

On-Time Advisory Committee Comment List

Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp and Miscellaneous Shellfish
Anchorage, March 6-9, 2018

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**Anchorage Advisory Committee
February 6, 2018
Cabela's Conference Room located at 155 West 104th Avenue**

1. Call to Order: 6:30pm by Frank Neumann
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Advise Guests of Public Testimony signup sheet
 - a. Guests Present: Richard Persons and Brett Wilbanks
5. Roll Call:

Members Present: Brian Nelson, Frank Neumann (chair), Willow Hetrick (secretary), Neil DeWitt, Bryce Eckroth (alternate), Dino Sutherland, Kenny Rogers, Tyler Loken (alternate), Martin Weiser, JR Gates, Matt Moore.

Members (excused) Absent: Gerold Gugel, Ernie Weiss, Kevin Taylor, Phillip Calhoun, Shawwna Williams.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8.

List of User Groups Present: Alaska Department of Fish and Game
6. Approval of Agenda: Unanimously approved.
7. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes were approved via email for the BOG comments.
8. Fish and Game Staff Present: Janet Rumble, Sherry Wright, Jay Baumer, Brittany Blain-Roth, Elisa Russ.
9. Public Testimony
 - a. Richard Persons:
 - i. Proposal 216 - Sportfish users are allocated 60% of the use and commercial 40% (developed/based on historical use). In-season fisheries management is difficult at best and not well regulated to the best potential. This proposal would allow for better management during the fishery. There are 3 different areas for the commercial fishery only which are rotated each year. This is to reduce conflict with sport users and allow shrimp populations to rebuild. The ADF&G's fishery management activities fall into two categories: in-season management and applied science. For in-season management, the department deploys a cadre of fishery managers near the fisheries. These individuals have broad authority to open and close fisheries based on their professional judgment, the most current biological data from field projects, and fisheries performance. The tools that ADF&G sport fish division have to manage the non-commercial harvest are not enough and not flexible enough.
 1. ADF&G responses to discussion: ADF&G has a joint management plan for the shrimp populations in PWS. Currently, ADF&G are slowly progressing towards registration for permits is online; 2018 will be online. Last year, permits were available at select locations. Permits are available starting in late March each year (typically). Total allowable harvest has only been exceeded one time in 2016. ADF&G would like to see more information but there will be a large burden on the sport fisheries user groups to implement this proposal.



- ii. Proposal 218 and 219 – think that there are serious allocative issues regarding these proposals. This a quota fishery and if there are gill net fisheries and pot fisheries, conflicts will arise.
 - iii. Proposals 223 and 234 – Under current regulations, non-commercial fisheries are allowed to continue if no more than 110,000 pounds of spot fishery by round weight when the commercial fishery is closed. The burden of conservation is not being shared between user groups and should be borne by all participants. Very few non-residents participate in this fishery.
 - b. Brett Wilbanks: Proposal 222 and 225 – the 60% to 40% split between sportfish and commercial use, respectively history is not well-defined. The ADF&G commercial division gets really close to the projected amount of harvest because they have in-season management and reporting. The ADF&G sportfish managers are potentially managing reactively. There is a big risk surrounding the consistency of fishing this resource and that there is no equity is conserving the resource. Would like to see allocation directed more towards the commercial fishery as it is better managed. Not all shrimp live in one administrative area (Areas 1, 2, and 3 [Area 3 being the least productive area by 1/3]) each year and would like to see different allocation between the three areas. The harvest needs to be more equal each year for consistency in the commercial harvest.
- 10. Old Business: None
- 11. New Business:
 - a. PWS Shell Fish Proposals 216-227, 238 and other others that the committee wish to address. See comments in template below.
 - b. RC 409 – Policy regarding the location of the Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting (2020 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting location). The board discussed and agreed to review its consideration of the 2020 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish meeting location.
 - i. Discussion: support because all communities are on the road system and travel is easy and if there aren't flights available, driving is an easy option. These meetings must be in the communities where the resources are used. Opposed because the travel costs to Kenai are high and there are additional costs put on the traveler/interested parties that may inhibit them from traveling to the meeting. We are representing the Anchorage constituents and it is our duty to keep these meeting close to our constituents.
 - ii. Vote: 7 Support; 3 Opposed; 1 abstain. See comments above.
 - c. Possible future proposals for the BOG Southcentral Region and BOF proposals. Deadline is May 1st for the BOF and April 10th for the BOF.
 - d. Representative to speak at the March 6-9 BOF meeting in Anchorage was suggested to be Kevin Taylor. Dino Sutherland will be the second representative should Kevin not be able to go.
- 12. Committee Reports – Tabled until further notice.
 - a. Game:
 - i. BOG meeting in Dillingham
 - ii. 40 Mile Caribou Herd Working Group

The next Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee meeting is schedule for Tuesday, March 6th at 6:30pm at the William Hernandez Fish Hatchery located at 941 Reeve Blvd.



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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
216				
				Require participants in the Prince William Sound Area noncommercial shrimp fishery to register with the department prior to May 1.
	Support	7	3	Support because there is no other in-season reporting and support the conservation of the resource. If the commercial fishery data is well-managed and quickly analyzed, then the sport fishery can be as well. Suggest not requiring reporting but that the ADF&G strongly urges reporting. Managing 'conservatively' under the current management plan is risky and done by luck rather than biology. Don't see any burden being put on the sport fish users to register shrimp permits. Opposed because there is not a conservation concern from ADF&G and suggest that the overharvest two years ago may have been a survey anomaly. Thought that the May 1 st deadline was way too early. Know several users that are opposed to this proposal as they thought the timing of registering and reporting would burden their ability to fish. 1 abstain.
217				
	Opposed	0	11	Allow for harvest of octopus with additional gear while participating in the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery. Opposed because this would allow the noncommercial shrimp fishery to have additional pots in the water. Do not support attaching an additional pot to existing shrimp lines; it gets complicated. People are already allowed to retain octopus that are caught in shrimp traps.
218				
	Opposed	0	11	Modify the start date for the Prince William Sound Area sport shrimp pot fishing season, as follow. Opposed because ADF&G has no evidence that there are a large number of females with eggs April 15 th . The surveys in October yield a lot of females with eggs. There is no biological reasoning, this is simply an allocative proposal.
219				
	Opposed	0	11	Modify the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishing season. See comments on 218.
220				
	Opposed	0	11	Modify the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishing seasons to separate commercial and noncommercial seasons. Opposed because this would extend the fishery into the fall when shrimp surveys show females with eggs, suggesting that there is biological concern to this proposal. Would limit the number of small boats to access the resource.



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221				
	Support	7	3	Amend statistical areas included in the three areas fished triennially on a rotating basis in the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery. Support so long as the Department can participate in the conversation with the fisherman and the statistical design. This will modify the statistical analysis between Areas 1, 2 and 3. The original lines were likely defined by lack of concrete reasons, and if shifting these lines will enhance the fishery this AC supports this proposal. This will provide stability to the fishery. It is hard to build markets when fishermen cannot predict harvest. Those opposed because there are some areas that are not as productive as others (i.e. Area 3), and if those areas are less productive then fisherman can choose not to fish. 1 abstain.
222				
	Support	7	2	Modify the fishing area rotation system in the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery. Support because this would allow less time in less productive areas and more time in more productive areas. Those opposed because there are some areas that are not as productive as others (i.e. Area 3), and if those areas are less productive then fisherman can choose not to fish. 2 abstain
223				
	Opposed	0	11	Remove the total allowable harvest threshold for the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery. Opposed because this would remove the Department's tools to manage the fishery.
224				
	Support as amended	7	4	Modify the guideline harvest threshold for the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery. Support because the burden of conservation is on the commercial fishery. This proposal would give the Department the latitude to lower the threshold level to allow equal allocation between sport and commercial fisheries. Option A is the preferable alternative, AC unanimously amends to strike Option B. Opposed because historically we have never failed to reach the trigger point and the current number of 110,000 harvestable pounds.
225				
				Increase the commercial allocation of the total allowable harvest in the Prince William Sound Area shrimp pot fishery.



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	Opposed	3	8	<p>Support because there is a lot of user demand for increased commercial harvest. This proposal would allow for another tool to the Department and lowers the risk to the resource and provides opportunity to the market.</p> <p>Opposed due to concern over the ramifications of the outcomes of this proposal. Cannot support allocation shift from sport to non-commercial.</p>
226		Reduce closed waters in the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp trawl fishery.		
	Opposed	0	11	<p>Opposed because this area is a tanner crab nursery and supporting this proposal could potentially endanger that fishery that was recently re-opened for personal use. Trawlers are efficient and this could potentially be dangerous for the shrimp resource in PWS.</p>
227		Repeal Prince William Sound Area commercial winter shrimp trawl fishery fishing season provisions allowing a fall/winter fishery.		
	Opposed	0	11	<p>Opposed because this would eliminate the fall fishery, there is no biological concern (i.e. not reaching the GHL).</p>
238		Require all anglers to use deep water release mechanisms when releasing rockfish in Prince William Sound		
	Support	10	1	<p>Support the implementation of this proposal could increase cost (note that deep water releases are anywhere from \$5 - \$60) so the Department began ADF&G passes out deep water release mechanisms for free (via grant money). Deepwater releases have been shown to be effective – there is a 98% success rate in releasing the fish not at the surface. Are glad the Board suspended adopting this proposal to allow for more public comment. Suggest including enforcement in the development of the regulation to ensure that it's enforceable and written such that the angler is protected from officer discretion. Would rather have the language indicate that the release be on board and be able to be used at the anglers' discretion based on circumstances.</p> <p>Opposed because are in favor of the deep-water release but do not like the language suggesting is must be used each and every time a bottom fish is caught because during king trolling there is often pelagic fish that are caught and it is a hassle to stop trolling and release these fish.</p>



Adjournment: 8:49pm

Minutes Recorded By: Willow Hetrick (secretary)

Minutes Approved By: Frank Neumann (chair)

Date: 2/22/2018



Central Peninsula AC
1/8/18
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- I. Call to Order: 7:14 by David Martin
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Rion Vanek; David Martin; Gary Deiman; Mike Schuster; Joe Simpson; Madeline Thompson; Jeff Berger; John McCombs; Steve Vanek; Doug Blossom; Aaron Berger
Members Absent: Richard Encelewski; Dan Presley; Jesse Clucas
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: NA
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: None
- VI. Guests Present: None
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:
 1. Letter from Sherry Wright was read about Certificate of Appreciation for John McCombs, Mike Schuster, Richard Encelewski, and Rion Vanek. Certificates were passed out.
 2. Joint Board call for ideas as to whether there should be a Joint Board Meeting. We had no reasons, however, a motion was made and seconded that we send a letter suggesting the Joint Boards meet by teleconference to deal with any problems that other ACs may have. Passed 11-0.
 3. Announcement: Comments on Statewide stocking due Jan. 30.
 4. Announcement: Comments on Turbidity to DEC due Jan. 29. It was moved and seconded that we write a letter from the AC outlining causes of turbidity and possible solutions. Passed 11-0.
 5. Announcement: Board of Game proposals are due May 1st. We decided to have a meeting on March 19 to discuss any proposals that the AC might want to submit.
 6. Elections for vacant seats on the AC was held. It was moved and seconded to keep the same members who were up for election. They are: Jeff Berger; David Martin; John McCombs; Steve Vanek. Alternates are Aaron Berger and Doug Blossom. Passed unanimously.
 7. It was moved and seconded that the chairman or his designee represent us at BoG and BoF.
 8. We then took up statewide shellfish proposals and reauthorization of moose hunts.



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213	11	0	0	This would reduce redundancy. We support
<i>Support</i>				
214	11	0	0	We agree but believe it will be hard to enforce
<i>Support</i>				
216	11	0	0	There is a need to know because the GHL is always exceeded because the number of participants is unknown.
<i>Support</i>				
218	11	0	0	Spawners must be protected
<i>Support</i>				
224	11	0	0	It is not fair that only one user group bears the whole burden of conservation.
<i>Support</i>				



**Chignik Advisory Committee
1/30/2018
Teleconference**

I. Call to Order: 1:36 p.m. by Jacob Shangin, Chair

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Jacob Shangin, Ivanof Bay
Alfredo Abou Eid, Chignik Lagoon
Raechel Allen, Chignik Bay
Gene Carlson, Chignik Bay
Ben Allen, Chignik Bay
Al Anderson, Chignik Lagoon
Gary Anderson, Chignik Lagoon
Austin Shangin, Perryville
Boris Kosbruk Jr., Perryville
Edgar Shangin, Ivanof Bay (entered meeting shortly after roll call)
Brandon Daugherty, Alternate (became member during elections)

Members Absent: Mitchell Lind Sr., Chignik Lake
Ronald Lind, Chignik Lake
Steven Shangin, Ivanof Bay
Patrick Kosbruk, Perryville

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: The Chignik AC is comprised of three members from each of the five communities in the region and 2 alternates. Chignik Bay, Chignik Lagoon, Ivanof Bay, and Perryville were represented.

III. Approval of Agenda: The order of Board of Game proposals and Board of Fish proposals taken up was reversed. The revised agenda was unanimously approved.

IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Board Support; Nathaniel Nichols, Area Management Biologist; Tyler Polum, Area Manager; Dawn Wilburn, Chignik Area Management Biologist; Ross Renick, Assistant Area Management Biologist

Guests Present: Marty Takak, Brandon Daugherty, Don Bumpus, George Anderson, Chuck McCallum, CRAA and Debbie Carlson, Chignik Bay Tribal



- V. AC Elections: After nominations were accepted, roll call elections were held for the two alternate seats by all community members willing to participate. Taryn tabulated the results. Brandon Daugherty and Rome Abou Eid were elected. Gene made a motion to remain status quo with current officers. Gary seconded. Status quo was approved with unanimous consent as follows: Jacob Shangin, Chair; Alfredo Abou Eid, ViceChair; Raechel Allen, Secretary
- VI. ADF&G Staff Updates: Nat Nichols gave a brief P.Cod update reflecting the smaller quota and no other change. Dawn Wilburn informed the AC the salmon run forecast had been released and was online.
- VII. New Business: Board of Fish proposals 208 and 209 were introduced by Nat Nichols. Board of Game 125,126,134 and 135 were introduced by Taryn O’Conner-Brito. No Game Management personnel was available for comment. The AC discussion and consensus on each proposal are found in the tables below.

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208				Establish pot limits in the Alaska Peninsula District commercial Dungeness crab fishery.
	Oppose	0	10	The AC unanimously opposes proposal 208. Alfredo, who has participated in the fishery, advises that 50 to 100 pots is not enough to generate profit. Other comments were: -unequal pot limits will create new costs to participate such as needing larger vessels -restrictions based on vessel size alone with no allocation seems discriminatory -more pressure would be put on the Chignik area as effort may be inclined to shift and seek less restrictive areas
209				Specify legal operation of commercial Dungeness crab pot gear in Registration Area J.
	Support	10	0	Discussion on proposal 209 was based on agreement that this was a good idea to encourage responsibility in maintaining gear. Ghost pots are an issue and “rotten cotton” doesn’t always work on old gear. There was concern on how this would be enforced? One member said 14 days might be tricky for a fisherman to achieve when considering breakdowns and long runs to deliver.



Alaska Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting

February 16 – 23, 2018 | Dillingham

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
125	Change the hunting season dates for the Tier II caribou hunt in Unit 9		
No Action			The 10 AC members unanimously support taking no action. Discussion included concerns that the herd strength should be maintained or strengthened. It was seen as favorable to assist subsistence hunters. It was noted there was lack of information due to no Board of Game staff presence.
126	Increase the bag limit for the Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd (SAP) in Unit 9D		
No Action			The AC unanimously supports taking no action.
134	Shorten the season for ptarmigan and reduce the bag limit in Unit 9		
Support	10	0	AC members shared agreement that this would help conserve a dwindling resource.
135	Close the season for Alaska hares in Unit 9		
Support	10	0	A member noted that none had been seen in a few years. Al stated they were hunted in the past. He also noted that they were customarily and traditionally used and that his parents snared them.

