restrict the number and/or depth of commercial set gillnets fished by a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holder in the Upper Subdistrict if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	Paired regulation is important to conservation.
BOF	176	Allow commercial set gillnet fishing periods in the Kenai and Kasilof sections to be managed separately, with regard to “paired” restrictions, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	No scientific data to have Kasilof managed like the Kenai.
BOF	177	Allow commercial fishing periods in the Kasilof and Kenai/East Forelands sections to be opened separately, with regard to “paired” restrictions, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			See 176
BOF	178	Increase the number of days only non-motorized vessels may fish on the lower Kenai River.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Less crowding, all scientific studies having to do with turbidity and hydrocarbon pollution prove it won't hurt.



BOF	179	Add Thursdays as a day only non-motorized vessels may fish on the Kenai River downstream of Cunningham Park.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			See 178
BOF	182	Prohibit all guiding from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	5	1 support: no one should have exclusive use 5 opposed: With less sockeye it takes longer to get them. But holding a spot should not be done. All unanimously amend to reference only the river section below Skilak Lake; this is not an Upper River issue.
BOF	183	Allow guided anglers to fish on Mondays in August.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	3	2	1 no action: can't manage Coho without data 3 support: 4 days not fishing out of a boat will not affect Coho stock 2 opposed: It is nice to give the fish a break
BOF	184	Relax guiding restrictions when king salmon fishing is closed by emergency order.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		7	Wake and hydrocarbon are issues, as well as a nice day for the public.
BOF	185	Modify language referencing fishing from guide boats on the Kenai River to include all guided fishing.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose		6	Intent of existing regulation is conservation of king salmon stock. This will increase crowding and everyone fishing at one time and would increase user group conflict.
BOF	186	Only barbless hooks allowed in Kenai River upstream of the Lower Killey River.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		All catch and release should be barbless
BOF	187	Allow only barbless, unbaited, single-hook gear on the Kenai River from January 1 – August 1.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	6		Additional opportunity of harvest with bait when abundance of fish is there.
BOF	188	Allow only one single-hook or one single-hook lure.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Single hooks cause less damage
BOF	189	Allow fishing from shore after harvesting a bag limit of coho salmon.	
	2	2	2 support- Plenty of places to fish from shore 2 oppose- catch and release mortality too high 2 abstain
BOF	191	Increase Kenai River coho salmon bag limit from two fish to three.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	6		No data to say a limit of 3 is adequate for run strength. Conservation is #1.
BOF	192	Shorten the Kenai River coho season by closing October 31.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Conservation should be first on list.
BOF	193	Create an archery fishery for sockeye salmon in a section of the Russian River.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	6		Safety concerns. The area is already closed to salmon fishing.
BOF	194	Create a size limit for lake trout on Hidden Lake.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Too much pressure on Hidden lake.
BOF	195	Remove the commissioner's emergency order authority to extend the Kenai River personal use fishery hours.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Kenai already gets inundated, needs some time to regroup. Would make enforcement easier.
BOF	201	Amend the area open to dipnetting from shore in the Kenai River personal use dip net fishery.	
X <input type="checkbox"/> Support	6		Housekeeping, makes it easier for enforcement.



Meeting Adjourned 5:00 pm
Next meeting : TBA

Minutes Recorded By: John Pearson
Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
Date: 12/13/2016



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

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

II. Roll Call

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

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

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA

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

VI. Guests Present: Tom Schroeder

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business: None

<p align="center">LOWER COOK INLET FINFISH NOVEMBER 28–DECEMBER 1, 2016 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES</p>			
<p>Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form</p>			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	10		Require mandatory retention of king salmon caught with bait on Anchor River, Deep Creek, and the Ninilchik River.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9 A-3	The discussion by the AC was not about the merits of requiring “bleeders” to be kept, which most seemed to agree with, but whether using bait actually results in any more mortality than other types of lures. It was felt that the type of bait can also make a difference. For instance, herring are more deeply swallowed by a caught fish than eggs.



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



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

Upper Cook Inlet BOF Proposals

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



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

Adjournment: 8:40

Next Meeting; November 8 at 6:00 pm.

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



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

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

II. Roll Call

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

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

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA

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

VI. Guests Present:

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

VII. Old Business: None

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

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



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



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

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form

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

Adjournment: 8:20

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

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



**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
December 13, 2016
NERRS Building**

I Call to Order: 6:10 pm by George Matz, secretary. Tom Young (vice chair) took over at 6:20.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Tom Young (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Ty Gates, Michael Craig, Jim Meesis, Lee Martin, Dennis Wade, Thomas Hagberg, Doug Malone, Marvin Peters, Wes Humbyrd, Joey Alred.

Members Absent: Dave Lyon (chair), Phillip Jones, Gary Sinnhuber.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Approval of Agenda: Decided to take up ACR proposals.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: None

VI. Guests Present: None

VII. Old Business: Brief discussion about BOF meeting.

VIII. New Business: Discussion about Upper Cook Inlet BOF proposals to be discussed at the next meeting.

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
155				Intensive Management Plans IV.
Oppose	0	12		<p>The Homer AC unanimously objects to the BOG's recent acceptance (Oct. 23, 2016) of an Agenda Change Request (ACR) that adds Proposal 155 to its agenda for its January 6-9 meeting in Bethel. We believe that accepting this proposal for the January meeting is an improper use of the ACR process because the action being proposed is not an emergency, hence does not need to be considered out-of-cycle and (worse yet) out-of-region. Given the abbreviated time to submit comments (December 22 deadline), there will likely be little if any public review of this long-standing GMU 15C issue. As we have said before (see attached letter by Dave Lyon, Homer AC chair), this issue needs to have local discussion and input before any BOG decision.</p> <p>While it might be theoretically possible for local residents to attend the Bethel meeting to testify in opposition of this proposal, the time and cost for attending the meeting during this time of the year would be prohibitive for most. Written</p>



Alaska Board of Game Arctic/Western Meeting

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			<p>comments might appear to be another option, but given that ACR's essentially fly under the radar screen so that there is limited public awareness, the very limited time before comment deadline, and that many interested locals were distracted by the Board of Fisheries meeting which just concluded in Homer, this isn't a reality.</p> <p>According to the BOG's ACR policy (5 AAC 92.005 updated by the board in July, 2015), "boards attempt to give as much advance notice as possible on what schedule subjects will be open for proposals." Furthermore, the ACR "must specify the change proposed and the reason the proposed change should be considered out of sequence." Neither of these important conditions have been met by Proposal 155. Therefore, the ACR that put this proposal on the agenda seems to us to have questionable legal standing.</p> <p>Also, the data provided in Proposal 155 is dubious. It says "Recent population estimates have been within IM objectives, but harvest objectives have not been met in recent years (193 moose harvested in 2015 compared to the 200 moose minimum harvest objective)." The harvest of 193 moose is statistically close to the minimum harvest objective, which could easily be exceeded when bull populations recover (as they are) from very restrictive hunting regulations the past couple of year that were implemented in order to improve bull:cow. This increased harvest will, in essence, nullify the reason for any Intensive Management action. Furthermore, if the known illegal harvest were included in the proposals calculations (Proposal 159 says that from "2013 to 2015 the average reported illegal harvest was 17 percent"), the harvest objective has probably been met in recent years.</p> <p>If the BOG were to consider all feasible options, it might find that reducing the number of brow tines for a legal-sized bull moose from 4 to 3 might create more hunting opportunity and be a more cost-effective to meeting harvest objectives than wolf control.</p> <p>The BOG regulation for ACR's (5 AAC 92.005) says that "the board will not accept an agenda change request that is predominantly allocative in nature in the absence of new information that is found by the board to be compelling." Implementing a 15C wolf control program could be considered allocative, particular when considering that other options (such as reducing the number of brow tines for a legal bull) might be available. The intent of the proposal is to increase moose populations at the expense of wolf populations. Making this choice reduces opportunity for both consumptive and nonconsumptive users who benefit by either trapping of viewing wolves. Accordingly, the decision by</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
			the BOG to consider Proposal 155 could be considered a violation of 5 AAC 92.005.

Alaska Board of Game Interior Region Meeting

Feb. 17-25, 2017, Fairbanks

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
159	Hunter education and orientation requirements		
Oppose	0	12	<p>The Homer AC again unanimously objects to the BOG's recent acceptance (Oct. 23, 2016) of an Agenda Change Request (ACR) that adds Proposal 159 to its agenda for its February 17-25 meeting in Fairbanks. We believe that accepting this proposal for the February meeting is an improper use of the ACR process because the action being proposed is not an emergency, hence does not need to be considered out-of-cycle and (worse yet) out-of-region.</p> <p>While we acknowledge that killing sublegal bull moose is a problem, now that bull:cow are improving, consideration should be given to allow harvest of bulls with three, rather than four, brow tines.</p>

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Minutes taken by George Matz
Approved by: Tom Young, Vice Chair
Date: 12/15/2016



Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
February 7, 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. 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.



UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 8, 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	82	Amend Kasilof River early-run king salmon possession requirements.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	14	0	This proposal closes an opportunity to get away with false reporting.
BOF	85	Repeal and readopt provisions (a)–(f) of the management plan and add provisions to manage the drift gillnet fishery to harvest surplus sockeye, pink, and chum salmon production and achieve escapement goals.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	O -0 A -2	See comments on Proposal 85.
BOF	86	Amend provisions (a)–(f) of the management plan and add language to manage the commercial drift gillnet fishery based on the in-season abundance to meet escapement goals and harvest surplus salmon.	



<input type="checkbox"/> Support	12	O -0 A - 2	<p>The Homer AC spent considerable time discussing this proposal by the Central Peninsula AC with its chair, who was present at our meeting. There were several themes that ran through our discussion. These same themes apply to several other proposals, as noted. Essentially, the Homer AC is in agreement with the Central Peninsula AC in that Cook Inlet fisheries needs to be managed in a less prescriptive manner than what the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan currently mandates. The prescriptive approach limits flexibility to adjust to changing circumstances. In order to better achieve escapement goals and to allow the harvest of more surplus salmon, opening decisions should utilize a science-based adaptive management approach that gives local biologists more authority to manage the harvest using real time observations of stock size and location. This approach should benefit sustainability by avoiding incidents of over-escapement, which can damage the carrying capacity of spawning and rearing habitat, thereby resulting in a less abundant fishery in the future. Being able to more reliably harvest more surplus fish will improve the livelihood of local fisherman and their support businesses.</p> <p>Some of the AC members who are more familiar with this issue emphasized that it is not an allocation issue. This brought up a challenge. If the purpose of the proposal is to achieve more opportunity for commercial fisherman to harvest surplus salmon (those in excess of the escapement goal) then this same opportunity should also apply to other Cook Inlet sport fisherman and dip-netters. They should have more flexible opening dates as well as a more reliable opportunity for harvest. After some discussion, there seem to be consent that all user groups should benefit. Thereby, it avoids being an allocation issue.</p> <p>The abstain votes were based on lack of familiarity with the issue.</p>
BOF	87		Amend <i>Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan</i> to maximize commercial harvest of sockeye salmon.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	12	O -0 A - 0	See comments on Proposal 85.
BOF	88		Remove restrictions to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, so that the fishery would occur during two inlet-wide fishing periods based on test fishery and escapement data.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	12	O -0 A - 2	See comments on Proposal 85.
BOF	89		Repeal and readopt <i>Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan</i> with the amended plan removing mandatory time and area restrictions from July 1–August 15.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	12	O -0 A -2	See comments on Proposal 85.
BOF	90		Remove restrictions on the commercial drift gillnet fishery from July 1–31 and manage the drift gillnet fishery based on inseason salmon abundance.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	12	O -0 A -2	See comments on Proposal 85.
BOF	91		Remove area restrictions imposed on the commercial drift gillnet fishery during July 9–15 and 16–31 time periods.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	12	O -0 A -2	See comments on Proposal 85.
BOF	92		Restrict commercial drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Corridor and Drift Gillnet Area 1 from August 1–15.



<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	O – 12 A – 2	This proposal continues the prescriptive approach that Proposal 85-91 seek to remedy. This would result in more overescapement and less opportunity to harvest surplus fish.
BOF	93		Amend preamble of management plan and restrict commercial drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Corridor and Drift Gillnet Area 1 from August 1–15.
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	O -12 A -2	See Proposal 92
BOF	94		Remove the one-percent rule, as referenced to both the set and drift gillnet fisheries, from the drift gillnet management plan.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	12	O -0 A – 2	Our comments of Proposal 86 generally apply.
BOF	95		Restrict commercial drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Corridors and Drift Gillnet Area 1 from August 1–15.
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	O -12 A -2	See Proposal 92
BOF	96		Allow commercial fishing with drift gillnets in all waters of the Central District, except the Kenai and Kasilof Sections, from August 16 until closed by emergency order.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	12	O – 0 A – 2	Our comments of Proposal 86 generally apply.
BOF	97		Repeal the drift and set gillnet one-percent rules that apply from August 1–15.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	12	O -0 A -2	Our comments of Proposal 86 generally apply.
BOF	98		Reduce sport fishery bag limit for coho salmon on the west side of Cook Inlet and close drift gillnet fishing in Areas 3 and 4 for remainder of season if coho salmon sport fishing is restricted or closed in the Little Susitna River.
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	O -13 A – 1	This proposal is incomplete and an allocation to inriver guides.
BOF	99		Amend management plan to remove all restrictions and manage the commercial set gillnet fishery to harvest surplus Kasilof River sockeye salmon.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	12	O -0 A – 2	Support is based on rationale similar to Proposal 86. Rather than prescriptive regulations, we prefer to have local biologist make these decision based on test boat results, their observations, etc.
BOF	100		Open the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Kasilof Section as early as June 20 if the department estimates 50,000 sockeye salmon will be in the Kasilof River before June 25.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	12	O -0 A – 2	See proposal 99.
BOF	103		Add a 24-hour no fishing window on Tuesday in the Kasilof Section through July 7 and adopt mandatory no fishing windows in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area after July 7.
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	O- 12 A -2	More prescriptive management.
BOF	107		Replace the optimum escapement goal with a sustainable escapement goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	14	O - 0 A - 0	A sustainable escapement goal will reduce overescapement and increase harvest.
BOF	117		Amend the <i>Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan</i> to remove the optimum escapement goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon.



<input type="checkbox"/> Support	12	O -0 A - 2	See Proposal 107
BOF	118	Remove the optimum escapement goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon and add the guided sport fishery to the list of fisheries managed under the plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	12	O -) A - 2	See Proposal 107
BOF	123	Repeal and readopt the management plan to allow for the commercial harvest of surplus pink salmon in the Upper Subdistrict with set and drift gillnet gear.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	14	O – 0 A - 0	Allowing for the harvest of surplus pinks allows the biologist more flexibility to manage the resource.
BOF	127	Remove inriver goals from the list of escapement goals in the <i>Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan</i> and realign inriver and escapement goals in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan</i> .	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	O – 13 A - 1	This proposal is counter to abundance based management.
BOF	128	Amend plan to prioritize the need to harvest all surplus salmon stocks and to maximize economic yield and the overall benefits from salmon stocks managed under the plan.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	12	O – 1 A - 1	Allows harvest when there is surplus fish.
BOF	134	Remove restrictions in the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery and allow for regular weekly fishing periods through July 20 with additional fishing periods based on inseason abundance.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	12	O -0 A - 2	This proposal gives the biologist the ability to manage based on abundance.
BOF	137	Remove “one-percent rule”, where the commercial set gillnet fishery will close after July 31, if less than one percent of the season’s total sockeye is harvested in two consecutive fishing periods.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	12	O –0 A -2	Does away with the one percent rule.
BOF	146	Require the use of circle hooks when fishing for sockeye salmon.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	5	O – 6 A -3	Circle hooks are poorly defined. It isn’t clear that circle hooks would reduce snagging, compared to a single hook. Also, snagging a fish in some places, like a fin, may not have much of a mortality factor.
BOF	151	Repeal barbless hook provisions in Lower Kenai River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	8	O -4 A - 2	Although a majority prevailed in favor of the proposal, there was a debate as to how useful or harmful barbless hooks are. Also, some felt that it is better to teach youth how to fish according to regulations, rather than provide exceptions to the rule.
BOF	156	Replace slot limit for Kenai River king salmon with maximum size limit to prohibit retention of king salmon greater than 42 inches in length.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	O -10 A - 4	While this may have been appropriate years ago, it’s questionable how useful it is now.
BOF	157	Modify the annual limit of king salmon from the Kenai River to two fish, only one taken prior to July 1.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	13	O – 0 A -1	This proposal could have some effect.
BOF	158	Modify the annual limit of two king salmon for the Kenai River to include only one large fish.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	O- 10 A - 2	It wasn’t clear what the intent of this proposal is. Could have been written more clearly.



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	Amended to exclude bait. Passed as amended.
BOF	161	Start the Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries as unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, no retention.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	We don't support catch and release of kings because of mortality.
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 time 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	13	O - 0 A - 1	Amendment "proxies may not be used in this tanner crab fishery". Amendment passed 12-0-2. 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



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

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

II. Roll Call:

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

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

BOF	14	Allow snagging for sockeye salmon in all Cook Inlet freshwater lakes <i>(This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting).</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	This is not needed to provide harvest opportunity in lakes. Sockeye will bite in lakes if presented with suitable tackle.

Adjournment:

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



**Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 4, 2017
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

- I. Call to Order: 6:30 by Mike Crawford
- II. Roll Call:

III. Name	Member Present	Member Absent	Member Excused
Al Belknap – At Large	x		
Alex Agosti – At Large	x		
Andrew Carmichael – Subsistence	x		
Christine Brandt – Commercial Fishing	x		@8:45
Dick Dykema - Trapping	x		
Dyer Van Devere – Commercial Fishing	x		
Greg Geller – Sport Fishing Guide Seat, Alternate	x		
Jerry Strieby – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	x		@8:30
Joe Bressler – At Large		x	
Joe Thomas – At Large	x		
Marlene Loomis – At Large - Resigned			
Michelle Williams – Hunting	x		
Mike Crawford – Chair, Sport Fishing Guide Seat	x		
Monte Roberts – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	x		
Paul Shadura II – Commercial Fish – Vice Chair	x		
Todd Smith – Commercial Fish, Alternate			x
Will Lee – Secretary, Personal Use	x		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

- IV. Approval of Agenda:
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 10/10/16 & 11/07/16
- VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: 0
- VII. Guests Present: 3
- VIII. Old Business:
- IX. New Business:



Marlene Loomis officially resigned from the advisory committee.

Start on lower cook inlet proposal

Break @ 7:50

Start @ 8

Meeting Adjourns @ 9:50pm

Next meeting 01/11/17

UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 8, 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	71	Align size restrictions for Dolly Varden and rainbow trout bag limit in the flowing waters of the Kenai River Drainage Area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	12	0	Comments against – would rather have 2 @ 16 vs 1 @ 18. Amendment to change from 16 to 18 to align with rainbow trout.
BOF	72	Amend general provisions for lakes and ponds of the Kenai River drainage to restore winter ice fisheries for landlocked coho salmon less than 16 inches in length.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	0	
BOF	73	Align the Swanson River rainbow trout spawning closure with the proposed Kenai River drainage rainbow trout spawning closure start date.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	0	Aligns the Swanson River with the Kenai for continuity of open season dates.
BOF	74	Align the Kenai River king salmon sanctuaries start date, and boat closures with the proposed rainbow trout spawning closure start date.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	0	Allows some increased fishing from boats when King salmon are not present in the sanctuaries.
BOF	75	Align dates anglers are prohibited from fishing from boats with rainbow trout closure.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on proposal 74
BOF	76	Align the Kenai River tributary fishing closure start dates with the proposed king salmon sanctuaries and rainbow trout spawning closure start dates, and align all Kenai River tributary closures so they have similar closure periods.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	0	
BOF	77	Align the Kenai River tributary fishing closure start dates with the proposed king salmon sanctuaries and rainbow trout spawning closure start dates, and align all Kenai River tributary closures so they have similar fishing seasons, such that anglers are prohibited from fishing for salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	0	Note: That in this proposal they call the upper river the middle. The Middle River should be omitted from this proposal.