VIII. Old Business: none

IX. Other/Miscellaneous AC Business: Taryn reminded the AC of the Feb. 2nd deadline for Board of Game Comments. A motion to authorize Jacob to approve the minutes of this meeting was unanimously approved.
Al asked for a King Salmon Proposal addressing to much pressure on stock by anglers to be drawn up by April 10th. Al and CRAA will work on a draft. Taryn will include the draft proposal in the next meeting notice.

X. Set Date/Location of Next Meeting: The next meeting tentatively is scheduled for the week of February 26th through March 2nd or later with the exact date forthcoming.

Adjournment: 3:45 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Rachel Allen
 Minutes Approved By: Jacob Shangin
 Date: 2/2/18



COASTAL LOWER YUKON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2018

1:00 p.m.

Bethel ADF&G Office

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

CALL TO ORDER: 1:00pm, Chair Ray Oney

ROLL CALL: Ray Oney, John A. Lamont, David Bunyon, Anthony Ulak, Stanley Pete (5 present), absent- Joseph Uisok (Kotlik)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Anthony Ulak to accept, Lamont 2nd. **Support Unanimous**

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: October 16-17, 2017. **Motion passed**
Unanimous: Motion by Lamont, 2nd by Ulak.

INTRODUCTIONS:

- Fish and Game Staff: In person: Deena Jallen (CF), Jen Peeks (Boards),
Phone: Alida Trainor (Sub.), Jeff Estensen (CF), Chuck Brazil (CF)
- Other Agency Representatives: Eva Patton- USFWS (phone)
- Members of the Public/ Other: John H. Lamont (Emmonak)(Phone), Gene Sandone
(Kwik'pak) (In person).

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY:

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Fish: Yukon Proposals: March 6-9, 2018 (Statewide meeting, Anchorage) See *Proposal Comments below*.

- PROPOSAL 230 – Allow use of drift gillnets to harvest salmon for subsistence purposes in Yukon River Sub.4-B and 4-C.
- PROPOSAL 231– Repeal the prohibition on subsistence fishing in Yukon River Dist. 1 & 2 during first pulse of king salmon.
- PROPOSAL 232 – Allow sale of Yukon River king salmon caught incidentally during open commercial fishing periods for other salmon species.
- PROPOSAL 233 – Clarify the Dist. 1 boundary and allow set gillnets to be operated up to three nautical miles seaward from any grassland bank in Dist. 1 after July 15.
- PROPOSAL 237 – Repeal the District 6 commercial salmon fishing season fixed closure date and replace with a closure date established by emergency order.

AYK Board of Fish meeting: January 15-29, 2019; Proposal Deadline: April 10, 2018

- Jen Peeks (ADFG) discussed upcoming AYK BOF meeting. ADFG is willing to help with forms and writing proposals. Boards Support (907-543-2931/ 545-5995)



Jennifer.peeke@alaska.gov Anyone can write a proposal.

- Gene Sandone (Kwikpak) offered help in writing BOF proposals: 907-631-6033, gjsandone@gci.net

John H. Lamont (Emmonak, Public)– Some fishers have said they wanted to write a proposal regarding the Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers to change them to be parallel as stated for the Black River. Not sure if I will be writing anything, but I may be working on it. Opening up the area that is currently closed in Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers.

MISCILLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- Officer Elections: Ulak nominated Stanley Pete for secretary. Bunyan called for unanimous consent. Stanley Pete accepted as secretary. (Elections for Chair and Vice-Chair were conducted during the Oct. 2017 meeting.)
- Representative for March 6-9, 2018 BOF meeting, Anchorage: John A. Lamont has an interest and has the time.
- Next agenda: Include AC Member comments/ final discussion before adjournment.
- Comments:
 - **Ray Oney**- Thanked the people who selected him for the Boards certificate of appreciation.
 - **John A. Lamont**- thanked Ray for helping over the last year with learning the process and proposal.
 - **Anthony Ulak**- thanked staff and AC members, it was a good meeting. Good to hear the proposals. Good to know that we can actually make proposals for the area.
 - **David Bunyan**- Quyana. There were somethings we didn't know about our fisheries; learned about a lot of things.
 - **Deena Jallen** (ADF&G)- Thanked the AC.
 - **Jeff Estensen** (ADF&G)- Thanked AC and participants for attending, wish I could have been there in person.
 - **John H. Lamont**- appreciated the work the AC and staff has been doing.
 - **Stanley Pete**- Had full intention to be there in person, but was diagnosed with strep throat. Looking forward to meeting everyone in person.

NEXT MEETING DATE: See Comments below **__Location:** _____

John A Lamont- would like to coordinate with Jen Peeke (Boards) on next meeting.

Anthony Ulak- Bethel as location, but coordinate with Jen on date.

Members present would like next meeting in Bethel.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved to adjourn by Ulak, 3:30pm



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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
230				Allow use of drift gillnets to harvest salmon for subsistence purposes in Yukon River Sub.4-B and 4-C.
	Support	5	0	<p>John H. Lamont (Emmonak)- commented that he and Stanley Pete had attended a meeting in Fairbanks with the upper districts. He commented that those districts were in support of the proposal. Galena people spoke regarding this. It will allow them to fish near their village instead of having to go down river.</p> <p>Stanley Pete (AC)- this is for subsistence purposes. It is giving those villages upriver easier access to fish in their back yard. Would be in support so they can fish near their communities.</p> <p>Deena Jallen (ADF&G) provided a proposal overview.</p> <p>Jeff Estensen (ADF&G)- Ruby also submitted a proposal similar to this proposal, the board may consider the Ruby proposal along with this one.</p> <p>John H. Lamont (public)- commented on the likely increase harvest on Canadian stocks should be recognized. There would be a higher impact. More webbing in the water will impact Canadian bound kings. Maybe we need experts to find what those exact numbers would be. One of my cons on this prop.</p> <p>Deena Jallen (ADFG)- project on genetic sampling on subsistence harvest. Have not gotten enough samples to determine a clear difference between drift and stationary netting in the take of Canadian fish.</p> <p>Chuck Brazil (ADFG)- Would allow subsistence drift gillnetting in 4B and 4C. Federal waters already allow drift gillnetting. ADFG has tools to reduce/ allow drift gillnetting based on estimates.</p> <p>John H. Lamont (public)- concern with the increase in fishing efficiency with drift gillnets and the sale of strips and canned fish. If this 50 mile stretch is opened, want to make sure ADFG keeps good tabs on the amount of kings taken bound for up river.</p> <p>Ray Oney (AC)- lower river are first indicators of king salmon coming into main Yukon River. We are obligated to allow them to pass through into Canada. If we in lower river see the abundance on the first pulse, we should at least see that amount go into Canada. What we are obligated from the lower river to allow into Canada, there should be some type of monitor below Galena and Ruby to make sure what we pass through in the lower river, that amount, reaches Canada.</p> <p>Deena Jallen (ADFG)-no current formalized assessment project. Do use the sonar at Pilot and sonar at the border. Only would be open during their regulatory schedule. Can always reduce time area and gear if we had a concern about escapement.</p> <p>John A. Lamont (AC)- Setnet sites are limited there. This is just to support the subsistence users, help them not to have to travel as far to get food and help them not be battling with the lower communities for fishing.</p> <p>John H. Lamont (public)- Efficiency increases. ADFG has the</p>



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				<p>authority to limit depending efficiency of harvest?</p> <p>Deena Jallen (ADFG)- would first limit gear, would assess in season.</p> <p>Gene Sandone (Kwikpak)- if you restrict subsistence by limiting hours of drift gillnet fishery, that is a restriction on subsistence fishing and may have other implications.</p> <p>Ray Oney (AC)- if allow gillnets in the lower river we start with dipnets. If not enough Chinook salmon going through, dipnets should be used to get a feel of the bulk of the salmon run. We don't know until the Eagle sonar on amount. It needs to be looked at from the very beginning.</p> <p>Deena Jallen (ADFG)- by the time fish are getting to 4B and 4C we are able to see the run from Pilot. Last year we were more confident in the strength of the run when they go past Pilot Station.</p> <p>John A. Lamont –motion to adopt, 2nd Anthony Ulak.</p>
231				<p>Repeal the prohibition on subsistence fishing in Yukon River Dist. 1 & 2 during first pulse of king salmon.</p>
	Support	5	0	<p>Deena Jallen (ADFG)- read proposal. If regulations changed, ADFG could allow fishing in Dist. 1-2 on the first pulse if felt the run was strong enough.</p> <p>Gene Sandone (Kwikpak)- all we are doing is taking one paragraph out so all districts are managed the same way. Clarified what Kwikpak wanted with this proposal. ACR was four pages long and goes into detail. It is unnecessary regulation on subsistence fishing to shut down on first pulse. We feel it is a threat to food security in districts 1 and 2. It takes power away from ADFG to manage the king salmon fishery. Uncertainty- but now Pilot gives up more certainty and the run project gives us more info. Dept. has more confidence in their run projections and may be able to determine if you can fish on the first pulse or not. Way over the top with escapement, should allow Dist. 1-2 fish on the first pulse.</p> <p>John A. Lamont (AC)- like the idea of how you change in wording. Once the fish are gone, we have a lot less options. This would allow ADFG to help us to decide where that pulse is and possibly give us the opportunity to get some salmon. Where we are at it is kind of hard, we are stuck with what goes by us already. This would help ADFG help better manage the subsistence uses.</p> <p>Deena Jallen (ADFG) -border passage goal and fair share to Canada that is part of the treaty. First pulse is early and is uncertain. We would still be conservative with the first part of the run.</p> <p>John H. Lamont (public)- my opinion, the ACR is repealing the first pulse closure by regulation.</p> <p>Gene Sandone (Kwikpak)-explained what Kwik'pak had suggested.</p> <p>Deena Jallen (ADFG) read the current regulations. Discussion on what was actually be taken out and/or added.</p> <p>Ray Oney (AC)- amount of fish you [Sandone] indicated earlier from 2014, it sounds like there was an increase over time.</p> <p>Gene Sandone (Kwikpak)- Discussed the escapement goals and the</p>



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				<p>amount needed by the treaty. Commented that he'd rather see the fish in the "pot" than in excess. The more fish you have on the spawning grounds, the less productive they are per fish.</p> <p>Deena Jallen- Estimated border escapement in 2017 was around 72,000. Met escapement goal and TAC.</p> <p>John A. Lamont (AC) motion to adopt 231, Pete 2nd.</p> <p>RayOney (AC)- would like to know how other ACs voted. MLY voted to support.</p> <p>John H. Lamont (public)- consensus was that other ACs did support the proposal from what he heard at the Fairbanks' meeting.</p>
232				<p>Allow sale of Yukon River king salmon caught incidentally during open commercial fishing periods for other salmon species.</p>
	Support as amended	5	0	<p>Deena Jallen (ADFG)- explained proposal.</p> <p>Gene Sandone (Kwikpak)- this is a ADFG proposal. Kwikpak put in 2 ACRs that the dept. asked to be put in as RCs. Too many "ands" in the proposal. Suggests that an "and" be changed to "or" on the last one. If the upper river stock is in trouble, but lower river is doing well, why restrict a comm. fishery if very few Canadian bound fish would be taken. Instead of managing the whole river as one stock, it should be separated out. If the fish aren't there that are a concern, should be able to sell incidental catch.</p> <p>Deena Jallen (ADFG)- Difficult to tease out when and where stocks start and stop in a mixed stock fishery.</p> <p>Gene Sandone (Kwikpak)- In the past the stocks have been more separated. We should be looking at things inseason.</p> <p>John H. Lamont (public)- wouldn't putting a trigger point # at pilot allow for managers to open up for incidental sale of kings? Once they are passed, they are passed. Having a physical number is what fishers have been asking. Having that number in place would be so much more simpler than the complicated verbiage.</p> <p>Deena Jallen (ADFG)- Pros and cons to a trigger number. You could almost end up tying hands. Need to take into account escapement into Canada and TAC....if thought there were more fish than pilot is counting could pose a problem. Something we can further discuss.</p> <p>John H. Lamont (public)- wouldn't putting in a trigger number at Pilot station allow managers to open up the incidental sale of kings? Once you hit that number, that incidental sales could be open whether it was summer or fall. Simpler than the other complicated verbiage.</p> <p>Deena Jallen (ADFG)- pros and cons. A number could almost tie your hands. Need to take into account border escapement and TAC.</p> <p>John H. Lamont (public)- could be a minimum number and it wouldn't affect the higher end of the harvest.</p> <p>John A Lamont (AC)- We are already catching incidental, need to be clarified whether we can sell it or not. Needs to be more clarified and more time to discuss the issues of the proposal.</p> <p>John H Lamont (public)- it is clear in regulation that a commercial</p>



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				<p>fisherman that is allowed to sell incidentally caught king salmon can decide whether to sell or not. Feel that it is clear.</p> <p>Paul Kasso (Public Alakanuk)- this prop. passed unanimous at the Fish Commission meeting in Fairbanks. Commission didn't see any problem if the fishers in lower Yukon keep or sell the kings. The majority of the first pulse would be passed through Y1 and Y2. 2nd and 3rd run would be Alaska bound after the first pulse. Incidental catch would be mostly Alaska bound.</p> <p>John H. Lamont (Public)- Thanked, Paul. Allowing incidental take of king salmon in 2017 was at the end of the season.</p> <p>Gene Sandone (Kwikpak)- put in 2 ACRs to address this issue: one for fall, one for summer. Pointed out that although some overlap between timing of stocks, the upper stocks dominate the early portion of the run. Fall chum directed commercial fishery occurs after the vast majority have migrated through the districts.</p> <p>Deena Jallen (ADFG)-Discussed the opening last year. By looking at fish tickets can know the magnitude of the harvest, how many chums vs. how many kings.</p> <p>Ray Oney (AC)- Gene suggested that there are too many "ands" is that an amendment? Discussion on how the amendment would look. Adopt 232 as amended with "and" changed to "or" after restricted. <u>if the department thereafter projects that Yukon River king salmon escapements will achieve escapement goals and king salmon subsistence fishing is not restricted, and OR the department determines that there are king salmon surplus to escapement and subsistence needs and the sale of incidentally caught king salmon will not have a significant impact on escapement or subsistence uses of king salmon, the commissioner may, by emergency order, open a fishery during which incidentally caught king salmon taken during the summer and/or fall chum salmon commercial fisheries may be sold.</u></p> <p>John A. Lamont adopted as amended, Anthony Ulak 2nd.</p>
233				Clarify the Dist. 1 boundary and allow set gillnets to be operated up to three nautical miles seaward from any grassland bank in Dist. 1 after July 15.
	Support	5	0	<p>Jeff Estensen (ADFG)- [used map]. Hoping to attend in person, but was unable to get travel approval prior to travel. Only in place in the fall season. Seeking guidance of BOF. What this proposal is seeking to do is go back to the BOF and make sure that when the boundary was expanded, it was clear to the board that this was supposed to be a setnet area only. If adopted by BOF then during fall season both stippled and gray area [on map] would all be setnet only for the fall season.</p> <p>Gene Sandone (Kwikpak)- this is mostly housekeeping. Defining Yukon Area District 1. The gist of it is by gear (a)- only applies to the fall season and makes it a setnet only.</p> <p>Jeff Estensen (ADFG)- during the summer season in district 1 to July 15 both the gray and stippled area are open to both drift and set gillnet...only fall differentiates between the 2.</p> <p>John A. Lamont (AC)- Estensen and Sandone seemed to make it pretty clear, the expanse and the fall season.</p>