BOF	78	Align the closure start date for all the tributaries of the Upper Section of the Kenai River Drainage Area with the start dates proposed for the king salmon sanctuaries and the start dates proposed for the rainbow trout spawning closure. In addition, create the same fishing season in all the tributaries of the Upper Section of the Kenai River Drainage area.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	1 abstain vote – lots of date changes that don't line up.
BOF	79	Change the Kenai River king salmon sanctuaries and the Moose-Kenai rivers confluence area fly-fishing-only waters to artificial fly waters, and align dates for these special provisions with other provisions.	
TABLED		Tabled for further discussion	
BOF	80	Align gear restrictions for Kenai River tributaries.	
TABLED		Tabled for further discussion	
BOF	81	Create consistent rainbow/steelhead trout regulations in the Kasilof River above and below the Sterling Highway Bridge and amend the open season date for Tustumena Lake tributaries to protect spawning rainbow/steelhead trout.	
TABLED		Table 81 for biological review from the department.	
BOF	82	Amend Kasilof River early-run king salmon possession requirements.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	3	This is unfair to the home owners, guides, and any other law abiding angler.
BOF	83	Repeal gear regulations for northern pike.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	1	Not for the changes in 121 until tote lakes have been treated
BOF	195	Remove the commissioner's emergency order authority to extend the Kenai River personal use fishery hours.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	2 abstain, they liked the proposal but did not like the principal of restricting the commissioner's authority
BOF	196	Prohibit dip nets from being attached to a vessel.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	1 abstain, mixed signals about it.
BOF	197	Prohibit dipnetting from a vessel that is not anchored in the Kenai and Kasilof river personal use fisheries.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	12	
BOF	198	Prohibit webbing in personal use dip nets that exceeds 2.5 inch stretched measure.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	11	1 for is designed as a dip net fishery not a gillnet fishery
BOF	199	Prohibit dipnetting on the Kasilof River from a vessel with a motor on board greater than 10 horsepower.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	0	1 abstain due to previous use of fishery
BOF	200	Amend the number of king salmon that may be retained in the Upper Cook Inlet personal use fishery to 10 king salmon under 20 inches.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	13	0	Amendment: allow retention of 10 kings under 20 inches only one of which one(1) can be over 20 inches. Support for Amendment (13)
BOF	201	Amend the area open to dipnetting from shore in the Kenai River personal use dip net fishery.	
TABLED		Motion to table – 8 support to table 4 oppose to table. Group would like to have clarification on the map and the actual restriction that would take place.	
BOF	202	Extend the Cook Inlet personal use dip net fisheries to the 2nd Sunday of August.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	13	
BOF	203	Extend the season and liberalize the bag limit in the Kenai River personal use fishery when the sonar estimate is projected to exceed 1.2 million sockeye salmon.	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	12	Enough fish already taken, no need to impact silver salmon and also a longer season which could impact more habitat. no actual need to extend the personal use fishery. 1 in favor as it is mostly local user base and would help the local population.
BOF	204	Extend the boundary of the Kenai River personal use dip net boat fishery upstream to Cunningham Park.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	13	The warren ames bridge is already a natural boundary and any increase in this fishery would already interfere with the king fishery that uses this area already.
BOF	205	Allow shore based personal use dipnetting in the Kenai River upstream to Skilak Lake.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	13	

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
Date: 2/8/2017



**Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
01/11/2017
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

I. Call to Order: 6:30 by Mike Crawford, Chairman

II. Roll Call:

III. Name	Member Present	Member Absent	Member Excused
Al Belknap – At Large		x	
Alex Agosti – At Large	x		
Andrew Carmichael – Subsistence			x
Christine Brandt – Commercial Fishing			x
Dick Dykema - Trapping	x		
Dyer Van Devere – Commercial Fishing	x		
Greg Geller – Sport Fishing Guide Seat, Alternate	x		
Jerry Strieby – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	X		@8:30
Joe Bressler – At Large		x	
Joe Thomas – At Large	x		
Marlene Loomis – At Large (Resigned)			
Michelle Williams – Hunting	x		@6:55
Mike Crawford – Chair, Sport Fishing Guide Seat	x		
Monte Roberts – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	x		
Paul Shadura II – Commercial Fish – Vice Chair			x
Todd Smith – Commercial Fish, Alternate	x		@6:50
Will Lee – Secretary, Personal Use	x		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

IV. Approval of Agenda:

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From [meeting date]

VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: Robert Begich, Jasson Pawluk, Brian Marston

VII. Guests Present:2

VIII. Old Business:

IX. New Business:



Break @ 8:25

Resume @ 8:30

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:05

Meeting Monday January 16th is canceled.

UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 8, 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	79	Change the Kenai River king salmon sanctuaries and the Moose-Kenai rivers confluence area fly-fishing-only waters to artificial fly waters, and align dates for these special provisions with other provisions.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	0	Allows for more red fishing area
BOF	80	Align gear restrictions for Kenai River tributaries.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	1	Opposed vote doesn't like the change to one of the tributaries.

BOF	81	Create consistent rainbow/steelhead trout regulations in the Kasilof River above and below the Sterling Highway Bridge and amend the open season date for Tustumena Lake tributaries to protect spawning rainbow/steelhead trout.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	10	0	Motion to Amend: Remove section D and keep the dates consistent: 10 votes in support of the Amendment. (this would still allow the retention of steelhead above the bridge) Fishery is stable and there is no biological reason to close the retention of steelhead.
BOF	178	Increase the number of days only non-motorized vessels may fish on the lower Kenai River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	7	2 abstentions – Valid points on both sides and eventually a perspective on lowering overall motor use needs to be addressed.
BOF	179	Add Thursdays as a day only non-motorized vessels may fish on the Kenai River downstream of Cunningham Park.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No Action
BOF	180	Establish two Kenai River riparian habitat areas equal to approximately nine-tenths of a mile that will be closed to fishing from shore within 10 feet of the waterline from July 1 – August 15.	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	7	3 abstain – this is a moot point since this land was bought with EVOS money and the state has a legal responsibility to place a habitat conservation policy on the land. Public money spent to buy property then close down access to the public.
BOF	181	Only non-motorized vessels may be used when fishing on the Kenai River.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No Action based on 178
BOF	182	Prohibit all guiding from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	1 abstain
BOF	183	Allow guided anglers to fish on Mondays in August.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	Kenai River Guide Association is opposed to this, is August coho sustainable?
BOF	184	Relax guiding restrictions when king salmon fishing is closed by emergency order.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	
BOF	185	Modify language referencing fishing from guide boats on the Kenai River to include all guided fishing.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			Take no action bases on 182
BOF	186	Only barbless hooks allowed in Kenai River upstream of the Lower Killey River.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	
BOF	187	Allow only barbless, unbaited, single-hook gear on the Kenai River from January 1 – August 1.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	1 abstain
BOF	188	Allow only one single-hook or one single-hook lure.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	
BOF	189	Allow fishing from shore after harvesting a bag limit of coho salmon.	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on 190
BOF	190	Expand the waters open to fishing after harvesting a bag limit of coho salmon in the lower Kenai River.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	5	5	Excessive catch and release, possible party fishing. Would allow anglers to fish from shore without having to move all the way above the bridge.
BOF	191	Increase Kenai River coho salmon bag limit from two fish to three.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	
BOF	192	Shorten the Kenai River coho season by closing October 31.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	0	Amendment to close silvers from the upper Kiley River to Skilak Lake October 31 st . Supported vote for amendment is 10. Supported as amended
BOF	193	Create an archery fishery for sockeye salmon in a section of the Russian River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	9	
BOF	194	Create a size limit for lake trout on Hidden Lake.	
TABLED			Table 194
BOF	201	Amend the area open to dipnetting from shore in the Kenai River personal use dip net fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	9	If the proposal was amended to only close the fishing from the bridge down to the charisma line (gas line) would support this. This would still allow the home owners to access the beach from their property. Also any kind of infrastructure to help fishing in the flats area near the bridge is expensive and a long way off.



BOF	206	Create an area upstream of the Kenai River personal use fishery where recording and fin clip requirements are waived for fish that have not been off loaded.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	3	5	Opposed to possible increase in fishing area, there is plenty of area downstream of the boat fishing area. And there has been a lot of work on defining fishing area for personal use.
BOF	207	Amend the boundary description language for the area open to dipnetting in the Kasilof River personal use salmon fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support	8	1	
BOF	208	Allow 10 Dolly Varden/Arctic char per household in Cook Inlet Personal Use Fisheries.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	9	Conservative river fishing, no reason to allow personal use harvest. The one supporting vote was due to a believed large amount of dolly varden / arctic char.

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned @ 10:05pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
Date: 2/8/2017



**Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
01-19-17
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

I. Call to Order: 6:30pm by Chair Mike Crawford

II. Roll Call:

III. Name	Member Present	Member Absent	Member Excused
Al Belknap – At Large	x		
Alex Agosti – At Large			x
Andrew Carmichael – Subsistence	x		
Christine Brandt – Commercial Fishing			x
Dick Dykema – Trapping	x		
Dyer Van Devere – Commercial Fishing	x		
Greg Geller – Sport Fishing Guide Seat, Alternate	x		
Jerry Strieby – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	x		
Joe Bressler – At Large (Resigned)			
Joe Thomas – At Large	x		@7:30
Marlene Loomis – At Large (Resigned)			
Michelle Williams – Hunting	x		Left @8:50
Mike Crawford – Chair, Sport Fishing Guide Seat	x		
Monte Roberts – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	x		
Paul Shadura II – Commercial Fish – Vice Chair	x		
Todd Smith – Commercial Fish, Alternate	x		
Will Lee – Secretary, Personal Use	x		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present

IV. Approval of Agenda:

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From [meeting date]

VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: Robert Begich, Jasson Pawluk, Brian Marston

VII. Guests Present: Robert Ruffner, Board of Fish

VIII. Old Business:

Motion to remove Joe Bressler from the AC by Monte Roberts with a Second from Jerry Strieby. With Unanimous consent to remove from board, due to no participation.

IX. New Business:

Discussion about supporting board candidates and or appointments. Motion to support Ted Spraker for his reappointment for unanimous consent. Second by Andrew Carmichael. KPB Assembly meeting is in support of Ted Spraker. No objection to the motion.

Recess @ 8:35

Restart @ 8:45



UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 8, 2017 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
BOF	147	Start the Kenai River early-run king salmon fishery as an unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, no retention fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	8	2	<p>Motion for 147: Discussion about Large King Goal versus the old OEG. Discussion on a catch & release mortality and starting the fishery open to C&R. Using C&R as a starting point to asses run instead of total closure to open season.</p> <p>Opposed vote was due to lack of clarity and information on proposal.</p> <p>1 abstained</p>
BOF	148	Rewrite the <i>Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan</i> to redefine early-run stocks and establish age- and sex-based escapement goals.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	Department has no tools to distinguish fish based on sex and age. Also changes the dates.
BOF	149	Revise <i>Kenai River and Kasilof River Early-run King Salmon Management Plan</i> .	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	7	<p>This is a total rewrite of the entire early run king salmon management plan. This is a very long and lengthy proposal due to wanting to rewrite the management plan. This would be very conservative on low escapement years and open to everything once the run reaches the maximum escapement goal.</p> <p>There is a lot of uncertainty surrounding the large fish goal.</p> <p>2 abstained, too broad with too much data. There is merit to the proposal but it encompasses too much.</p>
BOF	150	Start the Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries as single-hook, no bait, non-retention.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on 147
BOF	151	Repeal barbless hook provisions in Lower Kenai River.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	5	5	<p>Department supports this proposal, as they found that the use of barb hooks does not significantly increase mortality. Again this does not take into account spawn success rates versus mortality.</p> <p>There is still a belief that barbless hooks do less damage.</p>
BOF	152	Expand the dates to prohibit back trolling and tie to prohibition of bait.	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	4	4	2 abstain – not enough understanding People in favor are back troll and would like to be able to fish this area when there is no bait. Would like to keep the river quiet and regulations less confusing by adding a no bait opening to a traditionally drift/drag area.
BOF	153		Prohibit fishing for king salmon from markers 300 yards below Slikok Creek upstream to Skilak Lake.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	8	1 abstain This would close the entire king fishing area above Slikok creek permanently.
BOF	154		Expand the waters of the Kenai River closed to fishing for king salmon.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on 153 and 155
BOF	155		Expand the waters of the Kenai River closed to fishing for king salmon.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	Department has the ability to manage as shown in recent past.
BOF	156		Replace slot limit for Kenai River king salmon with maximum size limit to prohibit retention of king salmon greater than 42 inches in length.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	7	1 abstain – valid for first run but not the second Would like to see more protection for the entire fish cycle of 4 to 6 years.
BOF	194		Create a size limit for lake trout on Hidden Lake.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	11	0	Motion to amend proposal from 16” to a seasonal change from Oct 1st thru May 31 st with no retention of lake trout over 20” support for amendment 11 to 0 Unanimous consent as amended.

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned @ 10:05pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
Date: 2/8/2017



Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
01/24/2017
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association

I. Call to Order: 6:35pm by Chair Mike Crawford

II. Roll Call:

III. Name	Member Present	Member Absent	Member Excused
Al Belknap – At Large	x		
Alex Agosti – At Large			x
Andrew Carmichael – Subsistence	x		
Christine Brandt – Commercial Fishing			@7:10
Dick Dykema – Trapping		x	
Dyer Van Devere – Commercial Fishing	x		
Greg Geller – Sport Fishing Guide Seat, Alternate	x		
Jerry Strieby – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	x		
Joe Bressler – At Large		x	
Joe Thomas – At Large			@7:40
Marlene Loomis – At Large	Resigned		
Michelle Williams – Hunting			x
Mike Crawford – Chair, Sport Fishing Guide Seat	x		
Monte Roberts – Sport Fishing Guide Seat		x	
Paul Shadura II – Commercial Fish – Vice Chair		X	
Todd Smith – Commercial Fish, Alternate	x		
Will Lee – Secretary, Personal Use	x		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

IV. Approval of Agenda:

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From [meeting date]

VI. Fish and Game Staff Present:

VII. Guests Present: 1

VIII. Old Business:

IX. New Business:



Break at 8pm
Restart at 8:10pm

UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 8, 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	157	Modify the annual limit of king salmon from the Kenai River to two fish, only one taken prior to July 1.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	3	5	Pressure on the early run has already been limited. Tools are already in place for F&G to modify limit if needed.
BOF	158	Modify the annual limit of two king salmon for the Kenai River to include only one large fish.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	Limiting to one big fish could possibly cause more harm by allowing more catch and release fishing. Also Fish and Game has the ability to limit harvest by EO, no reason to implement this and take away another management tool.
BOF	159	Extend the time that the slot limit for Kenai River king salmon is in effect.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	6	1 abstain Increase in slot limit date could create more fishing pressure below slikok creek.
BOF	160	Prohibit use of bait in the late-run Kenai River king salmon fishery until escapement goals have been met.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	7	Does not define what they mean by “goals have been met” as the management plan already has restrictions and tools in place for, implementing this would still allow Fish and Game to EO bait open July 1 if forecasting and projections were above escapement goal.
BOF	161	Start the Kenai River king salmon sport fisheries as unbaited, single-hook, artificial lure, no retention.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	
BOF	162	Establish an Optimum Escapement Goal for Kenai River late-run king salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	7	Setting an OEG would only increase a higher goal and managing at the higher end of the escapement goal. This would also have effects on other fisheries. Supported votes: Historical escapement is 37,000 would like to reach that again
BOF	163	Prohibit bait on runs less than 22,000 and eliminate 12-hour fishing period restriction.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	3	6	



BOF	164	Repeals and readopts the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> .	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on Proposal 148 and 163
BOF	165	Decrease the trigger for management actions on Kenai River late-run king salmon from 22,500 to 16,500.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	7	2 abstain Though this would allow for more fishing time for ESSN it could also effect King Salmon escapement as well as silver salmon entering the system during the early august period.
BOF	166	Modify season dates and area for Kenai River late-run king salmon management.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	2 abstained
BOF	167	Close the Kenai River personal use fishery when the late run king salmon sport fishery is closed.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	No biological concern.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
 Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
 Date: 2/8/2017



**Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
01/26/2017
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

I. Call to Order: 6:30 by Chair Mike Crawford

II. Roll Call:

III. Name	Member Present	Member Absent	Member Excused
Al Belknap – At Large	x		
Alex Agosti – At Large	x		
Andrew Carmichael – Subsistence	x		
Christine Brandt – Commercial Fishing	x		@7:15pm
Dick Dykema - Trapping	x		
Dyer Van Devere – Commercial Fishing	x		
Greg Geller – Sport Fishing Guide Seat, Alternate	x		
Jerry Strieby – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	x		
Joe Bressler – At Large		x	
Joe Thomas – At Large			x
Marlene Loomis – At Large	Resigned		
Michelle Williams – Hunting		x	
Mike Crawford – Chair, Sport Fishing Guide Seat	x		
Monte Roberts – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	x		
Paul Shadura II – Commercial Fish – Vice Chair	x		
Todd Smith – Commercial Fish, Alternate	x		
Will Lee – Secretary, Personal Use	x		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present:

IV. Approval of Agenda:

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From [meeting date]

VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: Pat Shields, Jason Pawluk, Brian Marston

VII. Guests Present: Robert Ruffner, Board of Fish

VIII. Old Business:

IX. New Business:



Pat Shields shared the board agenda and road map for the upcoming Board of fish meeting

Paul Shadura: spoke about the genetic study that he learned about from attending a meeting in Kodiak. This study was a study on Sockeye and King Salmon through the Kodiak fishery including both Commercial and Sport fishery.

Paul broke down some numbers from the study on the different amounts of fish going to cook inlet by species for both Kings and Sockeye. The numbers were broken done by number of fish caught.

A big part of this study is only certain parts of water and there is some missing data from other fishery areas.

ADF&G Genetics Lab will be giving a report on this genetic study during the Board of Fisheries meeting. Question that needs to be asked, Is the fishery catching fish off-shore or in the localized river mouth fisheries or both.

Member Christine Brandt left at 7:50pm

Break at 8:30pm
Restart at 8:33pm

UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 8, 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	99		Amend management plan to remove all restrictions and manage the commercial set gillnet fishery to harvest surplus Kasilof River sockeye salmon.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Increasing setnet area, and decreasing drifters, also restricting gear for drifters that are unrealistic. This would also remove fishing windows.