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				Ray Oney (AC)- clarification on a cleanup on this proposal. John A. Lamont made a motion, 2 nd David Bunyan.
237				Repeal the District 6 commercial salmon fishing season fixed closure date and replace with a closure date established by emergency order.
	Support	5	0	<p>Jeff Estensen (ADFG)- Explained proposal. Dist. 6 commercial fishery closes on or before Oct. 1 by regulation. Explained weather changes in interior, warm falls well into October. The market for this commercial fishery used to be roe and has now changed to dog food for the mushers. So they need to crib the fish which is a way to do it in the cold. With cold temps later in the year, the commercial fishery closes before they can meet demands. This proposal ADFG would have flexibility to extend the commercial fishery in Dist. 6 when seen fit. Emergency petition by a fisherman from the Dist. 6 area. Board generated proposal.</p> <p>Jen Peeks (ADFG)- MYL AC supports</p> <p>Jeff Estensen (ADFG)- Upper river ACs are currently meeting or will meet in the next few days.</p> <p>John H. Lamont- didn't see this proposal at the fish commission meeting.</p> <p>Paul Kassock- Prop. 237 was not on the table, no discussion at the fish commission.</p> <p>Jeff Estensen- ADFG will be neutral on allocative aspects, but considering the small scale of the fishery (4 permit holders) any additional support to allow this group of fisherman to satisfy their markets, we would be in support of that.</p> <p>John A. Lamont (AC)- sounds like they use this for their later season dog food after freeze up?</p> <p>Deena Jallen (ADFG)- operating a small catcher seller, could also use the fish for their own personal needs.</p> <p>Jeff Estensen (ADFG)- yes, fisherman can also take for their personal use.</p> <p>Ray Oney (AC)-question on (4)... if passed it can go beyond Oct 1?</p> <p>Jeff Estensen (ADFG)- it would open and close by emergency order.</p> <p>John A. Lamont motion, David Bunyan 2nd</p>

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Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting
2/7/2018
ADF&G Office, Fairbanks

- I. Call to Order: Chair at 18:30
- II. Roll Call: Mike Quinn, Mark Richards, Rohn Wisniewski, Virgil Umphenour, Bill Larry, Warren Giuchici, Lyle Shelnut, Al Barrette, Chuck Derrick, Jeff Lucas, Vince Holton

Absent: Kirk Schwalm, Mike Tinker, Mike Kramer, Valerie Baxter Wright (all excused)
- III. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from Dec. and Jan. meetings were approved unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved with additions for Prop. 70 to BOG, NOAA Juvenile Chinook study, Hatcheries discussion with info from ADF&G.
- V. Correspondence: None
- VI. F&G staff present: DWC-Tony Hollis, Mark Nelson, DSF- Klaus Wuttig. DCF Holly Carroll via teleconference BDS Nissa Pilcher.
- VII. Guests: AWT staff: Mike Potter, BoF: Reed Morisky, Public: PJ Simon, Gale Vic, TCC
- VIII.
- IX. Comments: Chair commented on his trip to Anchorage. Al Barrette commented on Prop. 70 to the BoG. Chuck Derrick commented on his upcoming meeting with DoT about Dip Net permit money. Al asked about sending member to DLG BoG meeting. Moved, seconded, and passed to send a member. Al volunteered.
- X. Old Business: None
- XI. New Business: 1) Officer Elections: Moved, seconded and passed to move Officer Elections to next meeting.
2) Tony Hollis gave a presentation on 20 B Bull/Cow ratios and problems he sees. Discussion on shortening season in the majority of 20B followed. Moved, seconded and passed that AC supports shortening 20B bull season to Sept. 1-15 of a vote 9-1.
3) BoF Yukon Proposals: Prop 230- support, Prop 231-did not support, Prop 232-did not support, Prop 233-support, Prop 237-support



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	<small>[support/oppose/ support as amended/no action]</small>	<small>[# votes]</small>	<small>[# votes]</small>	<small>[comments]</small>
230				Allow the use of drft gillnets to harvest salmon for subsistence purposes in th Yukon River Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C.
	Support	8	2	The people that are going to be drifting are going to just be doing it anyway, so the same number of fish would be caught anyway but there would be less gas used by those having to travel.
231				Repeal the prohibition on subsistence fishing in Yukon River Districts 1 and 2 during the first pulse of king salmon.
	Oppose	10	0	This committee was one of three that joined together to get the pulse protection proposal passed and we don't think it is a good idea to remove it at this time.
232				Allow sale of Yukon River king salmon caught incidentally during open commercial fishing periods for other salmon species.
	Oppose	1	8	1 Abstained It would encourage the fishermen to target kings if they could sell them.
233				Clarify the District 1 boundary and allow set gillnets to be operated up to three nautical miles seaward from any grassland bank in District 1 after July 15
	Support	8	0	2 abstained Considered this a housekeeping proposal
237				Repeal the District 6 commercial salmon fishing season fixed closure date and replace with a closure date established by emergency order
	Support	10	0	Excess harvestable fish in the river and it would help the economy of the commercial fishermen because the fish can't be sold until later in the year, then they go unharvested.

4). Virgil Umphenour chosen unanimously to represent the AC at the Statewide Shellfish BOF meeting in March.

40 mile Coalition update: AI commented on possible upcoming changes to seasons and bag limits.

5). Nissa commented on plans for a Joint Board meeting.

6). Duck Hunting at Tan. Lakes- Moved, seconded, and passed to send a letter to Borough to support waterfowl hunting at Tan. Lakes. Mark R. will write letter.



- 7). NRA Hunter Ed. Discussed but no action taken.
- 8). Virgil commented on NOAA study on Juvenile Chinook study.
- 9). Reed Morisky, Virgil, and Holly (via phone) provided the AC with info on problems with Hatchery fish straying in to other drainages.

XI. Meeting Adjourned at 2140

Minutes recorded by Mike Quinn

Approved by Virgil Umphenour per AC Feb 16, 2018



**Fairbanks
Fish and Game
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**Interior Region
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Central	Middle Nenana River
Delta Junction	Middle Yukon River
Eagle	Minto-Nenana
Fairbanks	Ruby
GASH	Tanana-Rampart-Manley
Koyukuk River	Upper Tanana/Fortymile
McGrath	Yukon Flats

January 18, 2018

To the Joint Boards Committee;

The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee (FAC) convened on 10 January 2018. On our agenda was: "topics to consider for a Joint Board meeting".

The FAC is a 15-member committee made up of a very diverse cross section of the Fairbanks community, representing many interests in fish and wildlife management and processes throughout the community.

The FAC voted unanimously that Joint Board should consider all sections of regulations under the Joint Board's authority.

Discussions revolved around the number of years that have passed since the last meeting of the Joint Board. Many of the members had suggestions of potential proposals which covered many different sections of regulation under the Joint Board's authority. So we determined that all sections of regulations covered under the Joint Board should be on the call for a meeting of the Joint Board.

This is advisable so an Advisory Committee or individual with an issue that the FAC has not thought of yet will not be disenfranchised by limiting the call.



**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Dec. 12, 2017
NERRS Building**

Call to Order: 6:05 by Dave Lyon (chair)

Roll Call:

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

Members Absent: Joey Alred, Marvin Peters, Dennis Wade, Wes Humbyrd,

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA

Fish and Game Staff Present: Jason Herreman, Jan Rumble.

Guests Present: Carly Weir and Satchel Pondolino, CookInletkeeper

Old Business: Dan Anderson discussed BOF meeting.

New Business: Jason gave a detailed review of the recent “Wildlife Harvest and Survey Data for Kenai Peninsula” Jan gave a review of statewide proposals for crab, shrimp, and shellfish.

Representatives from Cook Inletkeeper discussed the Stand for Salmon initiative.

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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
207				Allow retrieval of personal use scallop dredges with five horsepower or less haulers.
	Oppose	1	10,1-A	There is potential for habitat destruction by inexperienced operators, which is unacceptable. Also confusion about gear description raises questions.

Adjournment: 8:10

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz

Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon

Date: 1/9/2018



**Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
12-04-2017
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

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

II. Roll Call:

Name	Member Present	Member Absent	Member Excused
Al Belknap – At Large	x		
Alex Agosti – At Large		x	
Andrew Carmichael – Subsistence	x		
Vacant – Commercial Fishing			
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 Thomas – At Large		x	
Michelle Williams – Hunting	6:45pm		
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		
Open Seat – At Large			
Open Seat – At Large			

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present:

III. Approval of Agenda:

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

VI. Guests Present:



VII. Old Business:
Chair Mike Crawford gave a summary of the Board of Game meeting.

VIII. New Business:

The AC discussed the removal of Greg Calloway from the AC as he has not attended a meeting since being elected. Motion to declare Mr. Calloway seat vacant, Vote is 11 – 0 to declare the seat vacant.

Discussion about Kasilof King Salmon sonar and department fund allocation. The new sonar displaced the mark & recapture of Coho Salmon on the Kenai River.

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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
210	Establish fishing season for scallops in the Southeast District of Registration Area K.			
	Opposed	0	11	Worried about habitat damage, this is an open fishery so there is no limited entry, so this could be a wide-open fishery. A limited entry fishery could help protect this fishery from over harvest.
211	Reduce closed waters for scallops in the Southwest District of Registration Area K.			
	No Action			Based on 210
213	Repeal the Cook Inlet Area personal use clam fishery.			
	Opposed	0	11	Repealing this would take away the opportunity for a resident only clamming fishery. Allowing this as a personal use fishery with limited harvest would be better than a full opening for sport fishing of the clam fishery. Can be used as step-up or step-down opportunity.
214	Modify sport and subsistence razor clam regulations in the Cook Inlet Area.			
	Support	11	0	This is just clarification of the rules. This AC would like to see a reduced bag limit on clam limits.
215	Allow commercially caught scallops in the Kamishak Bay District of the Cook Inlet Area to be delivered live.			
	Opposed	0	10	1 abstained – AC would like to see no scallop fishery in Kamishak Bay.
115	Pot Fishery for Spiney Dogfish			
	Support	6	3	Issues with this are the potential overfishing, will pots actually help in catch and release of fecund females. There is a potential market but there has not been enough support to test a potential market. The other issue is the potential by-catch that could occur with this fishery. 2 abstained



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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
195	Nonresident limit on sockeye salmon			
	Oppose	3	8	how would this be regulated, is this a known issue with locals and non-resident. Could this be a subsistence issue. Placing a limit on non-residents is not a terrible idea as it could limit and curtail the over harvesting. Discussion for a non-resident limit should be continued as there could be a purpose for it.

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned 9:10pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee
No objections Noted by AC per phone call
Date: 2/2/2018



**Kodiak Advisory Committee
January 29, 2018
ADF&G Building, Kodiak AK**

I. Call to Order: 1300 by Paul Chervenak (Chair]

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: 10

Guide	Paul Chervenak	Transporter	Roland Rouss
C. Citizen	Julie Kavanaugh	West Set Net	Kip Thomet
Alternate	Jason Bunch	Old Harbor	Conrad Peterson
C. Citizen	Mellissa Burns	Ouzinkie	Skylar Waite
Small Boat	Oliver Holm	Port Lions	Kevin Adkins

Members Absent: 7

South Set Net	Small Boat
Alternate	Subsistence
Large Boat	Trawl
Processor	

Quorum on AC: 8

User Groups Present:

ADFG	Big Game Guide
Kodiak Borough	Board of Game

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved Unanimously

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 2/21/17 Approved Unanimously

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Natura Richardson

VI. Guests Present:

Dick Rohrer	Larry VanDaele
Patrick O Donnell	

VII. Old Business: None



VIII. New Business:

1. Tuck Bonney (processor) and Pete Hannah (south set net) request to step down from their seats.
2. Nominations and Voting for Expired and Open Seats as follows;

C. Citizen	Julie Kavanaugh	S. Set Net	Theresa Peterson
Alternate	Jason Bunch	Large Boat	Tyler Schmeil
Alternate	Nathan Rose	Processor	Randy Swain
Small Boat	Oliver Holm	Trawl	Patrick O Donnell

All Nominees went unchallenged and voted to the board as nominated.

3. Selection of Committee Officers

Chairman	Paul Chervenak
Vice-Chairman	Julie Kavanaugh
Secretary	Jason Bunch

All Nominees went unchallenged and voted to the board as nominated.

4. Proposals Discussed:

Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp and Other Misc. Shellfish 2018-2019 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	208	Establish pot limits in the Alaska Peninsula District Commercial Dungeness Crab fishery.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relatively small fishery between 2-6 vessels • This proposal will substantially reduce the number of pots fished. Current pot-use averages 500-600 pots per vessel. • No biological concern by ADFG • This proposal may establish a questionable precedent by using vessel size and participant history to determine pot limits, which may be viewed as "bad policy" for the board.



BOF	209	Specify legal operation of commercial Dungeness crab pot gear in Registration Area J.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	10	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intent of this proposal is to establish a lawful and ethical method (that is enforceable) to cash gear during the season for future use without harming resources. • This further scrutinizes when and how gear can be cashed which is a known problem within Kodiak Waters. All gear must be removed from the water at the end of the fishery. • This is less restrictive than a pot limit which is not desired • This committee realizes 14 days may be too short of a time period. 18-21 days may be more acceptable to allow for varying fishing techniques.
BOF	210	Establish fishing season for scallops in the southeast district of Registration Area K.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADFG does not have baseline information for this area. • Data from the adjacent area (SW area by commissioners permit) shows a relatively small fishery (2 vessels, 10-14 day open) that routinely reaches its GHL. • Unwanted by-catch of crab is a general concern since this area overlaps known crab grounds. • This fishery has a 100 percent mandatory observer policy however, Opposers have concerns with observer effectiveness since they generally work 8-hour days but vessels fish 24. • Supporters feel this proposal is an appropriate first step in looking at a new area to be considered for a regulatory opener.
BOF	211	Reduce closed waters for scallops in the Southwest District of Registration Area K.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Proposal 210 comments for points of discussion on this proposal. • The area requested for opening includes State Waters and a No Trawl Area. • General concern over conflicts within State Waters. • Committee agreed to support (8-1) this proposal's passing if amended to "...exclude State Waters and the No Trawl Area..." • Supporters felt opening this area may relieve pressure on existing areas. • The 100 percent observer regulation on this fishery allows ADFG staff to appropriately regulate this fishery and any new area boundaries. • Opposers have concerns with observer effectiveness. • Opposers have concerns with management of other resources within the area.
BOF	212	Establish Sea Cucumber management plan in the Kodiak District of Registration Area J	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	8	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unanimous Support for this proposal. • This proposal allows participants to develop their fishery through the regulatory process. • Clearly defines parameters of the intended fishery. • Is Kodiak Specific, which is already developed. • Includes a well thought out and inclusive weather delay plan for a safer fishery.



VIII. New Business (Continued)

5. Motions to write letters of recommendation in support of seats for BOG and BOF

Committee supported (9-0) a letter be drafted from Kodiak AC to Governors Office to support Larry VanDaele for BOG seat.

Committee opposed (5-4) a letter be drafted from Kodiak AC to Governors Office to support both Duncan Fields and Jason Chandler for BOF seat.

Committee supported (6-3) a letter be drafted from Kodiak AC to Governors Office to support Duncan Fields for BOF seat.

Adjournment: 1645

Minutes Recorded By: Jason Bunch

Minutes Approved By: Paul A. Cherwenak

Date: Feb. 7, 2018



**Matanuska Valley AC
February 8th
Palmer MTA Building**

- Call to Order: 7:04 by Herb Mansavage
- Roll Call:
Members Present: Bob Marshall, Birch Yuknis, Hans Nordstrom, Andy Couch, Neil DeWitt, Danny Lewis, Austin Manelick, Dan Montgomery and Chad Lipse.