BOF	100	Open the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Kasilof Section as early as June 20 if the department estimates 50,000 sockeye salmon will be in the Kasilof River before June 25.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	9	<p>The word “shall” is very definitive and could be restrictive as a management tool. They already have the ability to open the fishery early.</p> <p>Even with the word shall fishing can be closed by EO. This would make the fishery open if the early run is strong. The timing of this run is also very important.</p>
BOF	101	Allow commercial fishing with set gillnets within 600 feet of shore in the Kasilof Section, with fishing time occurring 600 feet or less offshore not subject to the hourly restrictions in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan</i> .	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11		<p>Change in language to mean high-tide would make fishing and regulation easier for everyone. Hours could be construed as an allocation issue. This fishery can be very effective in culling Kasilof sockeye runs.</p> <p>This tool would help keep the Terminal Fishery as a more limited fishery. This would allow for a shore fishery by EO and add a tool especially in the early season when the fishing could be directly at Kasilof sockeye.</p> <p>Though this would now allow anyone in Kenai Setnet fishery allowed to fish.</p>
BOF	102	Amend management plan to allow commercial fishing with set gillnet gear in the Kasilof Section within one-half mile of shore and eliminate the provision allowing commercial fishing with set gillnet gear only within 600 feet of shore in the Kasilof Section.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	This would eliminate the 600 ft out of the management plan. Also this would make the terminal fishery and on-half mile fisheries tied, which would have a broader fishing window, which would have to then EO closures depending on conservations issues.
BOF	103	Add a 24-hour no fishing window on Tuesday in the Kasilof Section through July 7 and adopt mandatory no fishing windows in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area after July 7.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	9	Further restrictions on fish and game management. This would have the possibility of increasing the terminal fishery later in the year. There does have to be time with nets out of the water. Though windows could fill that prescription windows also make management more difficult by forcing openers. Also windows don’t necessarily save king salmon.
BOF	104	Reduce the closed fishing period or “window” and increase additional fishing time with set gillnet gear in the Kasilof Section.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	9	<p>Add to much time without any conservation. Proposal is also very complex.</p> <p>Support: opportunity and local managers should not be overly restricted. Increase management flexibility.</p>
BOF	105	Allow commercial fishing with set gillnet gear in the North Kalifonsky Beach statistical area (NKB - stat area 244-32) when the upper end of the Kasilof sockeye salmon escapement goal range is projected to be exceeded.	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Gear restrictions make this too restrictive and the date of the opening is too early. Run composition is not yet available and the amount of Kasilof sockeye that could be caught is unknown.
BOF	106		Replace the optimum escapement goal with the sustainable escapement goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	5	5	Pat explained how the OEG goal came about for the Kasilof Sockeye. Upper end is 340,000. Once the Kenai meets the bottom end of SEG of 900,000, the Kasilof OEG is no longer valid. OEG only comes in to play when the Kenai is having a low number and difficulty in making the bottom end of the SEG 1 abstained
BOF	107		Replace the optimum escapement goal with a sustainable escapement goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on based on 106
BOF	108		Replace the optimum escapement goal with the current biological escapement goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on based on 106
BOF	109		Provide clarification on the use of gear in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area (KRSHA) for individuals who hold two Cook Inlet set gillnet Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) limited entry permits.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	0	This would give the decision to board of fish for clarification of the law. 2 abstain – needs to be more definitive.
BOF	110		Allow a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holder to commercial fish in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area with one gillnet per limited entry permit held.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on 109 & 111
BOF	111		Allow a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holder to commercial fish in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area with one set gillnet per limited entry permit held.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	6	5	This would allow for any person that has 2 permits would fish 2 nets in the Special Harvest Area. Clarification of the law Opposed: would like to have the board of fish look at 109. this could potentially add more gear into the terminal fishery. How many dual permit holders are there on the East Side Set Net Fishery.
BOF	112		Allow holders of two Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission set gillnet limited entry permits to fish two set gillnets in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on 109 & 111
BOF	113		Remove restrictions on the amount of drift or set gillnet gear a vessel may have on board within the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area.



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	This would allow fishermen to be more agile and better prepared for different fisheries. As well as not having to remove and change gear from different openers and fisheries.
BOF	114		Require all nets, buoys, ropes and anchoring devices to be removed from the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area when this area is closed to commercial fishing.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	1	Could possibly create more conflict, but currently there are people already staking the preferred fishing areas. The area is a non-lease and special open fishery. Everyone should have equal opportunity to fish any given area. This does not solve the actual issue that is occurring within the area and could be hard to enforce.
BOF	115		Define the boundary that separates set gillnet from drift gillnet gear in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area (KRSHA), and define the outside boundaries of the KRSHA.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	This just clarifies and defines fishing areas and boundaries.

Next meeting is tentatively February 7th & 8th
Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 10:05pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
Date: 2/8/2017



**Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
02/07/2017
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

I. Call to Order: 6:30pm by Vice Chair Paul Shadura

II. Roll Call:

III. Name	Member Present	Member Absent	Member Excused
Al Belknap – At Large	x		
Alex Agosti – At Large			x
Andrew Carmichael – Subsistence	x		
Christine Brandt – Commercial Fishing	x		
Dick Dykema - Trapping	x		
Dyer Van Devere – Commercial Fishing	x		
Greg Geller – Sport Fishing Guide Seat, Alternate	x		
Jerry Strieby – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	x		
Joe Bressler – At Large		x	
Joe Thomas – At Large	x		
Marlene Loomis – At Large	Resigned		
Michelle Williams – Hunting			x
Mike Crawford – Chair, Sport Fishing Guide Seat	x		@9pm
Monte Roberts – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	x		
Paul Shadura II – Commercial Fish – Vice Chair	x		
Todd Smith – Commercial Fish, Alternate	x		
Will Lee – Secretary, Personal Use	x		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

IV. Approval of Agenda:

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From [meeting date]

VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: Pat Shields, Jason Pawluk, Brian Marston.

VII. Guests Present: 1

VIII. Old Business:

Pat Shields presented some commercial set net data pertaining to proposal 109. This was for possible amount of extra nets in the KRSHA.



IX. New Business:
Break @ 9:21pm
Reconvene @ 9:25pm

[record minutes]

<p align="center">UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 8, 2017 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES</p>			
<p>Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form</p>			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	116	Review the optimum escapement goal (OEG) and inriver goals for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Pat Shields presented data on current sockeye salmon OEG goals and the difference between SEG and how the inriver goal did not change in 2011 or 2014. Looking for clarification on management of multiple goals.
BOF	117	Amend the <i>Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan</i> to remove the optimum escapement goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	6	5	Discussion about the older BEG and how that was an older goal that is no longer used. This proposal is to remove the OEG from the management plan. Removing OEG would probably not have an effect on management especially if management was directed by in-river goal. In-River goal needs need to be increased to 1.5 million for the high-end.
BOF	118	Remove the optimum escapement goal for Kenai River late-run sockeye salmon and add the guided sport fishery to the list of fisheries managed under the plan.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	10	There is no distinction needed for sport fishery and sport fishing.
BOF	119	Amend management plan to achieve inriver goal range of 850,000–1,050,000 late-run sockeye salmon at run strengths less than 2.3 million sockeye salmon and 950,000–1,150,000 late-run sockeye salmon at run strengths greater than 2.3 million sockeye salmon.	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	7	4	<p>Moving to two Tiers could be easier to manage, but the purposed of three tiers was to have a stair-step allocation to sport fish as the run grew.</p> <p>Motion to make amendment to change the two tier system to 900,000 to 1,050,000 and make the upper end of the second tier to 1,350,000 7 support, 4 oppose amendment</p> <p>Support; The two tier system would help with management and would simplify the overall management goals. This would also make it easier for the public to understand the management goals.</p> <p>Opposed: The numbers in the tiers in the amendment would still need to be changed, three tier system would provide for better escapement across the range, and is why we currently have three tiers.</p>
BOF	120		Decrease the inriver goal ranges for late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon by 100,000 fish and limit the bag and possession of sockeye salmon to three per day and three in possession in the Kenai River sport fishery.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	This would lower the In-river allocation for sportfish and would also limit sport harvest. This proposal could limit tools within sport fish management. This would also limit overall allocation to sport fish.
BOF	121		Repeal and readopt management plan to remove the optimum escapement goal, mandatory restrictions and closed fishing periods or "windows", and specify that management will be based on the abundance of late-run Kenai River sockeye salmon.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	9	<p>Support: simplicity and allow the fisheries to be managed by management plan.</p> <p>Opposed: currently the easy access and large number of user groups that have a vested interest in the Kenai River fishery is part of the reason for the extensive complexity in the management plan. Also this proposal is to large and broad</p> <p>1 abstained: good points but too much change all in one proposals.</p>
BOF	122		Remove mandatory closed fishing periods or "windows" from the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	1 abstained: sweeping change would be too extensive, but there is belief that the windows are not necessary especially on Tuesdays.
BOF	134		Remove restrictions in the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery and allow for regular weekly fishing periods through July 20 with additional fishing periods based on in-season abundance.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	8	<p>3 abstained – large confusing proposal, though the management plan does need to be looked at and modified.</p> <p>Opposed: to many changes and as in other proposals to complex of a proposal that does not address other issues within the current management plan that would change due to this proposal.</p>
BOF	135		Redefine sections and manage the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Sub-district with three sections with staggered opening dates.



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	This would add complexity and increase difficulty in management as well as increase allocation issues during different fishing periods. There is no biological reason to increase the fishing dates or decrease fishing dates.
BOF	136		Allow commercial fishing with set gillnets in the North Kalifonsky Beach (NKB), statistical area 244-32, within 660 feet of shore with shallow nets only, when the Kasilof Section is open, on or after July 8.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	No data on the stat area 244-32 on stock composition during the fishing periods after July 8 th . Gear restrictions are not supported and there is no information to support any specific gear. Small fish get through large mesh and large fish get caught up in small mesh and can escape easier.
BOF	137		Remove "one-percent rule", where the commercial set gillnet fishery will close after July 31, if less than one percent of the season's total sockeye is harvested in two consecutive fishing periods.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	4	7	Support: the one-percent rule can deter late season fishing by commercial fishing. Also the one-percent rule has not actually made a major difference in the fishery. Coho conservation is a concern though the numbers of coho harvest is not very high.
BOF	138		Remove the one-percent rule that applies to the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict after July 31 so that the set gillnet fishery will close August 15 and be managed using regular fishing periods from August 11 through August 15.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No Action based on 137
BOF	139		Repeal the one-percent rule, as it applies to the Upper Subdistrict set gillnet fishery so that the set gillnet fishery will close August 15.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	8	1 abstain
BOF	140		Allow a set gillnet to be up to 45 fathoms in length and a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holder to operate up to 135 fathoms of set gillnet gear when commercial fishing with set gillnets 29 meshes or less in depth.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	This would cause huge issues not with just gear but also with land lease and enforcement.
BOF	141		Limit the depth of all set gillnet gear in Upper Subdistrict of the Central District to no more than 29 meshes deep.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	No actual evidence to support the 29 mesh depth. There is no reason to change current gear usage.
BOF	168		Remove restrictions to the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery in July and August.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	3	8	Would like to keep paired restrictions and necessary to share the burden during chinook conservation. Parity is not equal in management and there is no definition of parity and the old system worked better.
BOF	169		Remove restrictions to the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery in July and August.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No Action based on proposal 168



BOF	172	Remove "paired" restrictions in the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No action based on proposal 168
BOF	174	Remove provisions (e)(3)(A) (i) and (ii) that restrict the number and/or depth of commercial set gillnets fished by a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission limited entry permit holder in the Upper Subdistrict if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	6	2	This would restrict commercial by removing the option during a time of king conservation. Restriction is terrible and hours are not useful. Though time out of the water is an easier management tool. 3 abstained: outside of the their comfort zone, it is a commercial proposal and if they want to remove the tool then that is up to them.

Next Meeting On Wednesday February 8th, 2016 at CIAA
Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 10:15pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
Date: 2/8/2017



**Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
02/08/2017
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

I. Call to Order: 6:30pm by Chair Mike Crawford

II. Roll Call:

III. Name	Member Present	Member Absent	Member Excused
Al Belknap – At Large	X		
Alex Agosti – At Large			x
Andrew Carmichael – Subsistence	x		
Christine Brandt – Commercial Fishing			x
Dick Dykema - Trapping	X		
Dyer Van Devere – Commercial Fishing	X		
Greg Geller – Sport Fishing Guide Seat, Alternate			
Jerry Strieby – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	X		
Joe Bressler – At Large		x	
Joe Thomas – At Large	X		
Marlene Loomis – At Large	Resigned		
Michelle Williams – Hunting			Left @ 10:05 (missed 1 vote at end)
Mike Crawford – Chair, Sport Fishing Guide Seat	X		
Monte Roberts – Sport Fishing Guide Seat	X		
Paul Shadura II – Commercial Fish – Vice Chair	X		
Todd Smith – Commercial Fish, Alternate	X		
Will Lee – Secretary, Personal Use	X		Left @ 7:45pm

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

IV. Approval of Agenda:

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 01/04/17, 01/11/17, 01/19/17, 01/24/17, 01/26/17, 02/07/17

VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: Pat Shields, Jason Pawluk, Brian Marston

VII. Guests Present: 2 Dave Martin, Robert Ruffner, Board of Fish.

VIII. Old Business:



Change amendment to Proposal 119 from 02/07/17 meeting.

- IX. New Business: Mike Crawford sharing some news about federal subsistence issue and game management pertaining to recent events with federal lands.

UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 8, 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	85		Repeal and readopt provisions (a)–(f) of the management plan and add provisions to manage the drift gillnet fishery to harvest surplus sockeye, pink, and chum salmon production and achieve escapement goals.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	4	1	Drifters have to fish more openings to catch the same number of fish while in corridor. 3:1 ratio many times vs inlet wide openings. Corridor restrictions have led to more fishing time. Only 2 weirs used to asses Susitna sockeye. Proposal covers a lot of areas. Some members opposed elimination of 1% rule. 1 Abstention
BOF	86		Amend provisions (a)–(f) of the management plan and add language to manage the commercial drift gillnet fishery based on the inseason abundance to meet escapement goals and harvest surplus salmon.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No Action Based on 85
BOF	87		Amend <i>Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan</i> to maximize commercial harvest of sockeye salmon.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	4	3	Similar to comments on 85. Complicated proposal. Covers multiple issues and contains lots of changes. Value in inlet-wide openers as indicator of abundance of many inlet stocks. Proposal is vague on guidelines for managers. 3 Abstentions
BOF	88		Remove restrictions to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, so that the fishery would occur during two inlet-wide fishing periods based on test fishery and escapement data.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No Action Based on 90
BOF	89		Repeal and readopt <i>Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan</i> with the amended plan removing mandatory time and area restrictions from July 1–August 15.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No Action Based on 85



BOF	90	Remove restrictions on the commercial drift gillnet fishery from July 1–31 and manage the drift gillnet fishery based on inseason salmon abundance.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	9	Takes away restrictions July 9-31 and mandates regular periods during that time be district wide.
BOF	91	Remove area restrictions imposed on the commercial drift gillnet fishery during July 9–15 and 16–31 time periods.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No Action Based on 90
BOF	92	Restrict commercial drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Corridor and Drift Gillnet Area 1 from August 1–15.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	9	Would save some Coho headed north, but most are already through. Proposal would push Drifters closer to the Kenai, however. 1 abstention
BOF	93	Amend preamble of management plan and restrict commercial drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Corridor and Drift Gillnet Area 1 from August 1–15.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No Action Based on 92
BOF	95	Restrict commercial drift gillnet fishery to the Expanded Corridors and Drift Gillnet Area 1 from August 1–15.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No Action Based on 92
BOF	142	Close waters within one statute mile of the terminus of Kustatan, Drift, and Big rivers, and Bachatna Creek; as measured from mean lower low water, to commercial fishing.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	There are already 1 mile closures of the Kustatan, Drift, and Big Rivers. This would move the no fishing zone further out from Mean hightide to mean low tide. Tide goes out very far in some areas. The current amount of commercial pressure is limited and this would restrict commercial harvest even further. This would remove harvest opportunity. There is no biological concern over current salmon stocks and no stocks of concern.
BOF	170	Reconsider “paired” restrictions to the Kenai River sport and personal use fisheries and the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	10	This proposal covers multiple issues, and implements measures that would be impossible to manage/enforce. Proposal appears to be punitive. Some members expressed interest as to what the “Presently unavailable and comparable commercial fishing opportunity” might be...
BOF	171	Remove the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Kasilof Section from “paired” restrictions in the <i>Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan</i> .	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	1	10	Paired restrictions are fair and a share in the burden during king conservation issues. The kasilof fishery is not catching a significant amount of kenai fish or large fish. 1 abstained vote
BOF	173	Decrease the projected inriver run goal of late-run king salmon to 19,000 fish and remove the Upper Subdistrict commercial set gillnet fishery from “paired” restrictions.	



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	4	7	<p>Proposal appears to both Kenai LR King trigger to 19,000 AND delete the paired restrictions. A bit confusing.</p> <p>Members expressed frustration over timing of department data releases – too late to read before public comment deadline.</p>
BOF	175		Clarify the length and depth of set gillnets that may be used in the Upper Subdistrict commercial salmon fishery, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	12	0	This would not add gear but allow those permit holders that have the ability to fish 4 nets to still fish 4 nets. The overall amount of gear would stay the same with an overall length of 105 fathoms.
BOF	176		Allow commercial set gillnet fishing periods in the Kenai and Kasilof sections to be managed separately, with regard to “paired” restrictions, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	7	4	<p>There are some management advantages to splitting the sections, but this could and more than likely would cause a dissention within the East Side Set Net fishing groups.</p> <p>Also this would could allow for more extended fishing nets in the water over in any given week.</p> <p>This proposal would add a tool to commercial fish manageability of different runs in each river. By allowing them to split the fisheries and add some flexibility specific to each river system. This could also help limit he terminal fishery in the Kasilof.</p>
BOF	177		Allow commercial fishing periods in the Kasilof and Kenai/East Forelands sections to be opened separately, with regard to “paired” restrictions, if the use of bait is prohibited in the Kenai River sport fishery.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Action			No Action Based on 176
BOF	218		Allow a holder of more than one Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission set gillnet limited entry permit to fish with one set gillnet per permit held in the Northern District.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	3	<p>Northern district is already limited with only 4 openings in 2017. There are also other restrictions. Though there are stocks of concern in the area, this would only allow a maximum of 5 nets. There is support to limit guide opportunities due to stocks of concern.</p> <p>Opposed: With the stock of concern in the area, there is a belief that no extra gear should be allowed to enter the fishery.</p>

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
Minutes Approved By: Chair Mike Crawford
Date: 2/9/2017

Lower Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee
10/27/16
Fish and Game Office Bethel Alaska



AC27
1 of 14

- I. Call to Order: [Time] by James Charles
- II. Roll Call: Willie Phillip, James Charles, James Nicholai, John Twitchell Sr., Earl Samuelson Sr., Nick Henry, Henry Parks, George Berry, John Andrew, Phillip Peter Sr.,
Members Present:
Members Absent: Sandra Nicori, Jackson Williams, William Brown
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:8
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Earl Samuelson wants to add proposals 17, 34, 74, 75, 76, 80, 81, 82, 83
Seconded by James Nicholai
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 11/12/15 minutes have been pre-approved
Earl Samuelson: Moved to approve minutes
Henry Parks: Seconded
Minutes approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Carmen Daggett (Boards)
Patrick Jones (DWC)
Lisa Olsen (Subsistence)
Aaron Poetter (Fisheries)
- VI. Guests Present:
- VII. Public Comments/Concerns
James Charles: Expressed concern over elections
- VIII. Old Business:
- IX. New Business:
Board of Game Meeting: Earl Samuelson: Nominates: James Charles, and Phillip Peter Sr.

Board of Fish Meeting: Motioned to nominate main James Charles, seconded James N.

Alternate nominated by Henry Parks: Earl Samuelson to be the alternate, seconded

James Charles: Explains people are alarmed at seeing wood bison.

Tom Seaton: Bison is a meat resource for people, you can harvest a lot larger portion, they evolved with moose also benefit each other, moose eat willows and brush and bison eat a lot of sedge, bison fur is good birds and increases survival of birds and small mammals, the feces supports the life of small mammals. Small mammals

economic benefit, the people are trying develop economy based on photography and viewi and the Canada border. They were sighted in 1915. We let go 130 animals population has we are hoping to open the hunt in about 5 years. Explains the exploration of a bison cow on the Kuskokwim, she is teaching us where good wood bison habitat is.



James Charles: Inquires about how to tell the difference between bulls and cows.

Tom Seaton: Explains males have L shaped horns and a penis sheath, and females have a C-shaped horns, we are working with school curriculum so young people will be trained how to tell the difference. Explains

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I saw that bison it was scary and it reminded me of buffalo.

Tom Seaton: A lot of the reason to bring bison back is to establish a food source.

Earl Samuelson: Looking at migration patterns, are there are any migratory pattern.

Tom Seaton: They are spending their winter in the Holy Cross, they migrate about 30 miles to Shageluk. These bison occupy the opening in the forests, and marshlands.

Earl Samuelson: Inquires about competition between musk ox and bison.

Tom Seaton: Musk ox and bison don't compete very much, musk ox like tussocks and small tundra plants, bison eat more sedges and forbs.