Members Absent: Dave Young, Terry Nininger, Steve Bartelli, Tim Stephens, Mel Grove, Mike Buirge and Chris Alderman

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Eight

List of User Groups Present:
- Approval of Agenda: Add RC 409 to agenda, Make sure we cover proposals Mr. Person is here for.
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA. Herb was given authority at last meeting to do so, as they had to be submitted before this meeting.
- Fish and Game Staff Present: Matt Miller Fish and Game Coordinator, Telephonically Elisa Russ Fishery Biologist II
- Guests Present: Richard Person PWS Pot Commercial Shrimper
- Old Business:
- New Business:

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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
206				Allow use of pot gear to harvest octopus under sport fishing regulations.
	Support	9	1	(00:08 02/08/2018) Dan moves to adopt, understood 2nd. Herb asks the Department what their position is. The Department has no definition



				<p>for an octopus pot. Birch asks the Department if there is any biologic concern. The Department does not have much data on octopus. This proposal would allow people to fish octopus outside of a shrimp or crab season. Octopus are generally caught in a habitat pot. Some pots are traps. None are very efficient. Chad asks if the Department is familiar with the Puget Sound pot mentioned in the proposal. Andy feels this is a very open ended proposal. Birch likes this as a place holder for the board, that they can then flesh this out. Elisa states that the Department in the Cook Inlet area under a PU permit. The pots have to be unbaited, and have to be approved by the Department. They do not want pots that would catch crabs or other species. Elisa states that the definition of an octopus pot is not defined therefore they want to approve them.</p>
207				<p>Allow retrieval of personal use scallop dredges with five horsepower or less haulers.</p>
	Support	9	0-1	<p>(00:17 02/08/2018) Dan moves to adopt, understood 2nd. Birch brings up that since this proposal was submitted the BOF has removed the PU scallop fishery from the books. This proposal could reopen and revisit the PU scallop permitting issue. One issue is that no one has ever really fished this permit. The commercial dredges are huge and not able to be used by sport boats. The pot pullers that alot of sport boats have could make this a lot safer and easier. Chad had been contacted by the Department about this proposal. Birch adds that when he inquired about getting a permit in 2016 that the Department wanted him to bring in his dredge to be approved, that he might have to take an observer the first time. That there are two commercial scallop beds over by Augustine. Elisa states that permits have been issued since 2012. That in regulation prior to 2016 it was understood that the regulations allowed for a PU fishery. In 2016 an "exercise" to remove redundant PU regulations was executed and through this "exercise" the Department and BOF felt that the language did not allow for a Statewide PU scallop fishery. The new language does not allow for a PU scallop fishery. None of the permits issued for the PU fishery were fished. Birch wants to Pass this proposal to keep a place holder to hopefully</p>



				keep a PU scallop fishery. Obviously not allot of people fishing so not allot of impact.
213				Repeal the Cook Inlet Area personal use clam fishery.
	Oppose	1	8-1	(00:22 02/08/2018) Dan moves to adopt, understood 2nd. The Department states that they are trying to get rid of some redundancy in regulations. The Department states that they have been trying to get rid of these "redundant" fisheries. Birch states taht he feels the Department is being disingenuous when they call a PU Fishery redundant. Birch states that PU fisheries are for residents only. That the BOF and the Department are trying to get rid off all these PU fisheries. Birch states that with the BOG we always talk about not wanting to take away a tool and once something is off the books it is allot harder to put back on the books. Chad asks the Department if the PU, Sport and Subsistence are separated in terms of any kind of closures? The Department has not seen in South Central a separation of residents and nonresidents. In South East due to a large number of Cruise ship visitors they have some separations. The Department confirms that PU fishery is resident only. Andy brings up that the clam stocks on the road system are so low that harvest has not been allowed recently.
216				Require participants in the Prince William Sound Area noncommercial shrimp fishery to register with the department prior to May 1.
	Oppose	1	9	(00:29 02/08/2018) Dan moves to adopt, understood 2nd. Richard Person gave his presentation/ overview. Explaining the zones that are rotated through every 3 years for the commercial fisheries. The smaller statistical areas that 50% of the GHL can come out of for the commercial fisheries. And the commercial closed zones. PErson states that the due to all the restrictions on the Commercial guys that the Department can manage the commercial fishery well. Person feels that with a May 1 deadline the Department could better manage the sport fishery. The Department states that the sport fishery is April 15th September 15th. Five pots allowed. Every season the Department comes up the with GHL and is a 60/40 split with the sport/commercial. Then the Department can set the number of pots for the sport. There was a year that the sport exceeded, one year, not a trend. The Department is not sure how they would work it from a management perspective. No in season reporting for the sport fishery. Fishery has already started by the time the proposal requests to register.



				<p>Dan doesn't think this is necessary right now. This prevents a spur of the moment decision to go shrimping. Andy feels that this would allocate more shrimp to those who registered by May 1st and eliminate those who might choose to participate later. Hans has participated in the fishery. Hans does not like that if someone later in the season decides they want to participate they won't be able to. Birch concurs with Dan. Birch brings up that the poundage per gallon was changed for the Sport side recently with the Wessel conversion schedule. Elisa states that because the commercial shrimp are weighed the conversion didn't apply to the commercial fishery. Neil likes the proposal because the Department during the season has no idea where the harvest is at and this could help the Department. The sport fishery has a harvest card that is good for the whole season. Hans states that this proposal is not going to tell the department what is caught during the season, it only tells the Department how many people are fishing, this proposal will limit those who want to fish. Person brings up that this won't limit that people just have to be organized. Chad doesn't see anything but in season reporting would help the Department. The Department states that there are no other sport fisheries that require a cut off date to get a permit/harvest ticket or stamp. Dan states that this won't help the Department know if the GHF is being approached.</p>
217				<p>Allow for harvest of octopus with additional gear while participating in the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery.</p>
	Support	9	1	<p>(00:50 02/08/2018) Dan moves to adopt, understood 2nd. Andy asks the Department if octopus harvest has increased of late. The Department is not sure, as there is no way currently to report octopus harvest. Elisa mentions that recently the Department has adopted a harvest level for octopus on the commercial side. Person sees no reason why an octopus would want to go into an octopus pot when there is a shrimp pot full of shrimp next to the octopus pot. Hans doesn't see this as necessary as octopus will be caught in the shrimp pots already. Dan sees no harm with this as shrimp won't be caught in the octopus pots. Chad sees no reason not to allow.</p>
218				<p>Modify the start date for the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishing season.</p>
	Oppose	0	9	<p>(00:58 02/08/2018) Dan moves to adopt, understood 2nd. Neil brought up that this proposal had been</p>



				altered to be noncommercial only. Person has never lost gear to ice and he has fished near ice allot. Birch feels he can avoid the ice if need be, nobody wants to lose gear. Dan does not support. Birch brought up that Registration Area E is all of PWS. Birch also brought up that if this proposal passes and 219 doesn't this gives the commercial shrimpers an early start to the season. (Only nine votes as a member was not in the room for the vote)
219				Modify the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishing season.
	Oppose	0	10	(01:04 02/08/2018) Dan moves to adopt, understood 2nd. Person brings up that some of the commercial shrimpers also fish other fisheries and this proposal could push them out of the shrimp fishery as some salmon fisheries open early May. Birch feels that it is admirable that the proposers shortened the end of the season on this proposal vs the noncomemrcial proposal 218, but he still can't support based on what was discussed in 218. Elisa mentions that this proposal reduces the season by 6 weeks, there may be some years where the commercial GHL may not be obtained, especially Zone 3. Hans has noticed that shrimp numbers seem to be reduced. The Department feels that some local areas closer to towns get hit harder. Elisa states that the THL has been on an increasing trend indicating that shrimp numbers are increasing.
220				Modify the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishing seasons to separate commercial and noncommercial seasons.
	Oppose	0	10	(01:10 02/08/2018) Dan moves to adopt, understood 2nd. Birch mentions that this is not a PU fishery as the proposer states in his reasoning. The Department opposes as more egg bearing shrimp in the winter months, especially October. The Department also states that there could be lower participation leading to not attaining the GHL. Birch is opposed. Person says he would still fish it, but he prefers the current season dates. Herb feels that due to the egg bearing its a no brainer to oppose from a conservation perspective.
221				Amend statistical areas included in the three areas fished triennially on a rotating basis in the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.
	Oppose	2	8	(01:14 02/08/2018) Dan moves to adopt, understood 2nd. Birch would like to see a conservative approach as the Department has had a difficult time managing any commercial pot fishery in South Central. He mentions



				the Kachemak bay crab and shrimp. The pre Exxon Valdez shrimp decline. The crab in PWS. Hans likes the current rotating system to avoid interactions with the commercial shrimpers. The Department interpreted the proposal to try to amend the statistical areas as Zone 3 has had a difficult time achieving the GH. Person is concerned as to how this would shake out. The Department states with the 3 zones enforcement is easier. Birch brought up how a few years ago the BOF changed from 25%GH from one statistical area to 50%GH from a single statistical area. Birch is afraid of cherry picking from the better statistical areas and depleting the resource. Herb will support.
222				Modify the fishing area rotation system in the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.
	Oppose	0	10	(01:21 02/08/2018) Dan moves to adopt, understood 2nd. Birch likes the current conservative system. This year is the harder to fish Zone 3 and the Department does not feel that any of these proposals would be in effect for this upcoming season due to time constraints. An EO could be implemented to address this. The Department states that this will be the third time this three zone system has been used and they would like to see the complete data set from this. The Department states that they would be opposed to fishing multiple zones in a season and also the complexity of management and enforcement as well. Herb will oppose due to the possible fishing of all zones in a single season.
223				Remove the total allowable harvest threshold for the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.
	Oppose	0	10	(01:26 02/08/18) Dan moves to adopt, understood 2nd. Birch again likes the conservative aspect of the current system and is concerned about the Department's history of managing pot fisheries. There are around 3000 noncommercial boats to around 50 commercial boats. Person brings up that the 50 commercial boats provide shrimp for the rest of Alaska. That an ocean boat is expensive and leaves a lot of households that cannot access the resource. Birch does mention that once you get an ocean boat you get allot of friends, so it is not just one household per permit. The Department is concerned about eliminating the threshold as shrimping could occur at levels of low abundance. The Department gave background on why the 110,000 harvest level. Andy prefers the current



				sustainable limit. Hans feels some want to maximize the right now and not look at the long term effects.
224				Modify the guideline harvest threshold for the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.
	Oppose as amended No Opt B	1	9	(01:37 02/08/2018) Dan moves to adopt, understood 2nd. Person wants the burden of conservation to be shared. Neil wants to amend to eliminate option B. 2nd by Dan. Andy feels that everyone should have an opportunity to participate, but if the shrimp population is low then there should be no commercial harvest as is the current regulation. Hans concurs with Andy. Chad mentioned liking the shared burden of conservation. The Department feels that this is strictly an allocative proposal and is therefore neutral. That this is also a theoretical situation that has not occurred since the fishery was reestablished. Amendment passes 8-2. Dan feels that if there is not the abundance than there should be no commercial fishing. Residents need to be able to fish before commercial interests. Birch concurs with Dan.
225				Increase the commercial allocation of the total allowable harvest in the Prince William Sound Area shrimp pot fishery.
	Oppose	0	10	(01:48 02/08/2018) Dan motions to adopt, understood 2nd. Birch asks the Department if this passes what would the gear restrictions be for the noncommercial side? The Department states most likely lower number of pots allowed. Hans looks at this proposal differently than the proposer, there are 3000 sport permits vs 30 commercial permits. That is allot of noncommercial users of the resource vs the commercial users. Chad is for burden of conservation, but not for more commercial use of sport fishing. Dan feels that the public is utilizing the resource, no need to reduce the noncommercial side. Herb concurs with Dan and Chad.
226				Reduce closed waters in the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp trawl fishery.
	Oppose	0	10	(01:52 02/08/2018) Dan moves to adopt, understood 2nd. Herb asks the Department what their opinion is. Elisa states taht this closed area was imposed in 1985 due to the fear of damaging the crab stocks in the area. Therefore the Department is opposed. Herb is not a big fan of trawling. Person states that he believes this is a midwater fishery. Hans clarifies that this is side stripe shrimp fishery.



227				Repeal Prince William Sound Area commercial winter shrimp trawl fishery fishing season provisions allowing a fall/winter fishery.
	Oppose	0	10	The Department feels this would concentrate competition in the one season. The Department is opposed due to no biological concern. Birch asks how many boats participate, the Department states that there are 3.

Proposal 238 Deep Water Release Support 10-0 Birch moves to adopt, understood 2nd.

Gear to do this is anywhere from \$5-\$60. The Department supports as this is effective method. There is a conservation concern. Birch comments that anyone who has an ocean boat this cost is minimal. This is already in effect in SE. Troopers can enforce if regulation states "having deep water release mechanism on board." The Troopers can't effectively enforce if the device is used. The Department had a good demonstration and some swag.

RC 409 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish BOF meeting location. Chad likes the centralized location of Anchorage. More services are available in Anchorage and the BOF should take this into consideration. Birch brings up that it would be every nine years in each of the three communities. Andy states that future BOF don't have to follow this. Motion to keep the meeting in Anchorage by Andy, Dan 2nds. Dan brought up that he had gone to a BOG meeting in Kenai and it was expensive and difficult to locate places to stay. There is allot more infrastructure in Anchorage. Motion Supported 10-0

Andy motions to have Chad be the AC representative at the BOF meeting in Anch March 6-9. 2nd by Neil. Friendly amendment to allow Birch to assist if he can get time off work. Motion approved with no objection.

Reconfirmed that Herb has eternal right to approve minutes if no meeting before they are due

Next meeting possible March 14th to discuss BOF and BOG meetings

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Birch Yuknis
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage, Chair
Date: _____ (when received from Herb)



**Middle Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee
February 8, 2018
ADF&G Office, Galena**

I. Call to Order: 12:04 pm by Benedict Jones

II. Roll Call:
Members Present:

Paddy Nollner & Dick Evans, Galena*; Benedict Jones, Percy Lolnitz & Tom Kristka, Koyukuk; Arnold Demoski, Nulato; Richard Burnham, Tommy Neglaska, & Earl Esmailka, Kaltag

Members Absent: Fred Huntington, Charlie Green, Galena; Michael Stickman & Douglas Patsy, Nulato; Kevin Saunders, Justin Esmailka, Kaltag
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7*

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: January 5, 2017 Approved

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Glenn Stout & Sara Longson (DWC), Holly Carroll & Nissa Pilcher participated via teleconference

VI. Guests Present: Jeremy Havener & Kenton Moos, FWS; Jenny Pelkola, Brad Scotton, Rob Nunley, Shirly Cleaver, Mark Huntington & Patrick Lumba

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

Election of Galena seats

Paddy noted that he thought this last term would be his last, it is getting harder and harder to hear, but he will serve one more unless someone else wants to step up.

It was voted that Paddy Nollner, Fred Huntington (who was absent but who had said he wished to continue to serve), and Dick Evens would sit for Galena. Mark Huntington was elected into Charlie Greens seat. Alternates were chosen as Charlie Green and Patrick Lumba.

Committee would also like to change the makeup of the committee; they had opted to only have an AC of 13 while the board authorized them for 15, per notes at the bottom of their roster. Committee would like to fill all seats, so have a full committee of 15.



* election results then change the members present & the number of members in attendance to 11 members and 15 members would need a quorum of 8. As there are 11 members present, quorum is still met.

Concerns of the AC members & public

Committee members are concerned with their ability to meet more often like the more urban ACs do; Orville Huntington via the TCC was looking into alternative ways for rural ACs to meet more often. Nissa brought up the OWL system (video conferencing typically through libraries) via the State of Alaska's library system and members directed her to look further into this for them.

Lengthy conversation about wolves coming into Nulato and Galena and what can/should be done. Members thought that wolf control through the state should be done with alternative viewpoints is that it was a local issue and that local trappers and hunters should be better supported so that they could take care of the issue themselves.

Concern about required antler cutting as one cannot make crafts out of the cut ones. Glenn noted the reason that the regulation was in place and the committee moved on.

Game/ Board of Game Items

Updates to Age and Antler Data in GMU 21 Presentation; Sara Longson ADF&G

Members asked several questions and expressed concern that hunters target the younger, more fit bulls.

2018 Harvest Information Presentation; Glenn Stout, ADF&G

Climate change has done a lot to the population and their habitat, the lakes are drying up where the moose used to feed.

Federal Issues

Discussion of the FWS and ADF&G working closely together to offer a winter antlerless season.

Discussion of having a joint state and federal winter moose hunt. Previously the moose population could not handle this, but the data is showing that the population could withstand the additional pressures. Used to have one on the books but it was taken off because it hadn't been used in a while. Discussion of who should put it in, if it should be put in by the AC or by the Department and the refuge. Would need to ensure that the proposal is written very exactly so to ensure what needs to happen happens. No action item created at this time but should be brought up at next meeting.