Earl Samuelson: Inquires about education in the YK Delta.

Tom Seaton: Put flyers up, and am working more on education.

Earl Samuelson: Inquires about the dangers of bison

Tom Seaton: We have done some work and research who have been injured or killed and the incidents are minimal to one person has been killed in the last 30 years. They are generally pretty safe allow them space to get away from you.

Phillip Perry: Explain prices of licenses and where that money goes.

Earl Samuelson: Inquires about income levels and the value of the dollar.

Pat Samson: It is already determined and calculated.

Chariton Epchook: Inquires about boundaries and differences in regulations.

Phillip Perry: Explains regulations on land versus water.

John Twitchell Sr: All of the permit fees I do have a lot respect for our ancestors and they were were regulated through permits regulations. We will have to pay for subsistence activities. We cannot go anywhere without having money in our pocket. The cost of living is going to go up higher.

Phillip Peter: Explains for getting fined for not reporting. They gave me \$100. It is really tough to follow these regulations. It has consequences on the ticket. This kind of regulations we have, explain them carefully with

disadvantages and advantages and explain it to our tribal members. Some of our hunters it James talking on the radio explain needing to have hunting licenses and harvest tickets.



Nicholai Alexie: Inquires about price increases.

**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.	<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>
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	12	



BOF	276	Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during salmon runs.
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We are catching

Nicholai Alexie: This summer we had high water, late summer and late fall too, so if we have extended periods with no snow that is probably affecting our fish too, I do not support proposal. I do not support the 100 feet from the high water mark.

Earl Samuelson: Last season if you set one week, you catch lots of fish, and the next week you catch nothing. That is how I saw it last year. Even with one window open, I fished for two days and I waited for the next opening no fish. The fish go by fast. If we oppose this, let's go back to our villages we should draft a proposal. It can go either way. I would encourage it if you are opposing and go to the big board and speak up when this comes up.

Lamont Albertson:

When we worked on this proposal we knew it wasn't going to be perfect. There were members of the Intertribal Kuskokwim Management Council that would allow people to get some fresh fish.

Willie Phillip: When we use this mesh up river we don't have high and low tide and when the water is high we don't have a good place to set our set net, 4.5" nets are white fish net, there was a big hole in the middle of my net, we know as subsistence users we know how strong the big salmon. This proposal is not fair for natives trying to put food on their table. You would have to purchase a new net every year \$200-\$250 a net. We have a lot of low income people in our villages. These proposals are creating more hatred to each other. Instead of trying to help each other. Fish and Game is trying to do the best we can. These laws are made to create hardship that also break these laws. I oppose it because I cannot afford.

Earl Samuelson: Explains I would support a 6" net, most of the people on the river have a net to do so, if it is going to be limited what is the big deal. The 4" is what is the issue.

Lamont: Explains the Intertribal Fisheries Commission, some of the people would think that the department would support 4" and not 6". It is something of a compromise is what we are saying.

Phillip Peter: It is really confusing this proposal, we need to understand it clearly, if we are going to make it work, why not amend it to six inches to 10 fathoms, 60 feet is how much. I understand this proposal will be 60 feet, 45 mesh, 4 inches

Adolf: When there are fish swimming, I support the days when to open and when not to open. I appreciate the idea of getting a craving of fish during the conservation period. It is up to the Upriver down river and middle river to discuss the mesh size.

Earl Samuelson: It doesn't say anything about how long and how deep, it should be amended to add that information. We want to stay at 6" gear and we would have to go to paragraph C and come up with how long and the depth.

James Charles: I was for the 4" mesh, we have lakes we could fish at too. I didn't have any problems with using 4", only one person was using 4" net, I fished 5.75" fish all last summer and I was catching kings, reds and chums.

John Andrew: The board of fish aren't going to ratify this, a lot of people try to go catch for a fresh taste of fish.

James Charles: A couple of years ago we said it was ok, this would allow people to catch fish during the time of the king salmon closure.

Earl Samuelson: If do you do up to 6" mesh that opens the door, rather than 4" or less.

At the time of conservation they have the authority to go up to 6" mesh.

Aaron Poetter: Explains that 6" is considered king salmon gear.

Earl Samuelson: Explains this proposal is coming from our people and we are trying to put a net size, I like the 6" gear, and it lets the little guys go through, we are not targeting king salmon. We caught the big whitefish. All of us have to



come up with a good conclusion. We will have to butt heads for some conclusions, if we all work together we will be happy.

Chariton Epchook: there are two parts in my opposition, in low abundance 4" would kick in if the number of fish is restricted to 4" maybe that who you be restricted. It should be amended to six inches or less. In the subsistence regulation book for gillnets a gill net set net size maybe not exceed 6", it says that a set net may not exceed 4", it would be appropriate up to six inches.

Earl Samuelson: Explains using 6" mesh the intent is not to catch kings, but to catch other fish even though that is what you're saying.

Aaron Poetter: this closure would be enacted every year during this closure.

John Twitchell: Going back to the issue of the working group, I am not really against the 4", the 4" even if we try to amend to 6", the working group says what they want our voice will be diluted.

Earl is really pushing changing.

Sandra Nicori: I think the key word is before June 12. It is not talking about the end of the summer it is just talking about before June 12 when there are fish in the river.

Phillip Peter: There are kings in the river in May. If there is a way to fix this one, it is just a proposal. We are trying to amend it to six inches and they didn't mention length, mesh size and depth size.

Pat Samson: Noted it is for all of the salmon.

Nicholai: If it is amended I will support it.

Samuelson: The current regulations says that it is six inches already. We should use the current existing regulation that says six inch or less.

John Twichell: The season is too late, there is a lot of heat, humidity and insects, it would be better if it the date was earlier.

Earl Samuelson: Motioned to amend RC 38 to replace 4" mesh, up to 6" mesh

Jackson Williams: seconded

Motions carried as amended

RC38 proposal as amended carries 8 yes, 4 no

Comments: I brought this up because it is going to come up again, it brings attention to other groups and to the main group and we want to see change, it might not go anywhere hey we aren't happy, at least we voiced that concern.

Ornie: This is a good example of people sitting down and talking about issues and it is exciting and sometimes boring.

Willie Phillip: We see bison hair.

Phillip Peter: I thank the working group and the hard work they have done. I thank fish and game and fish and wildlife for being given the opportunity to catch fish this summer. I really wish we would proceed in this manner from now on.

Speaks in support on the Intertribal Fisheries Commission.

Lamont: Explains the purpose and goals of the Intertribal Fisheries Commission

Jackson: We had a Unit 4 meeting, they mentioned in our meetings, it can be a rolling opening not a one side deal. Some others, like me, they used to close it in May, to me all of these years all of the time the Chinook swim mainly the first part of June, they are the fastest swimmers in the river. We want our voices to be heard and we know this river upside down.

Willie Phillip: Explains we have too many regulations and we shouldn't tie ourselves up. We have a creator that gives and takes abundantly and have given much to our ancestors once he sees His children wasting His creation, He takes it away.

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We need to work together to come to a concensus, a lot regulations come up, we need to get rid of this, we cannot be fighting native against native, let's come to a round table and we can discuss proposal 275.

Earl motioned



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Nicholai Alexie: We opposed the permit system. It did not work in our communities, the permit holders got most of the fish and the rest didn't get much. I am not in favor of this permit system

Earl Samuelson: We tried a permit system under the federal system, I took people out every day and there were other fisherman they were not delivering the fish to the people like they were supposed to. It is another regulation upon us. Until we get more educated we should leave the table open until we are all knowledgeable about this issue. We should table this issue.

Willie Phillip: We need to focus on what is happening worldwide, I have read so many articles there are a lot of animals and fish dying. We should when we make laws, these fish swim half way around the world they may be swimming in contaminated waters, if we can't eat them or they die off it is really going to affect our people. We make laws that will give each people white, native, black any culture if we make laws that will cooperate with all of them, we all have to eat something to be happy. Nowadays our government to government are talking about war, if they use the ugly bombs it will become contaminated. To be on the safe side I recommend opposing a permit system for now and the future, whether we go hungry or not. We have been here over 10,000 years and we are still here because of our ancestral laws.

Jackson Williams: I like what this guy said, first he said I don't like the moose hunting permit, permit or no permit I am going to feed my family, just the way I used to. If there are some people who have permits and some don't- they fight each other, it is not our custom. We are guardians of our own food in our area, we were here first, we do share a lot within our villages.

Adolf: As a user I don't want to change from one use to another, traditional use and customary use. I don't want to get into any new purpose. I just want to practice my way of life. The state law says that, I am speaking to the fish and game right now. They are conserving the species right now. They collect data, through subsistence surveys. What is the difference between threshold and amount necessary for subsistence? Fish and Wildlife uses threshold and State uses Amount necessary for subsistence.

Lisa Olsen: It is one way the amount necessary for subsistence is for the board, it is for the board to determine of the amount available



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8	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Arctic/Western Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Opposed	4	5	<p>Phillip Perry: Explains intensive management. Earl Samuelson: Inquires if Fish and Game supports or opposes this proposal. This may affect our region, at some point. I would like the board to consider remaining neutral on this proposal. Member of the public: If there isn't enough for the residents why should there be enough for non-residents. James Nicholai: Do sport hunters come to this region?</p> <p>Phillip Perry: Explains salvage requirements. James Nicholai: Motions to accept proposal 8 as written. Earl: Clarifies the intent of the proposal. George: Seconded</p>
17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Supported	9	0	<p>Earl: Motioned James Nicolai Seconded Earl Samuelson: We talked about this last year, we talked about just the breasts being taken out and this proposal was written by our brothers and sisters up river to include the whole bird. We were in support of this last year. Henry Parks: Explains we talked about this last year and didn't make any action regarding this proposal, the language is good language and we do understand the intent. Earl Samuelson: I like the wording it is in the context, there was some slight modifications. I can sense we like the proposal the way it is.</p>
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	9	0	<p>Earl: Motion to adopt as written John Twitchell: Seconded Phil Perry: Explains proposal 18. Fish and Game is supporting reauthorizing this.</p>
21	Open a winter hunting season for moose in Unit 18		
Opposed	4	5	<p>Earl: Motioned to adopt Henry Parks: Seconded Earl: Inquires about the quota should it be 30? Phil: Explains quota determination it could be as high as 30, it is currently 20. Earl: Inquires why Tuntutuliak was opposed to this proposal. James: inquires if the Good News Bay and Good news River in this too? Phil Perry: Explains the availability of permits for the winter hunt. It is only good for the Good News Bay drainage, could be from Good News Bay and Platinum. James Charles: Wanted to know if Platinum is included in the Good News Bay drainage. Earl: Is 20 bulls enough to accommodate for the Platinum and Good News Bay needs.</p>



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			<p>Phil: All I can do is say how many permits were available. I think the desire is probably higher than 20, but this is how many permits there are.</p> <p>Henry Parks: What is the moose population in Goodnews Bay Area.</p> <p>Phil: The Good News Bay count was four years ago there were around 200, there is probably more than that. There are more people seeing moose. Without a good hard population count number, that is why keep the quota at 20.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson: Explains this will be the only winter hunt area in the area.</p> <p>Phil Perry: Explains there is a winter hunt on the Yukon Unit 18 remainder.</p> <p>Kwethluk: would like to oppose 21</p>
22	Open a winter nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 18 remainder		
Opposed	0	9	<p>Phil Perry: Requests this to be open as an antlerless moose season, there are a lot of moose up on the Yukon this year. There has been high harvest ~600 moose. Explains the nonresident intent as someone who is living in the region but is not a resident that could take a cow during the winter.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson: Explains concerns about non-residents going out and a lot of waste and their meat was in sad shape. I would not mind if they want to come up and hunt during the winter. I am not in favor of this proposal till the current law is made to benefit Alaskans. You go out to the airport it is sad. Until the system is fixed I am not in support of this.</p> <p>John Twitchell: This is very important to our region, there are a lot of non-resident hunters and they do leave a lot of edible meat in the field. We do need a good understanding on this matter.</p> <p>Kwethluk: We are not in favor of this proposal, people here have sacrificed for five years to be able to have moose we are not in support of this proposal.</p>
23	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in the Remainder of Unit 18		
Supported as amended	10	0	<p>Earl: Motion to adopt</p> <p>Henry Parks: Seconded</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Philip Perry: Explains antlerless moose reauthorization</p> <p>Population is doing really well. Population is 12,000 moose, harvest rates are good and we could harvest more.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson: I am not too happy with 30 day hunt for non-residents, it is hard for us to go way up to the Yukon to hunt. I would like to make the non-resident hunt 20 days. 30 days is too long for me. Asks if the AC group would support changing the length of the non-resident hunt to Sept 1-Sept 20.</p> <p>James Nicholai: I think the non-resident season from Sept 1-Sept 30 is too long.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson: Inquires about the department's position on changes, when you go to the airport, it's sad to see dirty and sour moose, if the non-resident hunter comes in and wastes the meat from the non-resident hunters, that is being disrespectful. If they show they can do it on their own, I don't mind shortening the season. They show they can do it on their own.</p> <p>Motion to amend the non-resident season to September 1-September 20.</p> <p>James Nicholai: Seconded</p>



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24	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 18		
Supported as amended	8	1	<p>Earl Samuelson: Motion amended Henry Parks: Seconded Phil Perry: Explains bear baiting for black bears and that we have 4 bait stations a year. Explains use behind bears. It wouldn't change the season for bears or bag limits. Earl Samuelson: Inquires about adding resident versus non-resident. Henry Parks: I do understand the language and do support the proposal. We go out to our fish camps there are more incidents with bears coming into camps. I support this proposal. John Twitchell: this is the first time I have seen brown bears, our ancestors didn't use bait stations, I don't think we should jump on the band wagon with every proposal. This is the first time I have heard of using this method. Sometimes we don't have a lot of bear activity. I don't think we should be regulating ourselves more. James Nicholai: We do work on salmon in the summer time, a lot of people in fish camps have lost their fish to bears, some people think it is necessary to remove black bears and brown bears to protect their camps. I am in support of this proposal. I don't know about the scent. I do like the spirit of proposals and predator control. Kwethluk: I do not agree to this proposal, we from Kwethluk when we hunt brown bears we do not use bait stations it is only for sport hunters. Earl Samuelson: The words residents and non-residents in this proposal, it bothers me. Questions about making this for residents only. Earl Samuelson: Motioned to: add Unit 18 as follows: Residents only under second paragraph Henry Parks: Seconded Earl Samuelson: Motion to support as amended</p>
25	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Opposed	0	9	<p>Earl Samuelson: Motion to adopt James Nicholai: Seconded Discussion: Earl Samuelson: This one worries me, to my knowledge our caribou herd has been low in numbers and it is slowly coming back, it would allow non-residents to come in and we still haven't seen the herd like we once saw it. This region needs to see their herd grow before we see non-resident hunters come in to hunt. Phillip Perry: Explains the board is going to ask taking this proposal up at the Unit 17 region board meeting. We are going to ask to delay this for a year. The Mulchatna herd is much lower than it used to be, it's now at 30-35,000 caribou. The number of animals available for harvest is lower than it used to be, it is probably premature to have a non-resident season with a restricted resident season. It is not an official position, but it would be good for the advisory committee to consider their vote. Earl Samuelson: Motions for unanimously oppose</p>



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74	Hunting Seasons and bag limits for moose		
Supported	10	0	Earl Samuelson: Move to adopt Henry Parks: Seconded Discussion: Earl Samuelson: Our people do go hunting around Aniak. Phillip Peter: Explains seasons, with bulls with spikes or forks on each side, over 50 inches. It liberalizes the bulls to three brown tines. This is a common antler restriction throughout the state, it was proposed by the Central Kuskokwim AC.
75	Intensive Management Plans VIII		
Supported	10	0	Motion: Earl Samuelson Henry Parks: Seconded 21 E a lot of people from the tundra villages go up there to hunt.
76	Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose		
Supported	10	0	Earl Samuelson: Motion to adopt James Nicholai: Seconded Earl Samuelson: Tundra villages go up to the big lake up there to hunt, so it would affect our villages.
80	Controlled Use Area		
Opposed	0	10	Earl Samuelson: Motioned to adopt Henry Parks: Seconded I know the Holitna River is in the controlled use area, one of the ways is reducing horse power for erosion control and help rebuild moose populations. I don't know the moose numbers or the reason for restricting more than 40 horse power. Henry: The king salmon are in danger right now a good percentage of king salmon go up that part of the river. Earl: I do believe the motor restriction is for moose but it doesn't restrict you going there if you are not hunting. For conservation needs I like the 40 horse restriction. The locals wanted that. The more boats up there it affects the fish. John Twitchell: This restriction is only during the moose season, I like this restriction.
81	Controlled Use Area		
Opposed	0	10	Earl Samuelson: Moved to adopt Proposal 81 George Berry: Seconded Earl Samuelson: I know you can go to the controlled use area as long as you are on a scheduled. I don't understand why they want to put more designated communities. I wanted to learn more about this I don't understand why they want to do this. Phillip Perry: Explains the intent of the controlled use area, they are mostly



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			<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>
83 Opposed	0	10	See comments proposal 25

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: *Paul J. Higgs*

Minutes Approved By: *John H. ...*

Date: 12-14-16



Meeting Called to order at 6:59 pm By Jehnifer Ehmann

Members present : Jehnifer Ehmann, Mel Grove, Andy Couch, Birch Yuknis, Steve Bartelli, Herb Mansavage , Bob Marshall, Mike Buirge, Hans Nordstrom, David Young, Tom DeLand, Randy Talvi, Herman Griese, Chris Watchus, Darren Spano.

Members absent: Terry Nininger (excused), Chad Lipse (excused)

Sam Ivey, Gino Del Frate — ADF&G game, Sam Ivey — ADF&G area fisheries biologist, Samantha Oslund ADF&G fisheries, Amy- Alaska Center, Eric Bouton — Trout Unlimited, Johnson wildlife trooper, Rod Arno — Alaska Outdoor Council. Trevor Rollman — Anchorage AC, Neil DeWitt—Anchorage AC

Persons to be heard:

Eric Bouton —Trout Unlimited — had handouts and wanted to talk about Proposal N dealing with habitat permitting wanting to put fish habitat protections from the Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy into Title 16. Language at this time is vague to say the least — with the presumptions that permits will be issued with few conditions. The fisheries policy would be used to strengthen the conditions necessary for attaining a permit. Eric mentioned several groups that had already signed on in support of this proposal. He wanted the Advisory Committee to ask for Board of Fisheries Support to legislative action for this proposal. Steve Bartelli asked if there was some specific reason this proposal was written. Eric mentioned that this proposal is an effort to protect salmon in the future. Birch mentioned that it seemed that laws already present were sufficient — and mentioned the difficulty of getting permitted for small mining issues. This proposal could also give the public a better chance to participate in the public process concerning permitting along streams. Andy Couch mentioned that if those most interested in salmon resources are not willing to support fish habitat needs who will. Jehnifer was interested in having enough time to review the proposal, and determine what is important for all user groups. Motion for the Advisory Committee to Support the BOF request the legislature to review habitat protection ideas in the Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy in consideration for adoption into Title 16. We need to understand what laws may be insufficient — and consider what we would recommend. Herman agreed that as a professional manager there are actions that have occurred where things have slipped by, but he did not have enough information to support the proposal at this time. Motion failed 1-13-0.

Members were interested in having more time to review — Eric mentioned that there was much more information in the packet he provided including some wording from the Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy.

Rod Arno for AOC talked about proposal 154 — a request by Ahtna to change the community subsistence harvest in Unit 13. This would expand the any bull moose harvest quota for community harvest groups. Rod believes proposal 154 may have been put together by board support staff in an effort that Ahtna should get more of these moose. Rod suggested that subsistence priority should only be applied through the federal hunt — since moose and caribou numbers in Unit 13 are now at a high level. Comments will only be allowed through tomorrow to the Board of Game on this issue.

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Herman 2nd by Steve Bartelli. Motion Approved with no objection.

If AC wants to do something as far as submitting comments to Proposals 154 and 151 Jehnifer asked for a volunteer to submit comments to the BOF tomorrow. Herman said if the AC felt strongly about the issue he would submit comments to the board of Game.

Proposal 154 — Herman moved to adopt —2nd by Steve Bartelli Discussion points: Bob Marshall mentioned that Community Subsistence gives opportunity to all Alaskans — and the request would be more moose and more caribou for the community harvest hunt. Steve Bartelli felt that Ahtna already has priority federal subsistence opportunity, already owned lots of land where they could hunt and exclude other hunters, and do not need more exclusive opportunity. Steve mentioned that the resource is limited and everyone needs to get with the program and hunt if they want to harvest game. Randi Talvi believed it would be better to do away with the community harvest hunt altogether. Gino Del Frate mentioned that this was the second request from Ahtna to change the community harvest hunt, and that the Commissioner felt that if regulations were changed they should be changed in a timely manner so everyone would know the rules going into another season. Gino mentioned that numbers of



hunters are growing, and any bull harvest is occurring early — so is there still reasonable opportunity? A request Gino outlined his understanding of the changes from proposal 154. Extend any bull moose season — increase Any Bull quota — increase season length for caribou to at least Sept. 25 and increase household bag limit to two caribou. Also Ahtna seems to want an opportunity to have a harvest advantage over other hunters who may want to participate. Hunt is sustainable at this time — but if more people continue to participate it may be difficult to close hunts quick enough to avoid excess harvest. The area manager is concerned the community harvest hunt, because of growing participation, is becoming more work and difficult to manage. Would increasing the any bull moose quota make the hunt more attractive to hunters and exacerbate this issue? Gino thinks it would be entirely possible. Rod thinks as long as the harvestable surplus grows it will continue to attract more people. Rod also mentioned that the federal harvest of any bull moose was already 96 in addition to the state hunt. Motion failed unanimously 0-14-0. Dave mentioned that people could also put in personal comments. Just because Ahtna asked for something twice does not mean they should automatically get it, or that the Department should write an allocative proposal for a specific group.

Motion to support reconsidering proposal 51 from the March 2016 Board meeting and grouping together proposals 19, 49, and 50 and dealing with all of them at one time at a statewide meeting made by Birch. Second by Steve. Passed with no objection.

Moving on to Board of Fisheries (BOF) Issues for discussion at October BOF work session in Soldotna. Jehnifer suggested that since Andy was going to the Meeting he might be the AC representative to the Board of Fisheries. Steve Bartelli made a motion that Andy Couch represent the AC, Herman 2nd the motion. Motion passed with no objection.

Sam Ivey mentioned that if Advisory Committee members were wanting his input on fisheries issues those questions should be asked soon, as he would have to leave the meeting before long.

Andy asked if the Department was planning to discuss yield concerns for Susitna River king salmon stocks that should clearly meet the criteria during the BOF work session. Sam mentioned that 7 of 17 Northern King salmon stocks are already designated as stocks of concern. Sam said the department expects current low king salmon yields so from the Department's interpretation of the Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy. Sam does not know if the Department has ever recommended for a stock of concern a stock where the escapement goals were not missed for a period of 4 or 5 years.

Andy Couch asked if the Department was using the same criteria of not meeting escapement goals for an extended period of time for not suggesting Jim Creek coho salmon as a Yield Stock of Concern. Yes to some extent — because we have not even recovered from the missed goals on previous years.

Andy Couch made a motion that Advisory Committee testimony at the BOF work session contain king salmon stock of yield concern issues in support of the Proposal the Committee submitted last April. 2nd by Steve Bartelli. Motion approved with no objection.

Andy Couch made a motion that the Advisory Committee BOF testimony contain Stock of yield concern issues for Jim Creek coho salmon as based on the sport fish harvest for the past 5 years and previous 10 year periods. 2nd by Steve Bartelli. Motion approved with no objection.

Andy made a motion that AC testimony contain Advisory Committee concerns with the Escapement Goals Memo provided by the Department and specifically the lack of time for public comment and the impacts of lowering goals on Northern Stock of Concern Salmon. 2nd by Steve Bartelli. Motion approved with no objection.

ACR — 6 create vessel restrictions for the Kenai River personal use dip net fishery. Motion to oppose ACR 6 because it does not meet the criteria for an ACR to be considered from Birch 2nd from Steve. Motion passed unanimously. Birch believed this proposal did not meet criteria for an agenda change item.

Andy Couch mentioned he would send Advisory Committee BOF work session testimony to Jehnifer Ehmann and Terry Nininger before submitting it in Soldotna on Tuesday October 18, 2016.

Sam Ivey has two boxes of fisheries proposal books at the ADF&G offices for public distribution— and mentioned specifically if AC members had not received one yet, they might want to stop by and pick one up. Sam then excused himself as he had to leave.



A discussion was made that the process of working on proposals should be streamlined. Another suggestion was perhaps the meeting starting later could be helpful. Meetings may need to be shortened in order to maintain member participation. Jehnifer mentioned she could pass the baton from the chair if we want to go later but ending at 9 p.m. was a more reasonable way to accommodate everyone's time in her opinion. Steve mentioned that we are only an Advisory Committee and do not make the final determination so we can move quicker through proposals. A suggestion was made for running the meetings from 7 - 9 p.m. Meetings occur on Wednesdays. AC members let the chair know if you can not make a meeting. People mentioned that going to a fisheries subcommittee to make recommendations had speeded up the process in the past — but Jehnifer had concerns that this could require more meetings for subcommittee members and wanted to address proposals as a whole committee for the time being. Steve mentioned that waiting for the chair to call on people could help speed up meetings.

Discussion occurred around what issues to prioritize as the Advisory Committee worked through proposals. Since the Committee will not be working on in area game proposals this year — Jehnifer suggested that members let her know of individual game proposals members would like to see on the agenda for future meetings. Concerning fisheries proposals she planned to schedule time to discuss all in area proposals — but felt the Committee might opt to not comment on some of the proposals. Given an opportunity if no Committee members or members of the public wanted to work on a specific issue the Committee could simply choose to take no action.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Andy Couch



Meeting called to order by Jehnifer Ehmann

Members Present: Terry Nininger, Chad Lipse, Chris Watchus, Jehnifer Ehmann, Steve Bartelli, Bob Marshall, Tom DeLand, Birch Yuknis, Randi Talvi, Andy Couch, Herman Griese arrived at 7:05, Herb Mansavage, Darren Spano, Mike Buirge.

Members Absent: Mel Grove, Hans Nordstrom (Excused), Dave Young (Excused).

Department Staff / Guests: Neil DeWitt, Samantha Oslund ADF&G fisheries biologist.

Persons to be heard: None

Minutes from the 10-12-16 Meeting were approved without objection.

Motion to accept the agenda. 2nd. No objections.

Proposal 71 - Motion by Andy second by Chris. Chad likes continuity throughout the river. Amended to 18 inch size throughout. Amendment passed 14-0-0. Amended motion passed 14-0-0. Committee members liked the opportunity to keep a larger fish and it could be passed letting people keep one 18 inch fish rather than restricting it to under 16 inches.

Proposal 72 - Allows a small liberalization to harvest small coho through the ice. Motion approved 14-0-0.

Proposal 73 - Allows a couple additional weeks of rainbow trout fishing before the closure. Aligns fishing along the river. Motion passed 14-0-0.

Proposal 74 - Cuts time boats are restricted, lengthens time some king salmon areas area closed. Motion passed 14-0-0.

Proposal 75 - Take No Action. Took action on previous proposal - see proposal 74.

Proposal 76 - Aligns regulations. Motion passed 13-0-1. One member abstained stating proposal was out of our area.

Proposal 77 - Motion to support. Makes regulations easier for anglers to understand. Motion passed 14-0-0.

Proposal 78 - AC Members felt simplification can be a positive thing. Motion passed 14-0-0.

Proposal 79 - Aligns seasons and species. Motion approved 14-0-0.

Proposal 80 - Changing for simplification. One member mentioned that he does not like the remaining restriction of 3/8 inch gap. He feels this gap mainly makes people illegal without much biological gain. Motion passed 14-0-0.

Proposal 81 - One member was confused by this proposal and asked if it would make all rainbow trout and steelhead illegal. One member opposing for that reason. Does not believe all rainbow fishing should be catch and release. Motion approved for simplification purposes. Motion approved 13-1-0.

Proposal 82 - One person was concerned about not being able to clean/fillet king salmon the river. Others supported for ease of regulations. Motion passed 13-1-0.

Proposal 83 - Would repeal liberal pike regulations. One member did not want to have to go back to regulations in place before pike in case pike were found in the lakes again. ADF&G could use emergency regulations if pike are found in these waters again. Would discontinue the use of 5 lines and bows and arrows. If pike are not present people may not harvest other fish with this gear. Herman wants to support for enforcement purposes. Motion failed 5-9-0.



Proposal 84 - A couple members did not feel comfortable supporting did not know if it made regulations easier. Another member mentioned that he trusted the Department that this would make it easier for enforcement and for commercial fishermen to follow regulations. Motion failed 3-2-9 abstained.

Proposal 85 - Would significantly liberalize the Central District Drift Fishery. It was mentioned that goals were not all met. Jim Creek coho goal has been missed 3 of the past 5 years. New suggested Deshka River coho goal has also been under escaped two of the last few years. Motion failed 0-14-0.

Proposal 86 - Changes things dramatically in what could be allowed. Takes away the purpose of the plan to get Northern Escapements and provide opportunity for sport and guided sport coho. Allows way to much commercial fishing in too large of an area to meet Northern Goals. Motion opposed 0-14-0.

Proposal 87 - Would catch larger amounts of coho. Nets do not magically catch salmon other than coho. Would dramatically increase commercial exploitation and allocated away from sport, guided sport, and personal use fishers. Motion opposed 0-14-0.

Proposal 88 - Would not provide enough conservation of Northern bound salmon stocks. Motion opposed 0-14-0.

Proposal 89 - Would not provide enough conservation of Northern Bound salmon stocks, and allocates a super abundance of the harvest to one user group at the expense of other users. Motion failed 0-14-0.

Proposal 90 - Too Liberal to provide adequate escapements for Northern bound stocks. Typically the commercial manager gives little consideration to achieving northern goals and area-wide fishing would likely be allowed too much. Motion opposed 0-14-0.

Proposal 91 - Allowing more drift harvests all over the inlet does not provide adequate escapement for northern stocks. Motion opposed 0-14-0.

Proposal 92 - Would allow plenty of drift fishing in August but not in Area 2 where salmon would be allowed to migrate through to northern waters to provide adequate escapements and reasonable harvest opportunities for Northern User Groups. Motion passed 14-0-0.

Proposal 93 - see comments on 92. Motion passed 14-0-0.

Proposal 94 - Would significantly increase harvest of late running salmon by the drift fishery at a time when sockeye salmon numbers are declining. The 1% rule allows a switch to coho management. The department has not been following the 1% rule, but allowing additional drift openings in August. Motion opposed 0-14-0.

Proposal 95 - Would tighten up allowable drift fishery openings to 12 hours per period. Drift fishing should be done in daylight hours where specific areas being fished can be easily enforced. Motion passed 14-0-0.

Proposal 96 - Would increase commercial allocation in late August at expense of other users. Motion opposed 0-14-0.

Proposal 97 - Would increase commercial exploitation at the expense of other user groups harvest. Motion opposed 0-14-0.

Proposal 98 - One member was opposed with using a different coho stock to manage another fishery. ADF&G does not know if stocks would be returning at same levels. Amended motion to remove sport fishery bag limit from the proposal but leave commercial restriction one member wanted to see sport restriction remain if there was a shortage of coho. Amendment passed. 13-1-0. Amended Motion passed 14-0-0.

Proposal 99 - Greatly increases commercial exploitation at expense of all other user groups. Motion opposed 0-14-0.

Proposal 100 - Protection of king salmon is also important. This proposal would not allow the department to protect king salmon when king salmon numbers or projected escapement was at unacceptably low levels if enacted. Motion failed 0-14-0.



Terry was impressed with how prepared AC members were to work through proposals, and liked the way things went.

February 9 - All fish proposals should be done. Board of Game deadline is in December mostly game proposals will be worked on November/December.

Jehnifer mentioned that Sherry wanted to know if anyone will be attending Nov. 29th Lower Cook Inlet Meeting. Andy would be interested if AC members want to provide input to the Board on the title 16 — habitat issue.

Chad or someone else may represent the AC at Upper Cook Inlet.

Anyone interested in traveling to Bethel or interior Northeast Game - Herb and Herman mentioned possibly being able to attend the Northeast BOG meeting.

Terry Nininger talked about supporting habitat protections as called for in proposal 084 and mentioned that anyone wanting to provide input should talk to Andy Couch concerning writing a letter that could be supported to the BOF or not. Andy mentioned that the AC may want to comment about providing access since that is a hot button issue of the Committee.

Andy mentioned there were still some non regulatory proposals that the Committee may want to support at the next fisheries meeting. Terry concurred.

Steve Bartelli thanked Jehnifer for working to get the meeting finished before 9 p.m.

Birch will not be here next meeting.

Herman wanted to remind AC that minutes from last meeting in the Spring need to be submitted.

Jehnifer mentioned that former AC member Jeff Tuttle was out and about in a wheel chair and recovering from his plane accident.

A partial list of Game proposals to be considered at next AC meeting -79,70,72,78,82, 90,97, 100, 106, 112, 113, 142, 141, 151, 152, to be considered.

Next Meeting Nov 9th.

Motion to adjourn 9:00pm. Minutes taken by Andy Couch.



Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee Minutes from
November 9, 2016 at MTA building in Palmer

Meeting was called to order by at 7 pm by Chair, Jehnifer Ehmann

Members present: Terry Nininger, Chris Watchus, Jehnifer Ehmann, Steve Bartelli, Bob Marshall, Tom DeLand, Randi Talvi, Andy Couch, Herman Griese, Mel Grove, Hans Nordstrom, Mike Buirge, Herb Mansavage —arrived 7:05

Members Absent: Dave Young — excused may show up late, Chad Lipse, —excused, Darren Spano, Birch Yuknis,

Public present: Neil DeWitt, Trevor Rollman, Joan Nininger

Neil — mentioned the western arctic caribou group is meeting Dec. 13, 14, 15 at the Marriot in Anchorage and would take input from individuals wanting representation at that meeting.

Trevor Rollman — mentioned that he was on the Anchorage AC, but would prefer being on the Matanuska Valley AC. He ran for election last spring. Trevor also asked when the Committee would be working on the Northern District fishery proposals.

Minutes not ready for review — will get at next meeting.

Approval of Agenda — Chris moved to approved — agenda approved with no objection.

Board of Fisheries Upper Cook Inlet proposal discussion

101 — All Motions moved to adopt by Herman 2nd by Andy Jehnifer mentioned that she does not like taking away the conservation measures for Kenai sockeye salmon and Kenai king salmon. Mike Buirge mentioned that when he is restricted for conservation reasons he believes commercial users should continue to have some type of conservation restriction as well. Members wondered if there were conflicts within the special harvest area — yes it is a confined area and commercial users are competing for the best areas. Motion failed 0-13-0.

102. — Conservation of king salmon and or sockeye salmon bound for the Kenai River would be foregone if this proposal were adopted. other users would have to make up the difference. Motion failed 0-13-0.

103. Provides for additional protection of Kasilof king salmon. An additional day window of no commercial fishing time provides a better opportunity for dip netters to harvest fish. From a con standpoint — if fish are not harvested in the set net fishery the commercial manager may choose to harvest them in the drift net fishery in a fashion that harvests more northern bound stocks Motion approved 0-13-0.



104. See comments on 103 — this reduces conservation measures already in place and increases commercial exploitation. Takes away from other users. Motion failed 0-13-0.

105. No Action.

106. Would reduce the number of fish the commercial manager attempted to allow in the river — such action would reduce the opportunity for in river users to harvest Kasilof River sockeye salmon. motion opposed 0-13-0.

107. Some disagree with the proposal. There are plenty of dipnetters who are not getting a good opportunity to harvest fish — even with the present number of fish allowed to escape. Motion failed 0-13-0.

108. see comments for 106 and 107. Motion failed 0-13-0.

109. Andy Couch **Amended** the proposal: to only allow one set gill net **per person** to take salmon at any one time — specific to the Kasilof River Salmon Management Area. Amendment passed with no objection. Allowing only one net per person — allows more commercial users to participate in a very limited area. Amended motion approved 13-0-0.

110, 111, and 112 See Action taken on 109. Motion failed 0-13-0.

113. Committee members expressed their concern that the current rule likely is there for enforcement issues. Some members expressed their thought that the committee may want to take no action on this issue. Opposed 0-12-1. Abstained would like to hear more from commercial fishers before voting.

114. Trevor commented that there should be some regulation in place. If there is no permanent lease then having something staked permanently takes away opportunity for other who may want to participate in that spot. Motion passed 13-0-0.

115. Would clarify the legal area open to fishing as proposed by ADF&G. Randi was interested in seeing a real line or map. Others expressed interest in seeing a map as well. **Motion failed 5-2-6. So abstentions are being counted as a “NO vote”?**

116. Take no Action. No Objection — this is a non regulatory proposal if the public attempted to put it in the book the department would have taken it out.

117. Would substantially reduce harvest by in river users. This proposal would hurt many more users than it would help. motion failed 0-12-1.



118. Would take away harvest from all in river users of the resource. Similar in wording to the last proposal. Motion failed 0-12-1. Abstain feels that the current sonar counts are inappropriately high with use of a new counting system and therefore he wants to abstain on all Kenai sonar count proposals.

119. Would take away the third step of the current management plan. Allowing more harvest earlier would decrease the amount of salmon allowed to migrate north. Motion failed 0-12-1.

120. Would decrease all goals in all 3 tiers of the management plan — taking away from in river users. Motion failed 0-12-1.

121. Would allocate more to commercial users at the expense of other users. There are many other stream salmon stock goals that also must be maintained in the inlet. other users need a reasonable opportunity to harvest salmon. Motion opposed 0-12-1.

122. Windows provides at least some opportunity for a reasonable amount of salmon to get into the river — and therefore allows at least some reasonable opportunity for in river users to harvest fish. Motion opposed 0-13-0.

123. Would shift even more commercial harvest onto coho salmon. This would be a radical shift in allocation away from sport and personal users. motion failed 0-13-0.

124. This would simply lower the number of fish need to allow a fishery. This would once again be a shift in allocation away from in river and sport users. Motion opposed 0-13-0.

125 and 126. Would take away the conservation mesh size set in place to reduce harvest of coho salmon. This mesh size was put in place as conservation measure to provide reduced harvest of coho salmon. Motion failed 0-13-0.

Proposal 127 tabled to our next meeting dealing with UCI board of fisheries proposals.

No Action taken on the Tittle 16 issue the BOF will be working with at the lower Cook Inlet meeting.

Board of Game issues

A discussion was had whether the Advisory Committee would want to submit Unit 13 proposals with a special meeting on Nov. 16. The call for proposals was very abbreviated without much time to draft proposals. Stephen wanted to put forth a proposal requesting that the community harvest be abolished and that the 100 any bull permits be distributed by drawing.

Discussion was focused on the community harvest hunt and the desire by some who already have plenty of harvest opportunity, to get more at the expense of everyone else.



Randi Talvi — expressed the idea that the entire Unit 13 hunt go back to a 3 brow tine versus 4 brow tine requirement.

Members available for a 16th meeting —

Volunteer to chair Nov. 30th meeting — All Game with 54 proposals on the Agenda — will be chaired by Herman. Terry Nininger will take minutes.

December 7 — Herman will be ready to chair incase Jehnifer is late getting back from (or decides to stay in Maui).