Fisheries/ Board of Fisheries Items
Comment on Yukon Drainage Board of Fisheries Proposals

Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Crab, Shrimp, and Miscellaneous Proposals March 6-9, 2018				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
	[support/oppose / support as amended/no action]	[# votes]	[# votes]	[comments]
230				Allow the use of drft gillnets to harvest salmon for subsistence purposes in th Yukon River Subdistricts 4_B and 4-C.
	Support	11	0	More economical for us to fish here and there is crowding at the current spots. We are loosing set net sites due to the river changing and erosion and we would like to have the ability to move to another gear type.
231				Repeal the prohibition on subsistence fishing in Yukon River Districts 1 and 2 during the first pulse of king salmon.
	Support	11	0	They are just wanting to do what we want with the drift fishing, is fish when and where they want. They don't want to take a bunch of fish, they only want to take their subsistence needs and then stop when the weather is good for them to put up their fish. We don't want to foster the up river down river mentality that has happened for so long. If escapement is met and subsistence needs across the river are met then the department should have the ability to open it.
232				Allow sale of Yukon River king salmon caught incidentally during open commercial fishing periods for other salmon species.
	Support	11	0	This should be after all escapement goals are met. Clarification from the department of when this would be utilized if passed. This is catching the stragglers after the bulk of the run has already passed.

Draft Board of Fisheries Proposals to submit for next cycle



Subsistence Sports Fishing, proposal to allow rod and reel by subsistence fishing in Nulato River. Seems like it is legal some places but not others and it is confusing. Would like to see subsistence fishing with fishing poles made legal.

Unanimous support to have Richard Burnham draft and submit proposal on this

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm

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January 09, 2018

1:00 p.m. City Hall, St. Mary's

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

CALL TO ORDER: 1:20pm by Vice-Chair Bill Alstrom

ROLL CALL: Pete Tyson, Mathew Waskey, Bill Alstrom, Margaret Guidry, Basil Larson (was excused for the second half of the meeting). Alternates: Sven Paukan, George Beans

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Margaret Guidry made a motion to approve the agenda. Peter Tyson seconded. Motion passed

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: October 30, 2017

INTRODUCTIONS:

- Fish and Game Staff: Wildlife: Patrick Jones (Teleconference); Comm.Fish: Holly Carroll (in person), Charles Brazil, Christy Gleason, Deena Jallen, Shawn Larson (Teleconference); Subsistence: Alida Trainor (Teleconference); Boards: Jen Peeks (in person).
- Other Agency Representatives: AVCP: Jennifer Hooper and Sarah Mutter (Teleconference), Kwik'pak: Gene Sandone (in person).
- Members of the Public/ Other: Michael Jimmie (Emmonak), George Beans (Yupit of Andreafski), Charles Prince (St. Mary's), Scott Riley (Pitka's Point) Kimberly Joe (St. Mary's), William Alstrom II (St. Mary's), John Lamont (Emmonak), Erik Weingarth (St. Mary's), Mel Paukan (St. Mary's).

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY:

- Gene Sandone (Kwik'pak)- Mr. Sandone offered the MLY AC and members of the public assistance with writing proposals for the 2019 Board of Fish AYK meeting.
- George Beans (Yupit of Andreafski)- Mr. Beans reported that the Andreafski Tribal Council had comments for BOF.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Board of Fish:** Yukon Proposals: March 6-9, 2018 (Statewide meeting, Anchorage)
 - PROPOSAL 230 – Allow use of drift gillnets to harvest salmon for subsistence purposes in Yukon River Sub.4-B and 4-C.
 - PROPOSAL 231 – Repeal the prohibition on subsistence fishing in Yukon River Dist. 1 & 2 during first pulse of king salmon.

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- PROPOSAL 232 – Allow sale of Yukon River king salmon caught incidentally during open commercial fishing periods for other salmon species.
- PROPOSAL 233 – Clarify the Dist. 1 boundary and allow set gillnets to be operated up to three nautical miles seaward from any grassland bank in Dist. 1 after July 15.
- PROPOSAL 237 – Repeal the District 6 commercial salmon fishing season fixed closure date and replace with a closure date established by emergency order.
- **AYK Board of Fish meeting:** January 15-29, 2019; Proposal Deadline: April 10, 2018
- **Federal Subsistence Board:** Wildlife Proposals: April 2018
 - WP18-29 – Lengthen moose season by one month in Unit 18 Remainder
 - WP18-30 – Shorten season and decrease harvest limit and possession limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18.
 - WP18-31 – Shorten caribou season in portions of Unit 18 by 15 days.
 - WP18-51 – Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Draft Proposal:** Moose antler sales
 - Bill Alstrom reported that [the sale of moose antlers] was a problem that was brought up regarding a certain person coming to the villages and buying moose antlers. Some people had antlers stolen out of their yard. Mostly targeting young adults who were going out to make cash. Another issue was the harassment of game. Incidence where moose were being targeted, running them, in hopes they would shed [their antlers] and also people taking the moose for only antlers. Mr. Alstrom commented that he didn't see much activity last summer [2017]. The person who is buying antlers has moved to another community in the lower Yukon. People did address it during a City Council meeting in St. Mary's but it was and they wanted to hear the local tribal governments and ADFG comments.
 - Margaret Guidry commented that her husband got a call from Mt. Village and was encouraged to drive around looking for moose antlers, some were close to \$3,000. Young kids will see the money and see our moose going to waste. Support this proposal draft.

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- Bill Alstrom commented that some people are concerned about the harassment. Some question the money people are making and antlers getting stolen...what is that money being used for? He commented that it is a big concern.
- Mathew Waskey reported that he wrote a letter several years ago because of lots of theft, animals were harassed. Wrote a letter that antler sales must be stopped.
- George Beans was favor of this draft proposal. Would like to see the board pass this proposal for all the reasons stated. He commented that a lot of this stuff has been going on. Don't need more reasons to harass or waste the game we depend on. He would support prohibiting all sales.
- Trooper Blajeski commented antler buyers are not a regulated industry. Currently in this region [Mid-Lower Yukon] there were 2 active investigations. One antler buyer tried to sell 6 cutoff antlers. AST was following up. He commented that it was hard from an enforcement standpoint. There was no regulation saying they need to record who they get it from. There can be a lot of cash. ATS does get reports that people shoot 4-6 moose to harvest to sell the antlers.
- Mathew Waskey commented that it increases wanton waste. He provided observations.
- Bill Alstrom commented that part of the reason for this proposal was to address the people who go out just for the antlers. People may just target the bulls for monetary value. He was in support of the proposal.
- Peter Tyson- options may not do any good. One of the options may be to have regulations of the buyers.
- Patrick Jones commented that the board would like to see the ACs preferred options and then point out other options as possible compromises. Unit 23 had a similar social issue with caribou antlers. Mr. Jones explained the Unit 23 process regarding the sale of antlers.
- Bill Alstrom didn't see a problem with carved antlers, but didn't like to see this in bulk. Possible 4th option, regulate all antlers except those that have been carved or made into the artwork.

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- Jen Peeks clarified the ACR deadlines and process.
- Peter Tyson commented there might be some way to get a handle on the buyers. Maybe something more than a business license. Maybe more input from Tribal Council.
- George Beans commented that the AC should submit this with the primary option being all moose antlers.
- Sven Paukan supported going forward with the proposal. He agreed with prohibiting the sale of all moose antlers with an exception of handicrafts and naturally shed antlers. Allows the artists

Motion made by Mathew Waskey, 2nd by Peter Waskey to accept the proposal with the primary option being to prohibit the sale of moose antler with the exception of antlers made into handicrafts or naturally shed antlers. Motion passed.

- **Draft Proposal:** Minimum caliber for moose hunting

- Jen Peeks and Patrick Jones (ADF&G) discussed the background to this proposal. He commented that this idea has come up before the board several times.
- Bill Alstrom commented that this issue had been discussed at the last several meetings. He commented that he didn't really know how to address this.
- Peter Tyson commented that this has been brought up more than once. A lot of little kids try to catch moose and can hardly hold a gun.
- Bill Alstrom agreed with Mr. Tyson. He commented that in the old days you would go out to feed your family. Some of the smaller arms don't penetrate the animal and may hit the wrong spot. He commented that he did not catch his first moose until he was out of the service.
- George Beans commented that he was in favor of this proposal. There is legitimate reasons for this and it has been discussed. If shooting with a smaller caliber, it is just harassment. If you are just popping shots at it, it gets wounded and goes into trees where you are unable to catch it; that is harassment.

Peter Tyson to accept the draft proposal. Margaret Guidry 2nd. Passed Unanimously.

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**Note: BOG ACR deadline is November 1.*

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- Officer Elections- tabled to next meeting due to Chair not being present.
- Representative for March 6-9, 2018 BOF meeting, Anchorage

William Alstrom, alternate: Sven Paukan

NEXT MEETING DATE: call of the chair _____ **Location:** _____

Additional Comments:

- Bill Alstrom commented that he was disheartened that the meeting hall wasn't packed [with community members] because the issues affect our livelihood. It affects us and our young people. We don't see a big audience. We need to try to get our residents involved. He hoped in the future more of our younger people attend these meetings.
- Mathew Waskey thanked everyone for this meeting. He distributed a lamprey letter looking at the low run of eels during the 2017 run. Holly Carroll will share it with ADFG staff. **Will be put on the next agenda.**
- Jen Peeks thanked the AC members and the public for attending. Thanks to St. Mary's for hosting the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Waskey, 2nd by Tyson, 5:47pm

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230				Allow use of drift gillnets to harvest salmon for subsistence purposes in Yukon River Sub.4-B and 4-C.
	Oppose	1	4	Holly Carroll (ADF&G) summarized the proposal. Bill Alstrom (AC) asked for clarification on the specific mesh size that would be allowed. George Beans (AC alt)- was there a reason why only setnet in 4B and 4C? Carroll (ADFG)- no drift gillnetting at all is allowed above 4A. Only legal until up to Koyakuk. Discussed customary gear types. Mathew Waskey (AC)- in addition to set and drift is there other

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				<p>gear? Carroll (ADFG)- Fishwheels are legal but not ideal in this area.</p> <p>George Beans- concerned if did allow drift gillnets would be the enforcement side of it. ADFG have been claiming they don't have enough enforcement. If they do open it there will more fishers close by. They spend a lot of money on gas and now they are going to have that much more fishers on the river. There will be an influx of fishers by those 2 villages.</p> <p>Bill Alstrom (AC)- Looking at the dates, where exactly would that first pulse be on the river during the time this is allowed? Will they be fishing on the first pulse? Carroll- June 10 is when 4A is legal, intend to align language with 4A. Management still has authority to protect the first pulse.</p> <p>Sven Paukan- What is the current regulation on subsistence opening dates with stationary gear from year to year? Holly will look that up.</p> <p>Bill Alstrom (AC)- thinking about the influx of fishers in that area. They go down below Koyakuk to fish. Seems like there is a friction between fishermen in that area. I don't know exactly about upriver...I don't know the impact on the fisheries. Wondering if for conservation purposes it will affect the run, mostly concerned about Chinook. I don't think this is the first time this proposal has been proposed by these tribes.</p> <p>Carroll (ADFG)- ADF&G are neutral on the allocative issues. In support of providing more subsistence opportunity in conducting an orderly fishery. Could have more orderly fishery but could increase king harvest.</p> <p>George Beans (AC Alt)- haven't addressed the issue of enforcement. Carroll (ADFG)- currently fishermen are saying they either fish legally in front of Koyakuk or illegally in front of their own village.</p> <p>John H. Lamont (public)- one concern is harvesting more Canadian bound king salmon.</p> <p>Sven Paukan (AC alt)- Looking at the dates. I understand the need for subsistence fishers to fish close by...but my concern is with the dates. Carroll read the regulations regarding the dates. Paukan- what are the regulations for 4B and 4C?</p> <p>Christy Gleason (ADFG)- Districts 4,5,6 can't use drift gillnets. For sub fishery you just open it at the start of the season and it runs continuously.</p> <p>Carroll (ADFG)- do you support their ability to drift or not would be</p>

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				<p>the discussion.</p> <p>Alstrom (AC)- concerned about the king conservation. If we do a drift fishery, are they allowed to keep them? Carroll-all gillnets are allowed to keep kings. ADF&G can regulate what type of gear.</p> <p>Scott Riley- if they are allowed to drift...would you let them use dipnets? Carroll -they had to use dipnets...rules would be more similar if this passes.</p> <p>Peter Tyson- the only change would be that these villages could fish where they are rather than going down river?</p> <p>George Beans- if it does pass, then it could create a snowball effect of similar proposals up the river.</p>
231				<p>Repeal the prohibition on subsistence fishing in Yukon River Dist. 1 & 2 during first pulse of king salmon.</p>
	Support	5	0	<p>Carroll provided a summary. This prop. would remove previous language and insert new language. This proposal seeks to take away that mandatory closure and give digression to the manager if they want to open it to the first pulse in districts 1 and 2.</p> <p>Bill Alstrom- we have preseason outlooks every spring. How would dept. determine if there were an excess amount of Chinook?</p> <p>Carroll- would have to go on "faith" and your pre-season projection because you don't actually know. Examples were provided.</p> <p>Gene Sandone- provided proposal background. ADFG has improved preseason index and determining run size. This is a matter of food security for Dist. 1 and 2. First pulse usually has the best drying season. This proposal allows the flexibility of removing this restriction. Discussed escapement into Canada.</p> <p>Carroll- Corrected escapement numbers into Canada. We also have to provide extra fish for them to harvest. We do have a level of uncertainty where we are trying to manage for 10,000 extra fish while still meeting the escapement goal so Canadians can meet their needs.</p> <p>Gene Sandone- US has not been taking its fair share of total allowable catch.</p> <p>Eric Weingarth – Meeting in Whitehorse, concerns that the upper districts have been taking more king salmon than they have historically in their subsistence take. Sales of pressure cooked fish and strips have increased. Dist. 5-6 are taking all Canadian bound king salmon. Dist. 1-2 are most restrictive. Dist. 1-2 have had the biggest sacrifice. Now saying that Canadian bound fish are all throughout the run. We should be harvesting throughout the run.</p>

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				<p>Should be spreading out our harvest. Wrong for Dist. 1-2 to be fishing all at the end.</p> <p>Sandone- would like to see the harvest spread out over the entire run rather than restrict dist. 1 and 2.</p> <p>Bill Alstrom- Disparity between Dist. 1-2 and the upper district. We use to target first run of kings. That was our lively-hood. Last few years we have been sitting on banks watching food resource pass by. The further the fish up river we start seeing Pilot Station sonar counts increasing. It gets a sour taste that we missed out on all of these prime fish that we used to fish on. Then they allow fishing on the top end of the fish we were restricted on. That is not equality. Down here we don't over fish. We get what we need and quit. Subsistence- we catch what we need and quit. We don't waste. Why are we restricted on the lower river and then the restrictions are relaxed further up river?</p> <p>Melvin Paukan- Seems kind of strange that you opened it in Dist. 5 when there was a good enough number at Pilot. Why not protect them all the way?</p> <p>Carroll- provided background. Can either start open and get conservative or start conservative and open. Need midpoint to understand the run. That is why Dist. 1-3 feel really restricted. From a biologist standpoint and that subsistence is a priority...if I know the total number says that we should have probably not had restrictions at all, I'm going to stop restricting.</p> <p>John H. Lamont- this prop. would lift the current regulation. If they left it the same it would affect the next prop. 232.</p> <p>Basil Larson- the restriction on the first pulse, historically the lower river would get a little fish out of each pulse compared to now when the first pulse is restricted and then people fish hard on the other pulses. Need to consider fishing heavily on only a few pulses. Would prefer taking a little out of each pulse.</p> <p>Weingarth- traditionally prior to the year 2000, dist. 1-3 would harvest 75% of king salmon. Now dist. 4-5 harvest take more than 1/2 of the king salmon. Sale of fish has increased in the upper river. Historically the lower Yukon took the majority of the harvest.</p> <p>Carroll (ADFG)- we don't know the size of the pulse until it hits Pilot Station. High level of uncertainty.</p> <p>George Beans (AC alt)- All the species are dealing with climate change. We had a moratorium on king salmon. It is hard to go only one way. We want to fish that first pulse due to the weather and spoilage. But the weather is not like what it used to be. If we can</p>