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes taken by Andy Couch



Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee Minutes from
December 21, 2016 7 p.m. start time at MTA building in Palmer

Meeting Called to order by Jehnifer Ehmann

Members present: Terry Nininger, Chris Watchus, Jehnifer Ehmann, Bob Marshall, Andy Couch, Mel Grove, Hans Nordstrom, Herb Mansavage, Dave Young, Mike Buirge

Members Absent: (all excused) Chad Lipse, Birch Yuknis, Darren Spano, Steve Bartelli, Tom DeLand, Herman Griese, Randi Talvi.

Public present: Sam Ivey ADF&G fisheries biologist, Neil DeWitt, Ben Allen arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Public Comment: Neil Dewitt talked about the northwest Arctic caribou and what changes the Board of Game adopted.

Ben Allen — spoke in favor of allowing hatchery king salmon harvest in the Unit 2 of the Susitna River drainage — mentioned that he fishes Unit 2 and often catches hatchery king salmon and would like to have an opportunity to harvest those fish. Also spoke about the proposal that would close Unit 2 king salmon catch and release fishing when no harvest of king salmon is allowed within Unit 2.

Spoke about the proposal that would extend the weir closure area on Little Susitna River during the king salmon fishery.

Jim Creek coho fishery — has mixed feeling does not want to restrict the sport fishery anymore — however — if some additional restriction(s) were also placed on the commercial users this might be a good proposal to support.

Motion to approve minutes from Nov 9. approved without objection or corrections.

Motion to approve minutes from Dec. 7 — Minutes approved without objection or corrections.

Motion to accept agenda — Agenda approved with on changes or objections.

Fisheries proposals:

Proposal 127 One member expressed an intent to see the Kenai River goal reflect an allocation of at least 300,000 sockeye above the upper end of the escapement goal and would like to see the goal simplified. Motion approved 9-0-0.

Proposal 128 One member mentioned that he does not see over escapement as something that needs to be addressed further by liberalizing commercial regulations. We currently have several failures to attain adequate salmon escapements in the Northern portion of Upper Cook Inlet so liberalizing fisheries to harvest more fish indiscriminately could compound this problem. Motion opposed 0-9-0.



Proposal 129 with 8 of 14 stocks of Concern statewide in Upper Cook Inlet and problems attaining minimum escapement goals one member mentioned seeing no need to support this proposal. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

Proposal 130 Member Mike Buirge made it to the meeting. Proposal seems impartial. On felt that all needed to share in conservation issues. Motion failed 1-9-0

Proposal 131 — no Action

Proposal 132 — This common point would allow more area for the drift fishery — this would certainly allow more fish to be harvested by the drift fishery. If this were to be approved one member requested that it be made in concert with an effort to pass more salmon into the Northern Area by restricting drift harvest in Area 2. Motion failed 0-10-0.

Proposal 133 Would allow allocate more harvest opportunity to anyone who could purchase an additional permit — but conversely if some commercial operators with 2 permits were allowed to use additional net — others who only had one net would see their harvests likely reduced. Motion failed 0-10-0.

Proposal 134 Would allow commercial harvest on all regular weekly openings through July 20 — this would take away some of the current sharing of conservation burden — and would allocate more salmon to commercial users no matter what the run strengths before July 20. Motion opposed 0-10-0.

Proposal 135 No Action

Proposal 136 Would allow North Kalifonsky Beach to fish with the Kasilof Section early in the season with a 29 mesh gillnet. The 29 mesh net is an effort to limit king salmon harvest — but allowing commercial harvest. Some felt the commercial allocation would obviously increase. Motion opposed 2-7-1

Proposal 137 One member mentioned he could support if the drift fishery was not allowed to fish in Area 2 beyond the expanded harvest areas during the month of August. Motion opposed 0-10-0.

Proposal 138 This would allocate more fish to the commercial fishery and take away harvest opportunity from the sport fishery. Similar to last proposal. Motion opposed 0-10-0.

Motion 139 Similar to the last two proposals would take current sport allocation and give to commercial harvesters. Motion opposed 0-10-0.

Proposal 140 — would allow set netters using a 29 mesh net longer net length. This is an effort to commercial harvest sockeye in a manner that responsibly harvests less king salmon. Motion approved 8-1-1.

Herb had to leave — back to 9 members.



Proposal 141 Goes further to reduce by catch than the previous proposal — is an effort to reduce commercial king salmon harvest while still allowing sockeye harvest. Motion approved 9-0-0.

Proposal 142 This would allow commercial fishing, but give sport anglers more opportunity to harvest fish that would in these streams. Commercial harvesters could still harvest salmon — but not so many cohos would be taking close to the stream mouths. These are important sport fishery streams. Motion approved 9-0-0.

Proposal 143 There is no abundance information on Susitna River eulachon information. Some felt there is not enough data to justify expanding a commercial fishery. This request would double the commercial harvest. There is on information on if the commercial fishery is primarily harvesting fish headed for specific portions of the drainage. One member did not want to see possible negative impacts to the sport fishery. 0-9-0.

Proposal 14 Would allow snagging of sockeye salmon in all freshwater Cook Inlet lakes. Could have negative impacts on coho salmon. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

Proposal 34 Would allow party fishing during sport fishery. This would increase sport harvests and would likely cause conservation concerns for Upper Cook Inlet salmon. Should not be allowed. Mel felt that a lot of people currently party fish — especially private boaters. Dave Young mentioned that they always follow the rules on his boat. Motion opposed 0-7-2.

Proposal 144 Andy mentioned that he would support as he has known a person who used the proxy to simply catch and release after harvesting a limit of fish. Hans mentioned that even when fishing for a proxy he would like an opportunity to selectively harvest quality fish. Mel mentioned that proxy fishing is like party fishing except that in proxy fishing the person does not even need to be there. Jehnifer has proxy fished for her Grandmother and believes anglers who are proxy fishing should be able to release a fish if it, for example, has wounds or is too small. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

Mel made motion to reconsider proposal 34 — with the opportunity to allow party fishing when fishing with a person who is eligible to have someone fish a proxy permit for them. Point of information is that the person who is being proxy fished for could be present — but could not fish at the same time. Motion to reconsider failed 2- 6- 1.

Proposal 145 Motion opposed 0-8-1. People go fishing to catch fish not to be frustrated by losing them.

Proposal 146 Silly requirement it is hard enough to catch fish. People go fishing to catch fish. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

Proposal 147 No Action.

Proposal 148 No Action.

Proposal 149 One member felt that the author of this proposal has a considerable amount of research and science behind suggestions made in the proposal. Another member felt that if we could not interpret what the proposal is attempting to say it is simply too complicated. Two



members felt that it might be appropriate to take no action. Motion failed 2-1 6. Can not understand what all is being sought by this proposal.

Game proposals:

Proposal 155 One member did not understand the idea of the last sentence of this proposal - is the Department going to suggest adjusting objectives before this proposal is to be adopted? Dave supports predator control used in a responsible manner. Motion approved 9-0-0.

Proposal 156 would reauthorize Muchatna caribou intestine management. Motion approved 9-0-0.

Proposal 157 would allow limited harvest of emperor geese. Motion approved 9-0-0.

Mike Buirge mentioned that if we know someone else who would like a position on the AC he is getting busy enough at work that he is planning not to run again.

Dave mentioned he possibly might not run again.

Terry wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Jehnifer wished Merry Christmas as well. And in answer to a question by Mel mentioned that elections would be in the spring.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12.



Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee Minutes from
January 4, 2017 7 p.m. start time at MTA building in Palmer

Meeting called to order by Jehnifer Ehmann at approximately 7 p.m.

Members present: Terry Nininger, Jehnifer Ehmann, Bob Marshall, Birch Yuknis, Andy Couch, Hans Nordstrom, Herb Mansavage, Herman Griese, Steve Bartelli, Tom DeLand, Dave Young, Mel Grove, Mike Buirge.

Members Absent: Chad Lipse (excused), Darren Spano (excused), Chris Watchus (excused), Randi Talvi.

Public present: Sam Ivey ADF&G fisheries biologist, Neil DeWitt member Anchorage AC, Arnie Thompson —Alaska Salmon Alliance, Kenny Barber, Patti Barbi, Dave Palmer —Matanuska - Susitna Borough Parks & Recreational Trails Advisory Board, Sheila Langford & Joe Mathis — Montana Creek Campground

Public Comments —

Dave Palmer — spoke about a proposed ordinance for the Crevasse Moraine trail system —land approximately half owned by borough and half owned by University of Alaska. It is not yet on the borough calendar to be heard. One part of the ordinance is about school property and one part of the ordinance about the trail. Efforts have been made to modify the language. Part of the issue the parks/ rec/ trails advisory group is seeking to narrow the focus of the ordinance to the Crevasse Moraine and School property. Dave feels at very least animal control should be above to trap / catch animals in the Crevasse Moraine trail area. The issues are how close trapping should be allowed near the trail and school property and how free people's pets should be able to roam in the same properties.

Kenny Barber — also spoke about the Crevasse Moraine trail / School property ordinance and submitted some hard copies to Jehnifer. Kenny said the group has been attempting to meet with Assemblyman Mayfield and Assemblyman Beck. Dave mentioned that Assemblyman Mayfield has submitted a rewritten copy of the ordinance.

Joe Mathis — owner Montana Creek Campground — his proposal #219 would open a portion of Montana Creek to catch and release fishing for native species at times the king salmon fishery is totally closed. Joe feels the king salmon may be protected while still having a catch and release trout fishery at times the king salmon fishery is closed. Business at Montana Creek Campground is down approximately 40% this past summer. For 2016 he mentioned that their campground had no profit whatsoever. He mentioned that people who camp with them want the opportunity to fish when staying at the campground. Steve Bartelli mentioned he had stayed at the campground several times and asked if Joe was considering a gear restriction that would more easily eliminate hooking or catching king salmon. Joe said he had kept things simple, but that such a gear restriction could be agreeable to him. Tom DeLand asked for specification about what Joe was hoping to open — and a map was shown.

Mel Grove moved to accept the agenda — approved with no objection.

Terry makes motions to adopt following proposals — Mel Grove 2nd.

Upper Cook Inlet Fisheries Proposals

209 — Steve Bartelli mentioned that some Tyonek natives are quite upset about this proposal which would close king salmon fishing early in the season. Andy Couch mentioned that only 4 out of 17 streams in the Northern Cook Inlet with king salmon escapement goals were open to sport king salmon harvest in 2016. Terry mentioned that this is a conservation issue. All streams in the Tyonek area are closed to sport king salmon harvest — and in the remainder of the Northern Management Area king salmon sport



harvest was only allowed in 4 streams — and each of those streams has had emergency in season restrictions for the past 5 years. Motion passed 12 -0-0.

210 —Terry mentioned that numbers mentioned in this proposal seemed wrong. Terry also questioned the statement that only the commercial fishery could harvest large numbers of fish. This proposal seeks to mandate full utilization of all surplus salmon stocks. Management can not be that precise according to Sam Ivey. Full utilization means some stocks would be over harvested. Jim Creek coho, Little Susitna River coho, Larson Lake sockeye, all failed to meet goals last year and all had sport closures. Motion failed 0-12-0.

211 —Would close the Northern District commercial gill net fishery until after June 24 if the Susitna Drainage king salmon fishery were restricted by emergency order. The Northern District King Salmon Management Plan mentions that king salmon shall be managed primarily for sport and guided sport fishing, but most sport Northern Management Area king salmon fisheries have been entirely closed to sport harvest for the past 4 years and ADF&G Sport fish Division is expecting a similar management scenario for 2017. Motion supported 12-0-0.

212 Would close the Northern District gill net fishery on August 15. Herman asked if this would some way hurt the sport coho salmon fishery. Sam Ivey mentioned that this is getting pretty late in the season and a lot of salmon are on their way up the rivers — but there are always coho lagging behind. Herman when the commercial fishery emergency order usually closes the fishery. Sam did not think the fishery is very often closed by emergency order after August 15. Birch wanted to know how much impact this would have on the commercial fishery. Sam mentioned that the commercial fishery winds down — and that harvests are greatly reduced in later August. Terry mentioned that this seems like a hard closure. Such a closure date on August 15 would be similar to what occurs with Eastside set netters in the Central District and would provide a relatively small boost to Northern Management Area sport coho salmon fisheries. Andy Couch mentioned preferential coho salmon sport fishing opportunities near Valdez, Resurrection Bay around Seward, and the Eastside of the Kenai Peninsula which all provide much more significant coho salmon sport fishing opportunities than is provided for sport users in Upper Cook Inlet's Northern Management Area — each of these other sport opportunities would continue to be much more significant eve if the Board were to pass proposal 212. Motion passed 12-0-0.

213 — Andy Couch asked Sam Ivey if there are any other Upper Cook Inlet road accessible streams without a one mile commercial fishing closure around the mouth like the Little Susitna River. Sam could only think of the Susitna River and possibly some streams in the Tyonek Area (which has a few logging roads).Herman asked why the Little Susitna River does not have a one-mile commercial closure around the mouth similar to most other Upper Cook Inlet streams on the road system. Sam mentioned that Little Susitna River does have a small sockeye run — but evidently for some unknown reason a one-mile commercial closure was never installed around the Little Susitna River mouth. Motion passed 12-0-0.

Herb Mansavage had to leave the meeting after the vote on proposal 213.

214 — Similar to other proposals in this group and seeks equal protection for Little Susitna River salmon stocks compared to closed waters around other important sport salmon streams on the road system. Motion passed 11-0-0.

215 — We prefer proposal 216, but this also has some conservation savings. Motion 11-0-0.

216 — This is our own proposal and our preferred solution. This proposal was submitted by the Matanuska Valley AC and is our preferred option for sharing Little Susitna River salmon harvest opportunity, consistent with commercial harvest opportunities near other important Upper Cook Inlet salmon streams along the road system. We would like to see commercial closed waters around the Little Susitna River mouth equal to those around other important road-accessible streams protecting both sport and commercial salmon stocks from over harvest. The Department has only established a king salmon



escapement goal and a coho salmon escapement goal for the Little Susitna River — so an extra liberal commercial harvest opportunity within less than a mile of the mouth of the Little Susitna River seems to contradict the management objectives stated in the Northern District Salmon Management Plan. It was mentioned that ADF&G has not attained the Little Susitna River coho salmon escapement goal range for 5 of the past 8 years, and there have been sport fishing restrictions and / or sport fishing closures in efforts to meet minimum king salmon and / or coho salmon escapement goals on the Little Susitna River for each of the past 5 years. Motion passes 11-0-0.

217 — Even though the Eastside set net fishery of the Northern District may take a lower percentage of Stock of Concern Susitna River Sockeye salmon than the General Subdistrict— the Eastern Subdistrict does harvest other Northern Stocks with a history of trouble attaining goals on a regular basis. Therefore adding additional commercial harvest would negatively impact those stocks. If it is the board intent to allow additional commercial harvest in Northern Cook Inlet waters, then more salmon need to be passed through the Central District to allow all Northern users a more reasonable harvest opportunity. When the commercial manager allowed the use of a 2nd net in the Eastside Subdistrict during 2016 increased harvests of both Knik Arm and Turnagain Arm salmon stocks were one of the most likely outcomes. During 2016 there was no personal use dip net fishery (because of lack of sufficient sockeye numbers at Fish Creek, and ADF&G failed to attain adequate coho salmon spawning escapements at both Little Susitna River and Jim Creek. All of these systems are part of the Knik Arm drainage. In addition, the Little Susitna River sport salmon fishery was closed to bait fishing in an unsuccessful effort to attain escapement goal of coho salmon, the Jim Creek sport salmon fishery was closed to all fishing in an unsuccessful attempt to attain the coho salmon spawning escapement goal for McRoberts Creek, and the General Subdistrict commercial fishery East and North of the Susitna River was closed early in another unsuccessful to attain the Little Susitna River coho salmon escapement goal. Adequate sockeye salmon to provide a personal use fishery at Fish Creek, along with adequate escapement levels of coho salmon at Little Susitna River, Fish Creek, and Jim Creek to maintain sport fisheries at those locations should come before a liberalization of the Eastside Subdistrict. Any in season emergency order to restrict any of those fisheries should trigger return of restrictions to the Eastside as well. Motion failed 0-11-0.

218. — Steve Bartelli wanted to know if this was just a house keeping proposal or if there is something else to it. Birch wanted to know if a person purchase a commercial set netting permit were they restricted to just one spot or could they move around the district. Yes, they can move around, although some set netters register sites, to retain the opportunity to fish a specific spot. Andy pointed out that this proposal is looking specifically at allowing increased commercial opportunity to harvest Northern king salmon —stocks which are in trouble and have emergency restrictions placed on the Northern Management Area sport fisheries for the past 5 season. Motion opposed 0-11-0.

219 — Terry spoke in favor of this proposal that it would provide an opportunity and could be configured in such a way that it would have low impact on king salmon. Herman wondered what size hook would be appropriate. Sam mentioned that the Department does not usually have such single hook restrictions. Has liked the opportunity of providing some fishery. Sam Ivey mentioned the current regulation goes back in time into the late 1970's — early in the season fish stage and mature in the lower portions of these streams — and do not move upstream very quickly. He said there have been issues with people targeting king salmon in these areas. Steve Bartelli mentioned his conflict with this issue — he has fished here and knows this is a good fishery and wants to provide opportunity, but not make it too complicated. Mike mentioned if there is a legitimate conservation concern he did not want to compound the problem. Andy and Terry mentioned that there are 3 other campgrounds in this area all suffering from the same regulation issue, and if this opportunity is provided for Montana Creek, perhaps a similar opportunity should also be provided for Sheep Creek, Willow Creek, and the Susitna Landing / Kashwitna River fisheries. Motion passed 9-2-0.

220 — This proposal would allow undisturbed sockeye salmon passage upstream without fishing pressure on a daily basis during proposed closed fishing hours. Sam Ivey mentioned that there have been escapement issues — the goal was missed in 2011, 2014, and 2015. There have been sport



closures in efforts to make the goal. In river sport harvest rate is about 5% of the total run according to Sam Ivey, even so, the sport fishery has had closures. Sam mentioned that a bigger issue might be regulatory compliance — not allowing fishing during night hours may cut back on issues with compliance. Hans wondered if there were many houses right in the area. Sam mentioned there is a 4-wheeler trail to the area, but no houses right at the fishery. Sam sees this as an improvement to enforcement. Mel Grove mentioned there are cabins close. Mel mentioned that he had never been there late at night and did not know what type activities happened at that time - he did not want to see the sport fishery restricted. Steve sees this proposal as an allocative proposal — and opposes making a closure on the sport fishery without some corresponding change to commercial fisheries — especially since the sport harvest is already small. The proposed fishery closed hours of 11 pm — 6 am would align with what is currently in place during king salmon season. Motion failed 3 - 7-1.

222 — Similar proposal to 220 but 222 would ENTIRELY close the sport fishery for coho and sockeye. This is a very small fishing area near the mouth of Larson Creek where the fish hold, and where anglers can reasonably expect to catch salmon. Sam Ivey mentioned the Department opposes this proposal which would eliminate most sport harvest opportunity. Mel asked if the Department would continue to have emergency order authority to manage in season if there was no change to the current regulation. Yes — ADF&G could continue to manage the sport fishery by emergency order and there is a weir in place to count the sockeye salmon escapement. It was mentioned that while there have been sport closures as a result of weir counts from the Larson Lake system to the Advisory Committee's recollection there has never been a commercial restriction or closure based on those same inadequate sockeye salmon escapement numbers. The Northern District Salmon Management Plan specifies that this is one of the indices that the Northern District set net fishery is to be managed for. Motion failed unanimously 0-11-0.

Jehnifer sees going through the rest of our area sport fishing proposals at the next meeting then proceeding in some fashion where Advisory Committee members may select proposals they would like to address. She also mentioned that Unit 13 moose and caribou proposals are also out with comment due by March 9. Jehnifer mentioned being very upset about the Board of Game springing another meeting on us — as we are having trouble getting through all our area fish proposals already. Jehnifer needs to know if members can not make meetings. Terry mentioned he will be gone the last couple weeks of January.

Jehnifer mentioned we will likely have both a spring and fall Advisory Committee election meeting.