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				<p>get a little of each pulse and not concentrate on one run. Take a little out of each pulse, you're not over loading the habitat area. We take a little so the rest can do their thing. I think it is a little too early now, this last year was too early.</p> <p>Mathew Waskey (AC)- like an apple tree, each one should be pruned now and then.</p> <p>Bill Alstrom (AC)- difficult subject. Can't predict that first pulse. We are stuck in that zone. When the fish are coming up the river, they hit the sonar then they pass the sonar and then it affects the upper river villages because we know what that sonar is. Below the sonar we are in limbo. Right after the end of May, we are restricted to 4" mesh. It gets confusing with the regulations. Hard to make sure everyone gets their subsistence needs done. We are just one of many committees.</p> <p>Sandone (Kwikpak)- It gives the department the flexibility to manage the run as it comes in.</p> <p>Peter Tyson (AC)- this would be an advantage to subsistence fishers and help the department in regulating the run.</p> <p>Scott Riley 9public0- Thinks proposal is good. Last year there was an abundance. This might give us the opportunity to take some of them.</p> <p>Weingarth (public)- beneficial to all districts. Would give people opportunity to practice traditional harvest that they did prior to all the restrictions. He supports this; it would give flexibility to the manager and allow to start drying fish earlier.</p> <p>Tyson made motion, 2nd Waskey</p>
232				<p>Allow sale of Yukon River king salmon caught incidentally during open commercial fishing periods for other salmon species.</p>
	Support (See comment)	5	0	<p>Carroll (ADF&G) summarized current regulation. It is asking the Board to clarify the language around the sale of Chinook salmon that are caught incidentally in chum commercial fisheries.</p> <p>Eric Weingarth (public)- have a hard time on this proposal. What is the surplus number where we can actually start fishing? Double standard- we allow sale of processed subsistence caught fish. They are making more money than in the commercial fishery. I need to hear from ADFG- If there is a surplus we should be able to harvest commercial as long as subsistence needs are met. How do we address that?</p> <p>Carroll (ADF&G)- Eric brings up a good point that there is sometimes an unregulated trade of subsistence strips. Unfortunately, we don't</p>

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				<p>have a good way to regulate the sale of processed subsistence fish. We can better regulate commercial. We had not sold incidentally caught kings since 2008.</p> <p>Sandone (Kwik'pak)- address Eric's comments...seems to me that if what Eric is saying is true, it has taken away your [lower Yukon] directed sale of king salmon and shifted it up river. Looking at the states proposal wording...suggest changing the last "and" to "or." He explained Kwik'pak's view on the proposal.</p> <p>Bill Alstrom (AC)- last summer was pretty controversial when ADFG allowed the sale of kings during the chum fishery. What puzzles me is that we lost our Chinook commercial fishery. Some fishers upriver said they don't need a commercial permit because they make money from the byproducts of subsistence caught fish. Is that why we are having the downfall of chinook salmon? Why am I struggling commercial fishing legally when people are taking advantage of the subsistence fishery? Hopefully this proposal will at least have some sort of value for the lower Yukon fishers who haven't been able to sell their kings for a number of years. We used to be a top commercial fishery on the Yukon. He supports the proposal.</p> <p>Waskey (AC)- Shared a story about a friend from upriver who talked about the amount of subsistence fish he harvested.</p> <p>George Beans (AC alt.)- supports this proposal only if the subsistence part of it is honored first. Against it unless subsistence is taken care of first. We are just seeing a comeback on kings, this year was the first time we have seen that big of a number. Maybe too early to hit them that early. Maybe in a few years if they are still coming in stronger that may be an indicator.</p> <p>Peter Tyson (AC)- maybe too early to have any commercial on kings even incidentally caught. But if we want to be selling the incidentally caught, then we should use unrestricted mesh size. Once they find out they can sell incidentally caught kings, they will target them even with 6" mesh with how they hang it. If they are going to be doing that then would suggest it should be unrestricted.</p> <p>Alstrom (AC)- Does this proposal take affect during the first part of the chum fishery? When dept. switches from dipnet to gillnet gear? Carroll (ADFG)- entirely at management digression. Whenever the dept. is confident that all the other requirements have been met.</p> <p>Melvin (public)- this proposal is for the entire Yukon? Carroll-yes.</p>

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				<p>Melvin- I don't know how far up the market goes. The subsistence is like a commercial for people upriver who don't have a market. I am for the commercial opening for the incidentally caught kings.</p> <p>Weingrath (public)- If we had a number (225, 230, example) where we were meeting subsistence needs that would help. Subsistence needs have all of a sudden increased in middle and upper river. If I were in the upper river I can say I'm not meeting my subsistence needs. What is the surplus number where we are able to commercial fish? He thinks this may not ever open up if people can constantly say they haven't met subsistence needs. King gear is used in the upper river, they are all focused on king salmon. Why aren't they using 6" gear? Agree that it is still early and we have been conserving. King salmon will never be a money making thing...just enough for people to get gas. As a permit holder we want to do it legally. Amazes in all these years of conservation there is no number that says we are out of conservation mode.</p> <p><i>Discussion on whether to take it up in a motion or take no action.</i></p> <p>Sandone- this proposal asks for direction from the board.</p> <p>Waskey (AC)- support the proposal but there are high subsistence numbers up river where we can only get so much. If numbers were evened out somehow or monitor the upriver subsistence.</p> <p>The AC directs the board to have a discussion on this issue for more clarification. See comments.</p> <p>Waskey made motion, Guidry 2nd.</p>
233				Clarify the Dist. 1 boundary and allow set gillnets to be operated up to three nautical miles seaward from any grassland bank in Dist. 1 after July 15.
	support	4	0	<p>Carroll- summarized proposal. Asking the board to clarify the language.</p> <p>Weingarth stated he was in support of this proposal.</p> <p>Sandone- The proposal addresses the set net area in the fall season only.</p> <p>Tyson- asked for clarification on regulation in the summer.</p> <p>Waskey- question about Black River and passed Apoon pass. Has nothing to do with Yukon river but it is still called part of the Yukon River. Why is it called Yukon River? Carroll- the Yukon drains into that area. The dept. tries to define areas for management.</p> <p>Mathew- from Nunam Iqua to Black river in my mind it would be an intercept fisheries for Norton Sound and Kotzebue.</p> <p>Gene- Kwikpak wanted to change from drainage to area to make that clarification.</p>

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				Tyson made motion, Waskey 2nd.
237				Repeal the District 6 commercial salmon fishing season fixed closure date and replace with a closure date established by emergency order.
	Support	4	0	<p>Carroll- Summarized proposal.</p> <p>Weingarth (public)- personal opinion, has a problem when over the years Dist. 6 fishers put proposals against the lower Yukon to expand any commercial fishery. Opposed to making an exception to expand a commercial fishery. Reallocation of the resources.</p> <p>Melvin (public)- after everything was shut down, is this saying that there will be a harvest for dog food after? Carroll- explained the fishery. For fall chum we never harvest all the surplus. ADFG can always close it if it becomes a conservation concern.</p> <p>Waskey- fishery only for dog food? Carroll-yes. Waskey- What if people from other areas want fish for dog food? Carroll- shipping cost would be too expensive for people in other areas to buy them.</p> <p>Waskey made motion, Guidry 2nd</p>

FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (List Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
<u>WP18-29</u>	Lengthen moose season by one month in Unit 18 Remainder		
Support	4	0	
<u>WP18-30</u>	Shorten season and decrease harvest limit and possession limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18.		
SA	4	0	Patrick Jones (ADFG)- stated amendments made by other ACs to keep the current season but reduce bag limit.




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			Amend: keep current season but reduce bag limit
WP18-31	Shorten caribou season in portions of Unit 18 by 15 days.		
Support	4	0	Jones provided an overview. Aug. 1-Feb. 28. Sven Paukan- Would it affect the north hunt? Jones- only affect Mulchatna herd.
WP18-51	Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.		
Support	4	0	Jones-provided a summary. Aligning state and federal to be the same. State supports this proposal. Waskey- what species? Patrick- both black and brown bears.

Minutes Recorded By: 

Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 02-23-18



Minto Nenana Fish and Game Advisory Committee
February 9, 2018
Nenana Tribal Council Office, Nenana

- I. Call to Order: 11:24 am by Tim McManus, Nenana Co-Chair

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Knowland Silas (undesignated) Peter John, Flow Florance, Phillip Titus (Minto) Victor Lord, Tim McManus, Mike Carson, Conrad McManus (Nenana)

Members Absent: Candus Titus, Eric Bauchmann, Charlie Titus Jr (Minto), Steven Ketzler, Ray Stevens (Nenana)
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: January 24, 2017 approved

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Klaus Wuttig & Laura Gutierrez (DSF); Mark Nelson (DWC); Holly Carroll* & Christy Gleason*(DCF), Nissa Pilcher (BDS)
* via teleconference

- VI. Guests Present: Marv & Becky Hassebroek

- VII. Old Business: None

- VIII. New Business:

Nenana Elections

Donald Charlie was elected to fill Ray Stevens seat as he appears to no longer be interested in sitting as he hasn't made the last several meetings. Conrad McManus was voted to be the alternate for Nenana.

Proposal to be submitted for AYK BOF

Marv Hassebroek had concerns with the changes in the Winter Subsistence Chatanika Pike Fishery. He originally drafted and submitted a proposal to the BOF with his concerns at the last AYK BOF meeting. This committee supported the proposal. The board chose to pass his proposal with an amendment that there was a three-mile closure around the road. Then the Fairbanks AC submitted an ACR this year to undo this three-mile closure and institute a one-mile closure. After talking to the Division of Sports Fish, he does not think that this closure is sufficient to protect the pike that are overwintering in such a small area and he has concerns that the larger pike, which happen to be the spawning females, are being targeted. The committee did not have the funds to meet prior to the Fairbanks ACR turned proposal



being taken up and wanted to then draft a proposal to submit to the BOF for the AYK BOF meeting to help protect the wintering pike.

After thanking Marv for being concerned and attending the meeting, the committee voted unanimously to draft and submit a proposal requesting protection for overwintering pike. It was noted that people from Minto no longer go to fish at that location, called Four Cabins due to the cost of fuel to get there and that it is too heavily utilized, but they do depend on the fish in the summer that overwinter there for their subsistence needs.

Commercial Fishing Update

Christy Gleason gave an update on the 2018 winter pike fishery to date and also mentioned to members that to fish through the ice that everyone needs a permit. Even the schools, and they can get an Educational/Cultural permit.

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	<small>[support/oppose/ support as amended/no action]</small>	<small>[# votes]</small>	<small>[# votes]</small>	<small>[comments]</small>
230				Allow the use of drft gillnets to harvest salmon for subsistence purposes in th Yukon River Subdistricts 4_B and 4-C.
	Support	8	0	Members noted overcrowding at current fishing spot, cost of gas, travel time and stay awake time, and that many fishermen using that one area are pretty much putting a curtain across the river. Concerned about management, wanted to ensure that the department watch the numbers. Members noted the would like to see some sort of reporting or oversight from the department (department noted that have very good harvest data out of that area). It was noted that it was good that they are helping themselves by reporting. We didn't like reporting everything at first but now we are finding that it is helping us out.
231				Repeal the prohibition on subsistence fishing in Yukon River Districts 1 and 2 during the first pulse of king salmon.
	Support	8	0	We heard the time that the first pulse hits the lower river is the best weather for dry fish and we want people to be able to be able to put their <i>subsistence</i> fish away that they want to, especially since Kings are touchy to dry. We want to keep the words "commercial" far away from this equation. Department noted that they do allow dip nets for commercial chum fishing. Committee wants to stress that the department does their job and manage correctly and make sure that everyone is only taking what they need.



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232				Allow sale of Yukon River king salmon caught incidentally during open commercial fishing periods for other salmon species.
	Support	8	0	<p>Committee noted that this would happen at the end of the third pulse, after escapement goals and subsistence needs have been met, so we support as long as all of those things have happened. Last year the chum commercial opening was after we had gotten all of the fish we wanted for our subsistence needs.</p> <p>We would like to note that we have fishwheels up here in the Tanana and part of our regulations is that they have to be manned to throw the kings back in in times of shortage. We do not mind doing this because we want our grandkids to fish. We ask that those participating in these fisheries remember that.</p> <p>Even though talking of commercial fishing and kings is scary we understand that everyone could use a few extra dollars for fuel and that it is not super easy to target kings with so many chums in the water.</p>
237				Repeal the District 6 commercial salmon fishing season fixed closure date and replace with a closure date established by emergency order
	Support	8	0	Based on the departments comments we fully support this proposal.

Alaska Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting			
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158	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
Support	8	0	Tim commented on concern with range if the population gets too high. Mike had comment on nonbreeders (maybe ask Mark?). AC asked about when and how the pop estimate was established and how many animals were taken. A lot of hunters out here and boats all over. Hard to get to get to our hunting grounds



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			and that late season is a good time to hunt for my barren cow without all the crowds. Unanimous support
159	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
Support	8	0	Permit number that were issued were asked.

Mark Nelson, ADF&G, presented data on the bull:cow ratio in GMU 20B and expressed the concerns of the department with the current trend. The committee asked what sort of solution the department was looking at. After hearing the reasoning, the committee fully supported the departments interest in reverting the bull season back to a 15 day season, and the members would like to see the closure on the last five days of the season.

Adjournment:

1:39

Minutes Recorded By: Conrad McManus with assistance from Nissa Pilcher

Minutes Approved By: Tim McManus

Date: 2/14/2018



**Naknek/Kvichak Advisory Committee
Wednesday, February 7, 2018
Bristol Bay Borough Council Chambers**

Call to Order: 7:07 PM by William Reagan

Roll Call:

Members Present: William Reagan, George Wilson Jr, Richard Wilson, Everett Thompson, Marc Watson, Graham Morrison, John Wise, Joey Klutsch, Joe Klutsch, Patricia Edel, Gustie Tallekpalik and Ralph Zimin

Quorum Established.

List of User Groups Present: Commercial fishing, sports fishing, Subsistence, hunters.

Approval of Agenda: Everett moved to approve the agenda, Richard Second. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Everett moved to approve minutes of Nak/Kvi AC meeting minutes for 10/16/17, Richard Second. Passed unanimously.

Fish and Game Staff Present: Travis Lons, AWT, Scott Lanter AWT, Dave Crowley ADFG, Taryn Oconner-Brito, Travis Elison Nak/Kvi fish biologist, Jason Dye ADFG

Guests Present: Nancy Morris Lyon's, Gary Cline BBEDC, Jason Lazore, James Young

Election of Officers: John Wise made a motion to continue the current board setup with officers, Marc Watson 2nd. Passed Unanimously.

William Reagan, Co Chair, Everett Thompson Co Chair, George Wilson Jr. Secretary

Comments and Concerns:

- AC Members; Everett Thompson asked about possibility of having a sub committee to draft any proposals before April 10th Deadline, Taryn stated that for any meeting to take place that it needs to be posted 7-10 days prior. Richard Wilson didn't like the idea of just a committee meeting without the direction of the whole committee.
 - Public; Discussion was held with community members about sports fish guides and why the requirements have changed for guide licenses to be given without proof of insurance or coast guard requirements.
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VIII. ADF&G Staff Updates: Jason Dye said sports fish data update on 2017 commercial fish will not be ready for some time. Jason tried to get fish stock information to the AC but had difficulties with internet service. He will forward what he has to Taryn when back at office.

Travis Elison had nothing at present time to discuss.

Dave Crowley ADFG Game gave a short update on the upcoming BOG meeting in Dillingham. The Bear population in unit 9 is of concern to the department and there are several proposals to address the issue. The NAP caribou population is doing very well and the herd is trickling North toward Naknek River. Harvest from this fall was a little low but Dave Crowley feels with winter being here more successful hunts will occur. The department is looking at lengthening the season a month in unit 9E

AC Questions; Joe Klutch was concerned with unit 9E and asked about shortening the season for Bear. He feels the fall hunt is the time most of the females are taken and he would recommend shortening the season.