Herman thought he would be available to go to the Fairbanks BOG meeting — but mentioned he will be traveling and unavailable.

Jehnifer and Butch are expecting a baby and she will be resigning as chair as of the spring election. If she needs help between now and the election she may ask someone else to chair a meeting(s) between now and the spring.

Steve mentioned thinking he may go to the Glennallen BOG meeting. With some help Steve said he would be willing to testify — but otherwise he may just watch.

Neil mentioned that if Matanuska Valley AC members wanted hard copies of the Unit 13 moose and caribou proposals and requested a printout form Sherry Wright (ADF&G) he could pick them up from Sherry as he would be going by the Anchorage office.

Meeting adjourned a few minutes after 9 p.m. Minutes taken by Andy Couch



Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee Minutes

January 18, 2017 MTA building in Palmer

Meeting Called to order by Jehnifer Ehmann at approximately 7 p.m.

Members present: Jehnifer Ehmann, Bob Marshall, Birch Yuknis, Andy Couch, Hans Nordstrom, Steve Bartelli, Tom DeLand, Dave Young, Chad Lipse, Darren Spano, Randi Talvi, Chris Watchus.

Members Absent: Herb Mansavage (excused), Tom Deland (excused), Terry Nininger (excused), Herman Griese (excused), Mel Grove, Mike Buirge (excused).

Department Staff and Public:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game —Sam Ivey, Israel Payton BOF, Trevor Rollman —Anchorage AC member and Northern District set netter, Neil DeWitt —Anchorage AC member, other person

Public persons to be heard

Neal DeWitt — Talked about game proposals and said in GMU 23 there is an attempt to close moose hunting to certain people similar to caribou. There has been approval to allow set netting in the Kenai River — by Ninilchik residents somewhere near Skilak Lake. The set net is supposed to be closely monitored.

Trevor Rollman mentioned that the AC had acted on his proposal #217 last week and was hoping that the committee might bring his proposal back up for reconsideration. Mentioned that the Northern District according to his figures catches 1.3% of the total Susitna River sockeye salmon run. Feels like everyone needs to work together to address habitat issues. Mentioned that the Northern District set netters get to fish 2 periods per week.

Darren Spano made motion to reconsider proposal 217 2nd by Steven Bartelli motion to reconsider passed 8- 2- 2. Jehnifer rescheduled 217 to be heard at the end of the night, after finishing proposals on the agenda or next meeting if we did not get through all the proposals on the agenda.

Israel mentioned that as a board of fisheries member he appreciated hearing from people as to their concerns about the fisheries, mentioned that he reads every letter he gets. He encouraged people to let board members know their concerns.

Paul was Looking at the supplements he noticed it looked like there were two areas set aside for nonresident hunters only. Mentioned 14C has heavy bear predation on moose calves and would like to see some type of bear baiting in the area East of Eklutna.

Agenda Approved without objection. There are 20 fisheries proposals the committee needs to get through, and we want to move through all of them tonight. Meeting scheduled to adjourn at 9 p.m.

Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries Proposals

221 — Would make a permanent regulation prohibiting harvest of king salmon in Units 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 (except for the harvest of hatchery marked king salmon in Willow Creek only). Sam Ivey mentioned there are 8 king salmon escapement goals in this area — but 3 streams are already listed as stocks of concern. ADF&G neutral on allocative aspects, but opposed to only allowing harvest at Willow Creek — as this would focus all harvest effort at one location. Sam said the advantage to managing by emergency order allows the Department to manage according to stock numbers. According to Sam in order to open these streams to harvest once again, the Department would like to see escapements well within the goal ranges for a number of years in most or all of these streams. There is also a hatchery component of king salmon in Willow Creek — and in order to allow harvest of hatchery stock on Willow Creek Sam would like to see making hatchery and wild escapement goals for a number of years. ADF&G does not have



good in season abundance estimates to open the fishery to harvest by emergency order. Birch does not support opening a fishery to harvest at Willow only. Steve opposes. Chad opposes. Motion failed 0-12-0

Proposal 223 would close the Unit 2 king salmon sport fishery whenever the fishery was restricted to catch and release. Chad wondered if there was any credible data that showed catch and release fishery would extend the amount of time required to return the fishery to health where it could once again provide harvest. Sam said no — but if one considers the point that every fish counts it only follows that the fishery could recover sooner if no king salmon fishery was allowed. Jehnifer believes this provides an opportunity for kids — but hopes the opportunity is not abused. Motion opposed 0-12-0.

Proposal 224 Jim Creek Start date in August would restrict sport fishing hours on a daily basis fishing for fishing on Jim Creek. Sam says the hour restriction may not save lots of fish from legal harvest — but may clean up illegal harvests during nighttime hours. If the proposal were passed the Department might want to reconsider the dates — perhaps starting with an August 1 date. ADF&G attempting to provide. Andy Couch spoke in favor. Steve Bartelli knows that enforcement must be present to enforce illegal activity — will oppose at this time — but would support if #212 were passed in conjunction of this proposal. Chris mentioned that enforcement has been at Jim Creek, but this area needs some easier enforcement and will support this issue for that reason. Chad asked if there is enough enforcement? Sam mentioned that there is never enough enforcement. Jehnifer said fishing this year and seeing the severe decline is very concerning. Salmon numbers are so low — if this were to go into regulation she would like to see some way it could be relaxed if salmon escapement numbers improved. Darren talked about escapement —and wondered if the two days per week where fish are currently allowed to run were days when the fish were not moving — how effective would that be. He asked did the department feel more consistent escapements would occur if fishing were closed a certain number of hours every night. Sam mentioned that as far as a night time closure during low water years there would likely be benefit to moving fish up during nighttime hours. Darren asked about hours. Motion passed 10 -2-0.

Proposal 225 would reduce the sport bag limit for salmon (other than king salmon) in Knik Arm and prohibit release of coho salmon. Hans does not like reducing the bag limit OR requiring that any coho must be harvested. Chad mentioned that everyone has to give somewhat for conservation. Randi mentioned that all the restrictions we are discussing for both commercial and sport fisheries in this area makes him wonder how many salmon are being harvested further away so they can not come back into the area at all. If something is not done about the harvest further away these proposals to restrict in the local area will only increase. Motion opposed 0-12-0.

Proposal 226 — would allow harvest of one hatchery marked king salmon per day in Unit 2 of the Susitna River Drainage. Sam mentioned Susitna River king salmon numbers are low and wild stock may not stand additional pressure. At this time all hatchery fish are needed to achieve egg take goals in Willow Creek. Where are the hatchery fish? Herman asked. Sam mentioned they have some reports of hatchery king salmon in other streams. A small percentage of salmon stray to other streams. ADF&G would not like to see additional pressure focussed on Willow Creek wild stock. Darren would oppose if escapement is not being achieved in the area. Chad believes this could increase fishing in the area. Bob Marshall likes Andy moved to amend the motion to harvest of hatchery king salmon less than 28 inches. no second. Motion opposed 1-11-0.

Proposal 227 see comments from 226. Motion opposed 0-12-0.

Proposal 228 would increase fishing hours by approximately one hour in the morning and 4 hours in the evening. Would retain a nighttime closure — this stream has been doing well lately. A very small fishing area is open to salmon harvest on this stream. Darren wondered where the 6 to 6 hours came from. Steve would like to support this proposal — when tide is low in this area there is little opportunity to catch fish on this stream. Motion passed 10-1-0.



Proposal 229 would reduce the legal size to which rainbow trout could be harvested in Byers Creek to 16 inches or less. Sam mentioned that the fish from the Susitna River tributary streams move back and forth and it is important for these fish to be managed on a consistent basis between the streams. Currently ADF&G sees no biological problem and the annual harvest of trout from this system is approximately 45 fish. Motion failed 0-11-0.

Proposal 230 Deshka River king salmon management plan. Department will oppose — this is not a predictable fishery. Fishery forecasts have been off by up to 14,000 fish according to Sam Ivey. Andy spoke in favor. Motion failed 5 - 7-0.

Proposal 231 — What the Department is looking to consistently make escapement goals on the east side streams before bringing back the king salmon fishery to harvest. Sam used the Talachulitna River as an example of where the Department was planning to reopen a king salmon fishery. Andy mentioned that this fishery would have extremely little harvest maybe 5% of a normal year. Motion failed 2-10-0.

Proposal 232 — Birch asked why the Department is wanting to lower the sockeye salmon escapement goal at Fish Creek. Sam did not answer that goal. Some Committee members would like to see a more consistent personal use opportunity on an annual basis — but have problems with lowering the sockeye salmon goal at Fish Creek. Steve wondered if the proposal was seeking to allow additional harvest of Fish Creek personal use fishery why does the proposal shorten the potential personal use season by 5 days. Sam mentioned that projections are not to accurate earlier in the season. People wondered why the Department was lowering the Fish Creek Sockeye salmon goal. SEG is not based on habitat. Herman asked as the run drops overtime will the goal drop. Yes — but no was Sam's answer. Dave supports the proposal because if it does not pass the creek will not meet goals and never be opened. Comment by a several board members was they do not support dropping the sockeye salmon escapement goal at fish creek. Motion failed 4-7-1.

Proposal 233 Would close the area downstream of Little Susitna River Weir to 1500 feet downstream of the weir. Sam Ivey mentioned the Department has been closing the fishery down to this point by emergency regulation. Andy made an amendment that the fishery closure below the weir be extended to campsite #7. 2nd by Chad Lipse. Birch will not support either proposal or amendment. Amendment failed 2-10-3. Motion passed 9-2-0.

Jehnifer mentioned have 8 proposals still to deal with and Trevor's #217 reconsideration. If AC members want to consider other fisheries proposals they need to get those requests to Jehnifer as soon as possible.

Next meeting is February 1st when we will try to finish fish proposals and move on to Copper Basin game proposals. Birch wants to comment on Game of Board member Sprakers potential reappointment to the BOG at the start of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned a little after 9 p.m. Minutes taken by Andy Couch



Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee Minutes
from February 1, 2017 7 p.m. start time at MTA building in Palmer

Meeting called to order by Jehnifer Ehmann at 7 p.m.

Members present: Chris Watchus, Jehnifer Ehmann, Bob Marshall, Birch Yuknis, Andy Couch, Mel Grove, Hans Nordstrom, Herb Mansavage, Dave Young, Steve Bartelli, Mike Buirge, Tom DeLand, Herman Griese.

Members Absent: Chad Lipse (excused), Terry Nininger (excused), Darren Spano (excused), Randi Talvi.

Public present: Samantha Oslund ADF&G sport fisheries biologist, Neil DeWitt —Anchorage AC member, Rod Arno — Alaska Outdoor Council, Trevor Rollman — Northern District set netter and author of proposal 217, Paul Houser

Public Comment:

Rod Arno spoke about the Memorandum of Understanding recently signed between Federal Government and Ahtna Tribal Council - earlier when the first Community Harvest moose hunt was created it was only for the Tribal Group. Even though determined unlawful under state law, Ahtna wants a special moose harvest opportunity exclusively for themselves. This issue will go before Federal Subsistence Board who will hear from the Regional Advisory Councils concerning an allocation for native only harvest. MOU was only signed by Secretary of Interior but not by Secretary of Agriculture but needed to be signed by both. Rod mention that comment could be made on the Fish and Wildlife Service website.

Rod also talked about proposal 203 put in by the Alaska Outdoor Council that would increase the Kenai River personal use dip net season and could provide for an increased salmon limit in August at times when there was a harvestable surplus of sockeye salmon. Rod mentioned that the proposal would give other users (in addition to commercial users) an increased opportunity to harvest from this abundance. Rod mentioned hearing from a legislator that there would be impacts on the Kenai River sport silver salmon fishery, and encouraged the AC to put for comments on this proposal when discussing it tonight.

Trevor Rollman — asked if there would be time to hear / reconsider his proposal tonight? Jehnifer answered if we can get through the other proposals we will work on it tonight.

Motion to approve minutes of January 4 and 2nd. 232 proposal Dave wanted to correct a comment he made — Jehnifer requested that Dave send his exact wording and she would make the edit. Approved without any other corrections.

Motion to approve minutes of January 18 - Mike mentioned he was not here correct attendance. Approved without further objections or corrections.

Motion to accept agenda — approved with no objection.

Jehnifer mentioned that the meeting could run late as this would be the Advisory Committee's last opportunity to comment on Upper Cook Inlet Fishery Proposals before the comment deadline on February 9. She also mentioned that because of the lack of time the AC would move through the proposals as listed on the agenda (which had already been approved).

Upper Cook Inlet Fisheries Proposals:



234 —ADF&G proposal opening a small portion of Wasilla Creek to fishing. Bob mentioned support as did Mike Buirge. Samantha Oslund mentioned ADF&G (author of the proposal) was fully in support. Motion approved 13-0-0.

235 —Would increase fishing hours on Cottonwood Creek to 5 am — 10 pm. Bob mentioned support in that it becomes difficult to catch coho on bright sunny days after the sun comes up. ADF&G feels only a few hours of increased fishing time will likely not impact the harvest very much. Tom mentioned the fishery is in a small tidal area and that when the muddy tidal water comes in fishing success usually drops off for several hours until the silty water drops out and conditions clear up again. Herman lives on the Creek, but is concerned about enforcement issues at Cottonwood Creek, and is seeing fewer fish past his house, but will not oppose. Motion approved 13-0-0.

236 — Bob mentioned this is similar to the last proposal. Andy mentioned this fishery is for Wasilla Creek, while the last one was for Cottonwood Creek and asked for the Department position. Like the Cottonwood and Fish Creek Fisheries there is only a small area open for salmon fishing down near the stream confluence with Knik Arm. ADF&G felt similar to the previous proposal — a few more hours would not likely impact sport harvest much. If there were escapement problems the Department could address them with emergency order. Motion approved 13-0-0.

237 — ADF&G proposal allowing harvest of small other salmon in Anchorage bowl. Motion approved 13-0-0.

238 — Herman always wondered why regulations were different on these two lakes since they were connected. It seems like a good idea to manage these lakes with the same suite of regulation. Motion approved 13-0-0.

239 — Would create a youth only fishery in Ship Creek for one day only. Steve and Birch will not oppose. Portion of stream stays open to other users as well. Motion approved 13-0-0.

240 — Birch supports closing this area to fishing, as he knows someone who used to poach fish in this area. Dave would oppose because it closes another area — our job is not to enforce regulations. Andy will oppose because of the long inclusive dates listed for the closure — specifically — there are no large king salmon or large sockeye salmon from October — most of May. If the intended purpose of this closure is to protect king salmon and sockeye salmon why should stream be closed to protect fish at that times when they are not present? Steve will oppose. Motion opposed 1 - 12 -0.

241 — Herman felt few fish could get past the dam. Samantha believes if they Department is having trouble getting brood stock — the department may be submitting the proposal partly in an effort to deal with poaching. Herman mentioned he did not understand why the regulation would be going past the dam. Andy mentioned the importance of this hatchery to salmon enhancement efforts at Eklutna Tailrace in the Knik River Drainage and at Ship Creek, both of which provide significant opportunity to large numbers of participants — because of the scale and importance of the hatchery stocking programs the cost of closing off a small additional area of stream to ensure the hatchery program's success seemed reasonable. Motion passed 11-2-0.

195 — Birch did not feel this was necessarily appropriate from Kenai to propose a restriction on the whole dip net fishery because of issues the city may have dealing with part of the fishery. Andy mentioned that personal use dip net opportunities are quite limited in Upper Cook Inlet, and most people from the Mat-Su travel a long ways to catch a few fish, this is a crowded fishery with lots of participation, and since emergency extra time is already being given to the commercial fisher before this fishery goes to 24 hours, it only seems appropriate to at least maintain current opportunity. Motion opposed 0-13-0.

196 — Herman did not know how a person could hold a net in this boat fishery without tying it off. Tom agrees, Mel believes if someone want to dip net with a rope tied to their net that is fine. If the individual



who wrote the proposal wants to fish without a net tied to his boat nothing stops him from doing so. Mike feels kids need to be able to tie off or they could not participate in this particular fishery without possibly losing the net or kid overboard. Motion opposed 0-13-0.

197 — Would likely be a safety hazard to the fishery as people in boats already have trouble with large commercial boats and smaller private boats anchored in this portion of the river. The river is fast and some boat may slide downstream on anchor — creating additional problems. There are lots of boats fish in this small (for the number of participants) congested area — when boats are all drifting through the fishery together, each boat gets a chance to drift through the better spots on a regular basis if anchoring where required only a small number of participants would have opportunity to fish the better spots until such time as those boats were moved. Motion opposed 0-13-0. Mike mentioned that this proposal was submitted by the same person who submitted the last proposal the AC unanimously opposed.

198 — Steve mentioned this proposal was submitted by the same individual who submitted the previous two proposals. Bob mentioned that dip netters are attempting catch fish, and the use of gill net webbing increases the opportunity for people to catch fish. The sooner one group of dip netters catches their fish the sooner someone else can participate without competing with more people — this proposal seeks to reduce Alaskans opportunity to harvest fish in Cook Inlet personal use dip net fisheries. If the person making this proposal or other dip netters would like to use smaller mesh when dip net no regulation prevents them from doing so. Motion opposed 0-13-0.

200 — Birch wondered if jacks have a biological niche. ADF&G Samantha mentioned that king salmon jacks are part of the population, but as to how dynamics work within the overall king salmon spawning population it remains unclear. It was mentioned that this proposal would essentially changes the personal use king salmon limit from one fish of any size to zero — if dip netters fished with standard salmon sized mesh, as very few king salmon less than 20 inches in length are caught in a large mesh net. Most fish this small simply swim or fall through the mesh before they can be landed. Herman can not see the point of this proposal. Motion opposed 0-13-0.

201 — Birch wondered how much dip netting area would be reduced by this proposal? Answer from ADF&G was unclear. Most AC members did not know where No Name Creek was. This would reduce the area open to dip net fishing from shore. If dip netters have to walk over more land to dip net — what is gained habitat wise? Most of this land is tidal flat muddy mess where people are standing to fish. Members did not want to see a reduction in personal use opportunity in an area where personal use opportunity is already restricted by crowding such a large amount of users in to such a small area compared to the number of users. Motion opposed 0-12-1.

202 — Bob did not understand how this would provide a safer fishery. Andy mentioned that since so many people participate in the personal use fishery extending the season would allow the effort to spread out over a longer period of time, allowing users to fish under less crowded fishing conditions, particularly in August. Boating is easier and safer when there are less boats to dodge in the fishery. Since there are often extra large numbers of surplus sockeye then harvesting more salmon in the Kenai River is more selective and would lessen incidental over harvest of Northern Cook Inlet stocks. This provides an opportunity for all Alaskans to harvest the abundance. ADF&G mentioned that coho harvests start increasing into the 100s from the dip net fishery in late July. Motion approved 12-1-0.

203 — Would allow the commissioner to make an emergency extension to the dip net fishery through August 10. Birch wanted to know how often escapement exceeds 1.2 million sockeye salmon to the Kenai River— Samantha with ADF&G answered 10 out of the last 10 years. Mel mentioned if there is enough salmon to open to Cook Inlet to emergency fishing for the commercial fleet, then there is enough for all Alaskans to share in the harvest. **Motion approved 12-1-0.** Tom would support except for his concern about Kenai silvers. Andy mentioned that Kenai silver salmon currently have considerably more protection than Northern silver salmon. After the commercial fisheries along the Kenai Peninsula close the Kenai River sport fishery continues to harvest silver salmon through November without competition from the



commercial industry. Northern silver salmon are in such low numbers that the Little Susitna River sport fishery was restricted to no bait for the entire season, the Jim Creek sport salmon fishery was closed by emergency order in August, and neither the Little Susitna River or McRoberts Creek silver salmon escapement goals were attained in 2016. Under the circumstances allowing some increased dip net harvest of Kenai silver salmon only through August 10 may be a reasonable cost for providing some protection of Northern silvers.