New Business: I. AC comments on Board of Fisheries 2017-2018 Proposals,

Everett Thompson moved to adopt proposal 236 Richard 2nd. The general concern by most board members was taking of Togiak herring stock in Dutch Harbor. Committee felt that the same canneries could pay local fisherman here for Togiak herring instead of around Dutch Harbor. We all felt rolling half of gillnet quota to seine is wrong. We didn't have any issue of moving the start date for them to fish for herring in Dutch harbor to reflect the weather patterns and access to the fisheries earlier.

Call for the vote opposed 1-11.

II. AC Proposals for Board of Fisheries 2018-2019 Board Cycle. Joe Klutch wanted to finish his draft proposals before he brought the floor for discussion.

III. The board approve George Wilson Jr drafting up the meeting minutes of 2-7-18 and having Everett Thompson reviewing them and approve them to be sent off to department and other board members.

IV. Everett Thompson wanted to have working groups to discuss board of fish proposals such as Doul permit ownership in the gillnet fishery among other proposals we might want to look at and or jump on board with as a committee

VIII. Date of next meeting: April 4th will be our next meeting to see any AC proposal we want to submit before the April 10th deadline call of proposals.



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236				Increase the Dutch Harbor food and bait fishery allocation, eliminate the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery allocations between gear types, and open the Dutch Harbor food and bait fishery on earlier, as follows.
	Oppose	1	11	The general concern by most board members was taking of Togiak herring stock in Dutch Harbor. Committee felt that the same canneries could pay local fisherman here for Togiak herring instead of around Dutch Harbor. We all felt rolling half of gillnet quota to seine is wrong. We didn't have any issue of moving the start date for them to fish for herring in Dutch harbor to reflect the weather patterns and access to the fisheries earlier.

Adjournment: 8:15 PM

Minutes Recorded By: George Wilson Jr.
Minutes Approved By: Everett Thompson
Date: 2/21/2018





Nushagak AC
February 13, 2018
Dillingham City Council Chambers

I. **Call to Order: 9:02 AM** by chair Frank Woods.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Frank Woods III Chair Dillingham

Joe Chythlook Vice Chair Dillingham

Dan Dunaway Secretary Dillingham undesignated

Travis Ball Aleknagik

Tom O'Connor Dillingham

Curt Armstrong Dillingham

Mariano Floresta Clarks Pt.

Susie Brito Dillingham

Gayla Hoseth Dillingham undesignated

Todd Fritze Dillingham alternate

Walter Kanulie Alt Togiak 11:12 arrived

Chris Carr Portage Creek by phone

Richard King Ekwok by phone

Members Absent:

Glen Wysoki - Koliganek excused

Diana Gamechuk Manokotak excused

Peter Christopher New Stuyahok

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

11 present Quorum established at start of meeting.

Walter Kanulie arrived from Togiak 11:12

List of User Groups Present:

Subsistence fishing and hunting.

Commercial Fishing drift and set

Trapping

Guiding

III. **Approval of Agenda:**

Joe moved Susie 2nd to adopt. Approved unanimous.

IV. **State of Alaska Staff Present:**

Tim Sands Commercial Fish

Jason Dye Sport Fish

Lee Borden Sport Fish

Jason Dye, Lee Borden Sport Fish

Neil Barten Wildlife

Taryn Brito Board Support



Joe Wittkop State Troopers Wildlife

V. Federal Agency Staff

Susanna Henry Togiak Superintendent

Patrick Walsh Togiak Refuge Lead biologist

Andy Aderman Togiak Refuge Wildlife biologist

VI. Guests Present:

Rick Wysoki

Eddy Heyano

Robert Heyano

Robin Samuelson

Gary Cline BBEDC

Cody Larson BBNA

Chris Maines BBNA

VII. Agency Updates:

ADFG WILDLIFE CONSERVATION: Neil Barten

Predator control - Important issue for BOG to know progress or situation. Control area enlarged but poor weather has limited effectiveness. About 8 wolves have been taken to date, 8 aerial gunners and 17 pilots signed up. Mulchatna caribou calf survival is poor. The goal is to remove enough wolves to improve survival. Neil thinks a lot more wolves could be removed. ADFG may consider helicopter gunning.

Moose - 17A moose season still under way and extended to Feb 20. So far 12 cows and 6 bulls reported. Some bulls are antlerless at this point. Most hunters have used skiffs.

Caribou- Hunt 501 north of Igushik River 4 bulls taken. Mulchatna caribou 116 reported so far; 85 bull, 31 cows. Animals are scattered some along east side of Nushagak from Koliganek south.

Research, Wolves 17B&C plan to collar 25, collared 17 last year to get a density estimate, 3 have been killed. Caribou: Nushagak Peninsula plan to collar 7 10 month olds. Other locations plan to collar 20 short yearlings, 10 over near Kwethluk. USFWS has bought 10 tags. Caribou Calf work: May will put out 40-50 on new calves among 2 areas to check survival. Caribou surveys weather permitting 17 B a survey is required; will do Mulchatna drainage. Moose: plan 7 to 10 collars on cows of Nushagak Peninsula. 17B hoping to put out more collars, 31 are collared and alive, 7 short yearlings alive. Plan to check pregnancy rates, animals are looking good, hope to get age specific information to have even better herd profile. Moose surveys May 10-June 5 parturition survey on 34-35 cows plus 7 short yearlings for calving information.

Neil: 1 good year of effective wolf control can make a big difference to a herd and to calf survival.

COMMENTS to Wildlife:



AC member asked that ADFG not collar animals until all hunting seasons are closed to avoid drugs in the meat. Neil assured meeting that all agencies are highly aware of this concern.

Audience member asked AC to report to the Board opposing ADFG funded/operated predator control - he prefers to see all harvest done by locals or public. Control activities should be a public opportunity not an agency activity. ADFG money should not be spent this way but should be spent on research.

AC member regarding 17C winter moose shut down would prefer to shut down fall hunt, very concerned if this goes to Tier 2 hunt but opposed to shutting down winter hunt when that is more a local and subsistence hunt. Neil said about 15% of the fall hunt was nonlocal; we have a lack of data problem. This winter 21 moose were taken. Neil discussed a zone hunt concept due to distribution of moose, some places sparse and some places pretty concentrated. He hopes these studies will provide much better population information.

Another AC member said he is not eager to lose fall hunt, that's when he and his partners get most of their moose. The meat is better and doesn't beat up his snogo and he just doesn't like winter hunt as much.

There was a discussion of the Choggiung land program, and man use days seems the same as 20 years ago but last year they issued 1400 use permits.

AC member would like more discussion on managing moose in areas smaller than GMU subunits but at a later date, no time to get into details here.

AC member - " the current fall hunt regulations took a lot of work to get to what we have. But regulations may not reflect actual hunting pressure - but don't want to see a big rift among locals. Looking forward to new and better data from these studies". "We need to be consistent and unified before the BOG."

AC member: would zones only be for winter hunting? Neil yes.

Upriver AC Member: there is too much hunting pressure in fall and with these winters we can't get out much. But we can't sustain this fall pressure compared to 25 years ago.

END of Barten's presentation

Short Break in Discussion.

Dan spoke up to ask the AC to acknowledge the passing of Togiak elder, leader and refuge staff, Peter Abraham 75 yrs old. Several members spoke to Abraham's presence and leadership. The AC offers their condolences to the Abraham family.

USFWS Togiak Refuge

Biologist Aderman: reviewed Nushagak Peninsula Caribou, same day airborne dates, Jan 1 to March 31. So far 18 animals taken in Federal Hunt. Since there was a personnel change at



Curyung Tribal office, any remaining permits will be issued only at the Togiak Refuge office in Dillingham.

Aderman noted that last year the caribou planning committee had set a harvest goal of 300 caribou for the Nushagak Peninsula federal hunt. "The goal was too high and should be 218. He announced that USFWS was in the process of issuing a notice officially changing (reducing) the harvest goal for the season. If harvest approaches 200 we may take action. Aderman reiterated harvest reporting requirements. Total caribou harvest for season: 22 since opening in August, 4 in the Nushagak/Mulchatna portion of the hunt and 18 in the Federal Hunt area. Statewide harvest limits and what may be harvested on the Nushagak Peninsula was reviewed. Federal "Designated Hunter" and State Proxy hunts were reviewed.

Chris Maines now of BBNA complimented Andy Aderman for working very well with Tribal agents to keep everybody clear and informed.

AC member suggested adding time to the meeting to discuss BOG strategy, testimony, and the BBNA sponsored class.

Gayla Hoseth, BBNA Natural Resources director invited all interested people to attend the BOG Training class to be held at the local UAF BBC campus. Also mentioned other planning and work done to be ready for the BOG Feb 16-23.

More discussion among AC members regarding consistency in testimony. We need to maintain a professional informed group.

BOARD SUPPORT: Taryn explained Open Meeting Act regarding taking any action or decisions beyond this meeting. Need to have reasonable public notice. Also she announced that ADFG Board will offer a training session Friday on how to be effective at Board meetings.

Audience member reminded all present that the AC is bound by the meeting minutes.

BREAK 10:20 TO 10:30

As meeting resumed Chair asked for public comments. None offered. He reminded all that On Time Comments are due February 23.

VIII. New Business:

1) Current Fisheries Proposals. The AC took up Board Proposal 236 as the comment period ends February 23.
236 was introduced by Tim Sands.

11:12 Togiak representative Walter Kanulie arrived to participate in the meeting.



Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Regulations Meeting

March 6-9, 2018 Anchorage

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
236	Bering Sea Herring Fishery Management Plan/ Fishing Seasons and periods. Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Herring Fishery Allocation Plan, Bristol Bay Herring Management Plan: Change season opening date and harvest allocation.		
Oppose	0	12	<p>Susie moved to adopt Dan 2nd.</p> <p>The AC conducted a very long discussion on this proposal. Most of the AC discussion centered on the process that created the proposal and whether proper process and criteria were followed by the Board. The AC elected to compose a letter to the Board, Commissioner, and the Director of the Board of Fisheries regarding process and criteria and to focus on the actual elements of the proposal in its comments here.</p> <p>Can't ADFG change the opening date by EO for a concern in the short term and then take up in the normal cycle? Sands tried to recall Dept. process but said ADFG prefers not to.</p> <p>Public member said 80% of Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Herring are from Western Alaskan stocks and the BOF does not seem to have addressed this in the proposal.</p> <p>Other fisheries and fleets also harvest these stocks, usually in the spring.</p> <p>The Togiak stock likely the largest stock contributing to the Dutch Harbor fishery.</p> <p>Adding harvest to the Dutch Harbor fishery takes away harvest from other fisheries particularly the Togiak Fishery. No data was immediately available to discuss impacts to the stocks or other fisheries. The Nushagak AC requests this information to be available and fully discussed before this proposal is deliberated.</p> <p>One of the BBNA staff present asked about the potential of subsistence impacts from the proposal. No data was available at the meeting.</p> <p>In general AC wasn't opposed to the date change that the Dutch Harbor fishermen are seeking. The AC acknowledges the starting date of this fishery is "their (DHF&B fleet) business."</p>



VIII New Business Continued

AC Response to Board Process regarding proposal 236:

Chairman Frank said he would like to see the AC write a letter that such out of cycle proposals interferes with the normal proposal cycle or ACR proposal processes.

Other AC members stated it was wrong for the Board Chair to apparently circumvent their own process. Speaker said to emphasize "Circumvent".

A board proposal like this shouldn't override the public process. This issue should come up in the normal cycle where other fleets could be expecting and aware of the proposal.

Another comment, this is not a proper Board Proposal. "Thousands of hours have been spent developing the Togiak Herring fishery and for the Board chair to convert a late letter into a BOF generated proposal is out of line."

Numerous AC members expressed concern for process by which this proposal was generated: this does not appear to be a proper ACR, numerous objections for it coming out of cycle, especially as it is an allocative proposal. Opposed on process alone. Appears it was not properly submitted to ACR process. BOF did not go through due diligence process to create a Board proposal.

Dunaway strongly opposed on lack of proper process 1) apparent failure to observe board's own criteria; 2) its allocative and out of cycle; 3) does not address who is helped or hurt like normal proposals and may only favor a very few fishermen.

AC member read out loud, Joint Board's policy on Board Generated Proposals. In her opinion NONE of the Boards' own criteria were met by the original letter to the BOF.

Another AC member noted that the letter writers made some effort by attending the Work shop and the board may have felt that effort deserved attention.

Several commenters asserted the original letter did not amount to a proper ACR and missed the deadline to become an ACR.

Board and letter did not address potential impacts to the Togiak Herring Plan or fishery.

***** Dan moved and Joe 2nd for the AC to write a letter to the Board of Fish** objecting to the apparent circumventing of the Board's own process for creating ACR, disregarding impacts to other fisheries and other Board policies and practices. Letter to be delivered to the Board of Fisheries by February 23 to be included in the On Time Comments.

"Include in the letter all the points that have come up in the AC discussion so far." "Go right down the Board Criteria" but realize that most of the BOF voted in approval. Possibly they overlooked or didn't realize the potential impacts / allocative aspects to other fisheries. A committee of Susie Brito, Dan and Frank were selected to write the letter. Input welcomed from local herring fishermen and local former Board of Fish Members.



Motion should include sending copies to the Commissioner and Fisheries Board Director in addition to the Board of Fish.

Motion Carried 12-0 to include copies to Commissioner and Director.

2) Board of Fisheries 2018-2019 Call For Proposals. April, 10, 2018 submission deadline.

Board of Fisheries will meet in Dillingham November 28-December 4, 2018 to consider Bristol Bay fin fish fisheries.

Board will meet in Anchorage at the Sheraton to deal with Alaska Peninsula (Feb 20-27 2019) and Statewide (March 8-11 2019) proposals.

Chair invited everyone to bring forth ideas for proposals.

1) Some fishermen want clarity how the Department allocates salmon among commercial gear groups in the Wood River Special Harvest Area after the July 17 emergency order period ends. ADFG explained how they have been doing it following the Wood R. Management Plan. Some fishers disagree with ADFG interpretation and think allocation should end with the EO period. All allocation in Bristol Bay is supposed to go away July 17 and all gear should be allowed in the Wood River when it is opened for surplus fish.

Sands 2 reasons to go and the 3 drift openers to each 1 set opener was for 1) an orderly fishery in river when there are enough fish in Wood River but Nushagak River reds need protection. 2) To harvest surplus fish in times of abundance and the guidelines are to first allow opportunity to the gear group that is behind in allocation. Nothing is said about the July 17 period ending this. In 2014 the situation favored drifters and in 2017 the set nets.

Lack of market in Wood River is a problem - it might not be fished if there is no place close to sell the fish.. Its been more likely that set nets are willing to go into the Wood R.

It shouldn't be up to interpretation on how the allocation and Wood River runs after July 17. Need to clarify what happens July 17.

Discussion postponed for later in the meeting.

2) There was a discussion of the regulations and enforcement regarding the extent to which a set net permit holder must be physically present on the site and or net. It appears that commonly fish are being picked and even delivered yet the permit holder is not on site. Consistency in interpretation and enforcement is desired. Current regulations were reviewed: Drifters much be present on the boat. It appears Set permit holder is to be on site but not necessarily at the net: 5AAC 39.107(d). These regulations may be getting stretched by set nets and even buyers.

There may have been abuses and it should be tightened up.
Some set fisheries support sites may be miles from the location of the net site.
Comment: "My cabin is 6 miles from my nets, be careful with this issue."



Current regulation is vague.

There have been cases where the permit holder was the only person able to take a sick crewmember to the hospital in Dillingham and left the site while the nets were fishing and fishing was open. Others go get supplies while fishing open.

Comments that permit holder should be physically present while the net is being worked but maybe not needed when the net is legally fishing.

Each site and operation is different, the nets are anchored so very different from drifting boats and nets. Vagueness allows the flexibility needed for these unique sites.

For multiple site holders, requiring permittee to be present on a net would be very complicated.

Some permit holders and fish buyers allowing crew to deliver fish and permit holder not at point of sale.

12:05 to 13:07 Lunch Break

ENFORCEMENT

Chair invited Fish and Wildlife Trooper to discuss his work.