204 — Andy mentioned that at the Board Work session in Soldotna some BOF members were looking for a way to provide a safer dip net fishery where people with smaller boats and motors would not have to compete with people with larger boats and motors. This proposal would allow dip netting in an additional area where the 50 horsepower limit is already in effect. People with smaller boats and motors could, therefore, dip net more safely, without having to compete with the larger boats and motors. Creating an additional restricted-motor-size dip netting area would also not exclude current users with larger boats / motors from the personal use dip net fishery. Proposal 204 would also allow more Kenai River sockeye salmon to be taken in a selective manner where Northern salmon stocks and Northern user groups are not impacted as much. Motion approved 13 -0-0.

205 — Would allow dip netting on private lands with approved facilities. permits required. Steve can understand proposal — Steve mentioned that it might give landowners a chance to make money from charging people to fish from their permitted facility— or it would give them an opportunity fish in a less crowded area. Birch mentioned that it might be difficult to get a permit. Jehnifer mentioned that some people have had a good opportunity working with the Kenai River Center. Andy felt that people have to try it to find out — Dave thought those with shore improvements should already be on record with having shore improvements. Steve concurred. This proposal, if adopted, provides incentive to maintain fish habitat on private lands along the river. Motion approved 11-1-1.

206 — Andy believes this is a well written proposal that clearly identifies the problem of congestion below the bridge and how it would be useful to provide a boat staging area above the bridge for accessing restrooms or picking people up without interfering with dip netting below the bridge. Using the onshore restrooms — rather than going in the river — should not be penalized by current regulations. As long as fish are not off loaded from the boat they could easily be marked / recorded later when the participants were done fishing. Motion approved 13-0-0.

217 — Trevor Rollman talked about his proposal and the change in regulation put in place by the Susitna Sockeye Salmon Stock of Concern Action Plan. According to Trevor's data only 12% of the sockeye they are catching are headed to Susitna River. Jehnifer asked if the remaining 88% of the fish Trevor is catching might be sockeye headed to Jim Creek. Yes, Trevor thought fish would likely be headed there. Jehnifer mentioned that the Jim Creek and other fisheries in the Turnagain arm have had a significant reduction in fishing opportunity due to poor run numbers. Trevor mentioned Jim Creek is one of many sockeye streams in Knik Arm and Turnagain Arm. Tom wanted to know where there were any strong runs of sockeye in the area? Andy mentioned that with escapement problems occurring on a regular basis in Knik Arm there needs to be some justification for the manager to allow additional nets to the Eastside subdistrict fishery. Trevor is hoping that as a result of being separated from the General Subdistrict the Eastside subdistrict set netters could be allowed to fish two nets on a regular basis. Steve asked what should be used to determine how many nets should be fished on the East side?

The point was made that all user groups above the Eastside were impacted in 2016 when the commercial manager seemed to arbitrarily decide the Eastside Subdistrict would fish two nets. Likely negative effects: 1. The Fish Creek Personal Use fishery was never opened because of lack of adequate sockeye salmon escapement, 2. The Little Susitna River sport fishery was restricted to artificial lures only for the entire period from August 6 — end of season, and the Department failed to attain the coho salmon escapement goal, 3. The Jim Creek coho salmon sport fishery was closed by emergency order and only less than one quarter of the McRoberts Creek coho salmon escapement goal was attained, 4. A portion



of the General Subdistrict commercial set net fishery had to be closed by emergency order in mid-August in an effort to attain the Little Susitna River coho salmon escapement goal.

Trevor described his fishery as practically a hobby — something he enjoys doing — but something he does make some money at. Jehnifer mentioned that she and her husband both have family who have commercial fished in Cook Inlet and appreciates this user group, however those who fish in the Northern Part of Cook Inlet are having trouble catching fish to feed their families. Hans says we have to have some measurement of when to allow more set netting. Impacts on other users can be huge. Herman said as individuals interested in the health of the resource we may need to lobby for funding sources to count fish other than in the Susitna River.

Andy Couch moved to amend proposal 217 such that the Northern District Management Plan be amended to where the Commissioner may allow the Eastside Subdistrict to use two or more nets when the Fish Creek personal use dip net fishery is open, and the Knik Arm coho salmon fisheries are proceeding without emergency regulations. Birch questioned — what about the 50,000 sockeye salmon that are currently required in Fish Creek before the personal use fishery is opened. Andy agreed to this as a friendly amendment to his motion to amend. The amended motion which would be listed in the Northern District Salmon Management Plan under section (C) now reads:

When the Fish Creek sockeye salmon escapement is projected to exceed 50,000 fish, the Fish Creek personal use dip net fishery is open, and all sport coho salmon fisheries within Knik Arm are proceeding without emergency regulation: The commissioner may allow the Eastside Subdistrict to fish with two or three nets. Amendment passed 9-4-0.

Dave's opposition to the amendment was that there is not a way to measure when to allow the Eastside to fish more gear, that would always protect "other" salmon stocks they might be impacted. Mike's opposition was that regardless of what we do no other AC's would not have an opportunity to vote on our amendment. Steve mentioned that this way at least the Board would have the AC recommendation for what would be a better solution than what occurred in 2016. Final vote #217 as amended passed 9-4-0

Jehnifer encouraged everyone to submit their own comments to the Board of Fisheries in addition to the AC submitting comments as a whole. She next wanted to designate members to represent the AC at the Board of Fisheries meeting. Jehnifer recommended that Andy Couch be the person providing the AC's 10 minute testimony. That was approved with no objection. She then asked if there were other AC members who would be willing to represent the AC during portions of the meeting? Jehnifer wanted to be listed, Chad Lipse had expressed an interest, so was included. Steve asked if testifying was the only thing AC members could do. Jehnifer talked about the subcommittee process. Jehnifer mentioned that a person would be representing the AC and even if they were not certain how to address questions in a subcommittee — members would have our minutes available for them with the AC position on each issue we voted on. Terry Nininger was added to the list. Birch offered to be on the List. Mel asked if ADF&G had the road map. Mel mentioned that sometimes two subcommittee might be meeting at the same time so it is advantageous to have more than one representative to cover both subcommittees. It was also mentioned that the meeting lasted a full two weeks and it was unlikely we could count on just one or two AC members to represent the AC for that full amount of time.

Andy Couch, Jehnifer Ehmann, Chad Lipse, Steve Bartelli, Terry Nininger, and Birch Yuknis were all approved without objection to represent the AC at the Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting.

Herman asked if any AC member would attend and testify for the Fairbanks BOG meeting Feb. 17 - 25? Someone should have state travel / meal stipend to attend that was already approved for Herman. Herb Mansavage may be able to attend. There was no objection to Herb representing the AC in Herman's place — as Herman will be traveling and unavailable to attend on behalf of the AC as earlier specified.



Jehnifer asked about some letters concerning Board of Game member Ted Sparker does Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee want to sign on or not?

Mel made a motion that the AC write its own letter to oppose reappointment of Ted Spraker for another term on the Board of Game. Second by Hans. Motion approved without objections.

Tom thanked Samantha Oslund for coming out — and thanked Trevor Rollman for coming.

Mel mentioned federal money and been approved for a public boat launch on the Kasilof River but that it was not be utilized likely because of some opposition from a legislator with a commercial fishing business — he mentioned people may want to talk to legislators about this if they support the boat launch going forward.

Steve mentioned that he attended the Anchorage AC meeting and that Ted Spraker made a comment at that meeting that he felt only two of the submitted proposals for Copper basin moose and caribou were good solutions — one of the proposals Ted Spraker liked was submitted by Becky Swanke if people wanted to read it.

Birch made a comment that he was opposed to SB 11 which would remove the antlerless moose permit hunt process out of Advisory Committee control.

Hans is not in favor of reappointment of Ted Sparker to Board of Game (BOG). Herb Mansavage also opposes the reappointment of Ted Spraker to BOG.

Jehnifer Ehmman made a motion second by Mike Buirge: To give Andy Couch the Advisory Committee's approval to testify before the Board of Fisheries that the Fish Creek and all 3 Susitna sockeye salmon escapement goals be maintained at current levels even if the Board has to do that with an Optimal Escapement Goal (OEG). Motion approved without objection.

Jehnifer mentioned that with the comment deadline on Feb 9 the Committee would be approving minutes for this meeting as soon as possible by e-mail. Send corrections directly to her.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 Minutes taken by Andy Couch



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.



**Seldovia Fish & Game Advisory Committee October 11,
2016 - Excerpted for Upper Cook Inlet %
Seldovia Public Library Multipurpose room**

- I. Call to Order by Acting Chair Michael Opheim at 7:13 pm
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Michael Opheim, Allison Miller, Walt Sonen
Members Absent: Jordan Cameron, Keith Gain, Alvin Swick, Keith Swick
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
- III. Approval of Agenda: Committee added discussion of Seldovia Tribal ACR for BOG.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Seldovia Fish & Game Advisory Committee held an election meeting on Monday, January 12, 2015. Agenda included preparation of comments on the Southcentral Region Board of Game proposals and the minutes were posted online 2/9/2015.

IV. J Fish and Game Staff Present: Sherry Wright via teleconference till 7:35 pm.

V. Guests Present: Jeff Snedgen, Steven Payton

VI. J New Business: Elections were held with Walt Sonen (regular seat) and Steven Payton (alternate seat) both with terms expiring 6/2019. Officer elections were held with Michael Opheim as Chair and Allison Miller as Secretary. Both were done by unanimous consent.

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

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



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

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	14		Allow snagging for sockeye salmon in all Cook Inlet freshwater lakes (<i>This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting</i>).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	4	If they reach the lakes they should be allowed to spawn.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

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



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.



Tyonek Fish & Game Advisory Committee
12/7/2016
Tyonek Tribal Center

- I. Meeting was called to order by Alex Pfoff at 1:10 pm
Members Present: Alex Pfoff, Norma Chickalusion, Donald Standifer, Jr
Members Absent Excused: Larry Heilman, Gwen Chickalusion, Lindsay Bismark, Ben Carswell, Elizabeth Standifer
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
- II. Approval of Agenda:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Bronwyn Jones, Subsistence Division, Sherry Wright ADFG Boards Support, Israel Payton, BOF member
- IV. Guests Present: Harriet Kaufman, Pedro Al Goozmer, John Standifer, Larry Haukins, Ernie Standifer, Lecon Chuiitt, Jr,
- V. Old Business: Bronwyn Jones gave a presentation on Northern Cook Inlet Salmon marine harvest composition study.

Public and committee had a general discussion

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Committee comments were about some of the Upper Cook Inlet fishery proposals and the need for timely submitted proposals and some of the anti-commercial proposals that have been submitted, when Tyonek harvest is only 1% of the king harvest. Sport fishing on Chuiitt River needs to ensure conservation of the king salmon as well. There is a sentiment of catch and release fishing “playing with their food”. Helicopters activity also have crashed by the Chuiitt River. Tribal office had to send someone to obtain some of the cargo to prove they were illegally fishing (they had fish on the helicopter that crashed). There is a feeling of being invaded when BOF opens up these remote locations and trespass issues develop. Helicopters land wherever they want. On subsistence, it is not a form of welfare – it is my heritage. It was my first food when I was born. Commercial fishing is part of that lifestyle, that a long, hard fight to maintain. I pay for nets, gas, everything. That is not welfare, it is my family, my people. We have to protect what is in that river and we don’t want to go back to fighting sport fisher and guides. Those that are visiting are not here when the river gets busy. With the economy and lack of jobs in Tyonek, the subsistence is how we take care of our family and land. The village offers help to those who are not able to get their own fish. When you add the sport fishermen without any restrictions, like we have on subsistence and commercial, we need to speak up and say our peace. Tyonek does care about the fish. The first couple of days they got wild salmon, the rest were hatchery fish. The committee would like to get the results of the three year study.

John Standifer - Common sense tells us that if one user group continues with unlimited growth, eventually someone else will no longer matter. We can only fight so long to stay alive, we are just a few. Eventually they will get rid of us, it seems. I keep asking the question – how can one user group continue to grow without limit, and no one has answered that question. This is why I don’t want to continue serving on the AC. We gave up subsistence because we were told the fish were down, we gave up our 8 inch mesh net, we’ve given up a lot, and now the user group grows unlimited. The commercial fishing can’t start until “enough” fish get up north.



Harriett – Kaufman - Earlier people here knew when the fish runs came and harvested without advisory groups. Her dad was one of the people that willingly allowed the fish to pass because they wanted to benefit the resource. They are thankful for that, but now they are fighting to keep the fish.

New Business:

Elections of members: Terry Jorgenson of Beluga (only there in summer and resides in Arizona). Donnie Standifer, Jr, Ernie Standifer, Cassandra Kroto, Pedro Al Goozmer, Lecon Chuitt, Justin Trenton, Randy Standifer, Joseph Standifer, Justin Trenton, Tony McCord

Members Elected are: Donnie Standifer, Jr, Cassandra Kroto and Lecon Chuitt , with terms expire 6/19; Ernie Standifer with term expires 6/18; and Pedro Al Goozmer and Joseph Standifer as alternates with terms expire 6/17. In the event that Joseph Standifer declines the nomination, Justin Trenton will serve as alternate.

Officer election was held with Alex Pfoff continuing as Chair, Gwen Chickalusion as Vice Chari and Cassandra Kroto as Secretary. These are two year terms.

UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 8, 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	209		<i>strict King Salmon Management Plan.</i>



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	7	<p>This is the plan that allows Tyonek to fish. This would mean no fishing until after June 24, when the fish have already gone past Tyonek. Even if salmon stocks are managed primarily for sport fishing that doesn't mean it should be exclusively for sport fishing. The break down of harvest numbers for historical years will be included. This violates Tyonek subsistence rights with the peak of the run around June 8. These would only leave primarily hatchery fish. Comments made earlier in the meeting also pertain to this proposal. They would be taking commercial fishing away, opening when there are no fish, especially in Beshta Bay. To remove commercial opportunity may as well be to remove commercial livelihood. The fish buyers also anticipate a regular market. Sport fishing is not for others in Alaska, it is for themselves or their family. Commercial fisheries provide for others all over the world. Priority management doesn't mean exclusively for that. Northern District King Salmon Management plan at most only allows 12 hours of commercial fishing per week, leaving ample time for kings to pass by. Usually it's more like 6 hours. Why don't they close down the fishery further south? The population in the Mat Su Valley has grown where they are catching more and more. Tyonek population has not grown. Where they may have put out 2 nets 10 years ago, now they are putting 10 nets out. We haven't grown. The number of commercial fishing comments has declined. We are less than 1% of the commercial king harvest and it is crucial to our subsistence fishery. Grant position provides funding for some jobs during winter, but subsistence is what we live on. There is a feeling that some of these proposals are written with blindfolds. If we are less than 1% of the harvest, where is the sharing of the resource?</p>
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Next meeting will be December 21 at 1 pm at the Tribal office.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Sherry Wright in absence of secretary

Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee

Date: December 29,2016



Tyonek Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of 12/29/2016

On 12/29 there were 11 proposals that we voted on. See attached for details on discussion.

Present: Pedro Goozmer, Donald Standifer, Jr, Ernie Standifer, Norma Chickalusion, Alex Pfoff, Cassandra Kroto, Chad Chickalusion, Justsin Trenton.

- Prop 209 - 8 oppose
- Prop 210 - 8 oppose
- Prop 211 - 8 oppose
- Prop 212 - 8 oppose
- Prop 213 - 8 oppose
- Prop 214 - 8 oppose
- Prop 215 - 8 oppose
- Prop 216 - 8 oppose
- Prop 217 - 8 In Favor
- Prop 218 - 8 In Favor
- Prop 222 - 8 In Favor



F#6
12-21-16

1250 -

115 -

S.K., T.C., A.P.

@ 1:47pm
Δ mtg to

12-29-16 @ 1300
(Thursday)

~~F#6 Troop #2~~ 12-29-16 @ 11 AM P.C., D.S., J.S., E.S., N.C., A.P., S.K., T.C., J.T.

- mtgs pass min - pass min - motion pass
- ballot - proposals to vote on (favor or not)
- comments submit as committee
- submit 2 or 3 comments

* A.P. vote on he is voting of proposals

D.S. N. district proposals see what they have

A.P. = They did do proposal - 218

N. Dist Setters of Ass'n

Take time to proposals - read - row & book

Δ proposal if needed -

Give proposals to S.K.

E.S. - vote now

J.S. - vote, read contents

A.P. - ready to vote or anyone take him to row
big mtg starts Feb 3

job yet, but Owen can go in my place

will talk to Owen about go on

F#6 will pay 1 person travel/accommodation

fees - maybe 2, but 1 for sure

D.S. include T.F. help fund

N.C. = and TTCD can help with travel

also help with fishing habitat, V. Travel arrangements, hotel



A.P. = need help? Hotel - can Gwen can use hotel.

N.C. = @ work until 4:30

A.P. = next council mtg bring to council -
Feb 3

D.S. = ask Harriet about trawl fees

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Talk of how fish is taken

commercial sport

subsistence

E.S. - take/get what gets comes in e-tide

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- See anything let them know

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Trpt: know its a problem - ppl need to know private land.

AP = difficulty - plane, helicopter access
- on lake

DS = we agree to sport fishing allow
need more time to get #'s of fish - sport
stop sport fishing - fish in
Chuit River - put in proposal -
we don't say anything then ppl will
come & fish our kings.

- Not fighting coal mine keep coal out of here
ruin our rivers

ES - bridge build - ruin all rivers & salmon

AP = slurry dump -

law enforce here - table of contents or index
in books.

Trpt - will mention to publish

- J.S. how long - just do one by one - & vote

DS - do add to verbage of comments - like
Chuit River

AJ - ~~can~~ did own comments. Can add if want.
proposals - any other one

DS = favor of arny 217, 218 - read it -
anyone to do

AJ = quick summary & voted, did 209



Show off hands, include comments
1 hand

209 - D.N. Dist mgmt plan
remove it entirely

0 fish until June 24

verbage in 209 when attend meeting - say ^{Tyonek advisory board advise}
DS = 0 fish in Chuit give more time for #'s to

Al/ held 210 - 0 make sense

Read portion 210

EJS = Read portion 210

AP = add 210 to ballot -

DS = like the way State is handling it

AP = add 210 to ballot as well

put ur names on ballot

AP = 211 same as 209

ES = oppose

AP = 213-214 - group together

closing subsistence fishing

help our neighbors

DS = how committee feels - catch & release

catch & keep

AP = in 218

AP 217 = in favor - done by individual → Trevor
member of Central Peninsula?

free make own minds but AP in favor of



AP = if we allowed one net then they are
allowed one net & restricted

@K left & feel well

AP = holding ballots

Set next mtg?? - yes

Jan - 2017



February 7, 2017 Tyonek Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at Tribal Center

Meeting was called to order at 2 pm

Members present: Ernie Standifer, Donnie Standifer Jr., Pedro Goozmer, Gwen Chickalusion, Cassandra Kroto, Alex Pfoff (arrived late as his vehicle overheated)

Public Present: Norma Chickalusion, Janelle E Verduce, Elizabeth Standifer (3:15Pm)

Approved meeting minutes of last meeting 12-29-16

Elizabeth motions

Donnie 2nd

Question Elizabeth

Motion passes

We started out by reviewing all proposals starting from 208 through 222.

Talking with Alex P, finding out proposals were all opposed except for 218 and 222.

We agreed with 218 and 222.

Concerns of meeting: due to low number of King Salmon returning we want to have the Corridor closed down for fishing until the numbers of King salmon have increased.

We want it to remain in effect until King Salmon numbers have increased.

As the lower part of inlet and Corridor have received disaster relief when there is fishing or no fishing.

Alex P will be at the meeting in March 3-8, 2017. We have not decided who will go along with Alex P as there is only funding for one person which is Alex P. We will look for funds for the second person to attend. (We asked 5 people out of this group, 2 say they could not make it, 2 had other commitments to meetings/trainings. I was undecided.

Adjournment of meeting at 5pm

Minutes taken by Cassandra Kroto

Approved 2/9/2017

Approved by Alex Pfoff