Joe Wittkop said there were substantial violations in excess offshore distance for set nets in Togiak and it appeared there were a lot of fishers misunderstanding the regulations.

Regulations appear widely misunderstood or ignored and public education may be a way to address this problem. He expects to review the regulations with users to help compliance.

There are 3 areas where set nets can only fish out 500 feet while the rest of the district the limit is 1,000 feet.

Togiak AC rep said he thinks many don't understand the regulation.

Trooper was encouraged to work with the Togiak AC to improve understanding.

SPORT FISH

Lee Borden assistant Sport Fish Biologist discussed their guide log book and statewide harvest survey data for 2017 has not been analyzed yet - due out in June.

There is no King Salmon forecast.

COMMERCIAL FISH CONTINUED

Tim Sands was asked to outline the State's Bristol Bay Sockeye salmon forecast for 2018.

Forecast is very large at 37.6 million. Nushagak forecast is 21.79 million total run with 18.5 harvest predicted. 2017 total run was over 20 million raises questions how 2018 will pan out.

Togiak Herring is forecast of 136 tons.

There is public interest and desire expressed for a directed commercial King Salmon opening in the Nushagak.

Sands, since there is no forecast (since 2014) management is done based on escapement data in-season and the Nushagak King Salmon Plan is still functional. Tim explained ADFG is not comfortable using the sonar data for scientific forecasts but its still sufficient as an index for management.



WOOD RIVER SPECIAL HARVEST AREA DISCUSSION resumed.

After much discussion in all aspects:

Could be a mess to throw both gear types in Wood River at one time what about alternating gear types after 17th ?

A proposal to change any part of the Wood River plan opens entire plan to changes - several other items could be addressed.

Question whether the 2017 situation was a one time thing. Need to get more input from others to justify AC spending more time on this.

Originator of the discussion just want to define or clarify the allocation situation and may submit a proposal seeking to clarify this issue.

Another AC member thinks this needs attention and its the job of the AC, and it would be better for the AC to create a proposal rather than trying to insert AC concerns into some unknown proposal that may come along.

What about opening Wood River "old School Style" if there is a surplus and after the allocation period? No allocation. Usually fishing drops off pretty fast and so would effort, reducing safety concerns while providing a little more harvest opportunity for a few.

Extended discussion on this and meddling in allocation made some uncomfortable, looking for clarity and consistency. Safety issues, original intent of fishery. Wood River special area originated to protect Nushagak Coho.

***** Tom Moved Susie 2nd:** The AC will write a proposal to end gear allocation considerations in the WRSWA July 17; if escapement is exceeding goal the WRSWA will open to all gear types at the same time.

Discussion. Some prefer to let public bring proposals forward.

Need to address gear use and operation.

We seem to be addressing a concern of one individual, it doesn't appear to be a widespread issue.

Motion Failed: Yes 2 Oppose 9 * see motion to reconsider further in these minutes.*****

More discussion on purpose of meeting and when / what issues should AC write a proposal vs leaving the public to initiate them.

The Nushagak King Salmon Plan was brought up. One person wanted to change the word "projected" to "documented" so all users understand there is a clear target; wants the plan totally clear and unambiguous. What does "projected mean".

ADFG would still have to "interpret" and use their judgment.

We have good attendance its good to discuss this here.

More discussion how Com Fish uses Pan with available data, interpretation of the lanuage.

What is the problem here? Are we afraid of what might happen?

Maybe there is a concern how a different manager would interpret the plan.



***** Susie Move and Joe / Gayla 2nd:** to amend the Nushagak King Salmon Management Plan wording as referenced by Robert Heyano from "projected" to some word more definitive such as "documented".

More discussion on role of AC and whether it needs to write such a proposal.
Others did not want to open the Plan.

Motion Failed Yes 1 Opposed 9

Break 2:58 - 3:06.

Susie brought up her experiences of needed to contact subsistence salmon fishers in Dillingham area where their nets needed attention. She would like to see phone numbers required on signs of unattended nets.

***** Susie Moved Gayla 2nd** to: Add to subsistence site marking requirements, the permittee's phone number.

Every year she finds nets that need some sort of attention, floating away in an extra high tide and catching fish, tangled nets or other problems. It would be nice to contact owner vs calling enforcement or making a big deal.

Privacy concerns were quickly raised. Many people have unknown phone numbers and are NOT eager to display them to the public. Could also precipitate controversies. And not everybody has a phone.

Motion Failed Yes 0 Opposed 10

Cody Larson BBNA asked the AC to consider a proposal to eliminate the 3 day per week subsistence salmon closures in the vicinity of Dillingham.

There is no conservation issue, there are many other controls including 10 fathom requirement, permit required, site sign with permit required.

ADFG says the 3 day per week rules are their most commonly asked question and its very confusing to much of the public. Its very burdensome on the department in a very busy time of year.

Troopers agree, there is lots of confusion. when there is little conservation concern and no harvest limits. It may help avoid waste since there is no mandatory net checks,.

Comments that the regulation amounts to a mandatory net check.

Another AC member said it can be very hard to get good fishing conditions on those particular days, especially if you have an 8-5 job. Very frustrating especially if you fish up toward Lewis Point or across the river. "I would love to get rid of that rule."

Most people know how to handle and manage their gear.



A public comment: It [conservation / waste] is a problem and will be a problem. There is plenty of opportunity with current regulations and plenty of fish.

Curt departed meeting approximately 2:50 Still have a quorum.

***** Gayla Moved Dan 2nd:** To write a proposal to eliminate the 3 day per week subsistence salmon closures in the Dillingham area [??? 5AAC 01.310 (d) ?? needs verification].

Gayla spoke to reasons already discussed.

Dan supported for Todd's concerns and as competition for sites increases, more open days may reduce crowding. He does have concerns as there are always a few sloppy fishers who may waste fish and not attend their nets carefully.

AC member, the whole closure problem is mostly on Dillingham beaches and does not favor this idea.

What if WRSMA is open commercially then the area available to subsistence close to Dillingham is greatly reduced forcing people to head toward Lewis Point.

There is no leeway for ADFG to adjust the WRSMA. This is an obstruction for the priority use. Subsistence is the priority and should be minimally restricted.

This meeting was to bring up ideas for proposals not necessarily to write proposals.

Cody was hoping for AC support on this, BBNA will be submitting such a proposal. More discussion on writing proposals.

Motion Carried 5 yes 4 opposed

Committee appointed to write the proposal: Dan Gayla Todd.

Susie departs meeting 3:42 quorum still present at 9 members.

***** Gayla moved Dan 2nd to:** write an AC proposal to allow drift net salmon subsistence fishing in the Dillingham area.

This went before the BOF in 2009 and was rejected.

The problem was in 2009 it was for the whole drainage not just close to Dillingham and Nushagak River lodges were very opposed.

Potential for excess harvest and its ok to have some reasonable restrictions on subsistence. We have plenty of opportunity already, plenty of fish.

Some felt it would be a safety issue and interested in allowing safer fishing.

What's works drifting and attending net or leaving it out overnight and getting overloaded with fish?

Subsistence drifting at night could be really dangerous especially near peak of commercial fishery and all the boat traffic.

Curt rejoined meeting 4:00

Some drifting goes on already though its illegal, especially from Tule or Lewis Point on up to Black Point.



People just do it to get their smoke houses filled efficiently and don't take more than they need and then they are free to pursue commercial season.
If adopted it should be only in the subsistence area close to Dillingham from Lewis Point down to a short way below Dillingham.

Motion Carried Yes 7 Oppose 3

Writing committee Dan Todd Gayla with assistance from Cody.

Motion Gayla moved Joe 2nd to: reconsider the Wood River allocation issue previously discussed in this meeting.

Joe, part of the process of the AC is to bring things to the Board, especially allocative concerns. I suggest the AC should write a proposal .

AC member, its better to start with our own proposal vs hoping a proposal "floats up" that we can try to squeeze our issues into it - that can be messy.

What is the problem we are trying to address? How many people really care about this?

It doesn't matter how many people, our job is to try to address it.

Motion To Reconsider Carries Yes 8 Opposed 2

Tom Moved, Joe 2nd to: the effect "When escapement warrants and after July 17m the ADFG may open by Emergency Order the WRSHA to both gear groups. The justification will be to prosecute a commercial fishery after July 17 and provide additional harvest opportunity.

Aleknagik AC rep says Aleknagik is adamantly opposed to Any in-river commercial fishery in the Wood River.

Motion Carries Yes 6 Opposed 3

Tom Joe and Frank assigned as proposal writing committee.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of minutes for the March 2017 Statewide BOF meeting and Proposal 236 response.

Tom move Gayla 2nd: Dan to write up minutes and submit to Frank for review and approval and submission on time February 23.

Motion carried unanimous.

2. AC representation at the March 6 -9 BOF meeting.

Given the AC's concerns on 236 it would be important to have an AC rep at the board. Unanimous consent, Frank should go. Dan might be able to attend but uncertain.

3. Reminders:

Fish proposals due to Boards April 10

"On Time" comments on proposals will be due November 14.



Comment: the AC should meet to review proposals later in the year, preferably once ADFG positions and comments are available.

4. Joint Boards meeting expected next spring. This may be decided at the BOG meeting here in February.

IX. **Set date and location of next meeting:** Call of Chair probably late October or early November 2018 in Dillingham.

Adjournment: 16:35

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Alaska Board of Fisheries
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Frank Woods, Chairman
Nushagak Advisory Committee
Bristol Bay, AK

RE: BOF Proposal 236

February 23, 2018

Dear Chairman Jensen and Members of the Board,

We are writing in regards to the Board Generated Proposal #236 amending the Bering Sea Herring Fishery Management Plan. As an Advisory Committee (AC) we feel due public process has been circumvented in the creation of this proposal and that it does not meet the four criteria outlined in October of 2013 by the Alaska Joint Boards of Fisheries and Game for development of Board Generated Proposals.

Proposal #236, if passed, will effectively do two things, first it will change the opening dates of the Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Islands Area herring seine fishery, and secondly it will amend the allocation plan of the Bristol Bay Togiak District herring harvest. The Dutch Harbor herring fishery currently harvests a mixed stock of herring with a large portion of that coming from herring that spawn in the Togiak District of Bristol Bay. If the change in allocation that is proposed is passed, it will reallocate additional herring from the Togiak herring fishery to the Dutch Harbor herring fishery out of cycle and increase quota in a Mixed Stock Fishery. These aspects are concerning to the Nushagak AC and we feel stakeholders have not had adequate notice of this proposed change nor do we feel this proposal is warranted as outlined below with the Board's own criteria for generating proposals.

Criteria 1 states that the proposal be in the public's best interest. This proposal was generated in response to one letter submitted to the Board of Fisheries Work Session as Public Comment 026. As it was not received as an Agenda Change Request there was not adequate response time by Advisory Committees or members of the public at the Work Session. The proposal was generated within a few moments of on the record discussion and it did not seem to be adequately vetted.

Criteria 2 states there be an urgency in considering the issue. As it is within the authority of the Commissioner's Office to Emergency Order date changes to this fishery it is the AC's opinion this proposal should be taken up in cycle for discussion. There is no urgency to the allocative aspect of this proposal nor should this discussion be undertaken outside of the regular board cycle as it disenfranchises Bristol Bay Area Advisory Committees who are unable to travel to applicable Board meetings, receive adequate feedback from ADF&G managers, and speak with community members on potential impacts within the region.

Criteria 3 stipulates that the current process be inadequate for bringing the subject to the board's attention. The Bristol Bay and Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Island Area's Board of Fisheries cycle will occur 2018-2019 with the call for proposals being currently out. It is our AC's opinion that this proposal needs



to be submitted through the regular board cycle, this system adequately allows interested parties to participate in the creation and amending of regulations.

Criteria 4 mandates there be adequate and reasonable opportunity for public comment. Taking into consideration that this proposal has been generated out of cycle alone creates barriers to adequate response. Advisory Committees in the Bristol Bay Area that would be affected by the allocation change in the Togiak Herring fishery would not be able to cover the costs incurred to travel to and attend the Statewide Board of Fish meeting. Nor is it reasonable to expect that individual users would be able to pay their own way to attend for this proposal when the next Bristol Bay Finfish meeting will be held in Region next November.

It is the Nushagak Advisory Committee's opinion that the Alaska Board of Fisheries should not be addressing allocative issues out of cycle and that this proposal jeopardizes the Alaska Board of Fisheries public perception of a fair and just process. We urge the Board to take no action on this proposal and encourage the proponents of the initial Public Comment to submit an In-Cycle proposal by the April 10, 2018 deadline to have this issue heard at both the Bristol Bay Finfish and the Alaska Peninsula Aleutian Island Finfish meetings in 2018/2019's BOF cycle. In addition to this letter the Nushagak AC will be submitting our meeting minutes as comment to the 2017/2018 Statewide BOF meeting outlining AC discussion and action taken on Board Generated Proposal 236.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank Woods".

Frank Woods

Chairman, Nushagak Advisory Committee

2-23-18



Governor Bill Walker
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In response to the criteria set forth by the Alaska Joint Boards of Fisheries and Game we as an AC found the following:

Criteria 1 states that the proposal be in the public's best interest. This proposal was generated in response to one letter submitted to the Board of Fisheries Work Session as Public Comment 026. As it was not received as an Agenda Change Request there was not adequate response time by Advisory Committees or members of the public at the Work Session. The proposal was generated within a few moments of on the record discussion and it did not seem to be adequately vetted.

Criteria 2 states there be an urgency in considering the issue. This proposal, if passed, will effectively do two things, first it will change the opening dates of the Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Islands Area herring seine fishery, and secondly it will amend the allocation plan of the Bristol Bay Togiak District herring harvest. As it is within the authority of the Commissioner's Office to Emergency Order date changes to this fishery it is the AC's opinion this proposal should be taken up in cycle for discussion. Additionally, it is important to note that the Dutch Harbor herring fishery currently harvests a mixed stock of herring with a large portion of that coming from herring that spawn in the Togiak District of Bristol Bay. If the



change in allocation that is proposed is passed, it will reallocate additional herring from the Togiak herring fishery to the Dutch Harbor herring fishery out of cycle and increase quota in a Mixed Stock Fishery. These aspects are concerning to the Nushagak AC and we feel stakeholders have not had adequate notice of this proposed change. There is no urgency to the allocative aspect of this proposal nor should this discussion be undertaken outside of the regular board cycle as it disenfranchises Bristol Bay Area Advisory Committees who are unable to travel to applicable Board meetings, receive adequate feedback from ADF&G managers, and speak with community members on potential impacts within the region.

Criteria 3 stipulates that the current process be inadequate for bringing the subject to the board's attention. The Bristol Bay and Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Island Area's Board of Fisheries cycle will occur 2018-2019 with the call for proposals being currently out. It is our AC's opinion that this proposal needs to be submitted through the regular board cycle as this system adequately allows interested parties to participate in the creation and amending of fisheries regulations.

Criteria 4 mandates there be adequate and reasonable opportunity for public comment. Taking into consideration that this proposal has been generated out of cycle alone creates barriers to adequate response. Advisory Committees in the Bristol Bay Area that would be affected by the allocative change in the Togiak Herring fishery would not be able to cover the costs incurred to travel to and attend the Statewide Board of Fish meeting. Nor is it reasonable to expect that individual users would be able to pay their own way to attend for this proposal when the next Bristol Bay Finfish meeting will be held in Region next November.

We appreciate your attention in this matter and feel our regulatory process allows for public participation in a unique way. We are proud to be a part of the discussion and want to see our Boards held to a standard that allows for fair and equitable participation by all user groups.

Sincerely,

2-21-18

Frank Woods
Chairman, Nushagak Advisory Committee



February 23, 2018

Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Board of Fisheries
PO Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811
Via email: dfg.bof.comments@alaska.gov

RE: Comments on Statewide Proposals March 6-9, 2018

Dear Chairman Jensen and Board of Fisheries Members,

The Petersburg ADF&G Advisory Committee has the following comments and suggestions concerning Miscellaneous Agenda items scheduled for the March Statewide meeting.

North Pacific Fishery Management Council Gulf of Alaska Chinook salmon Prohibited Species Catch Limit Increase.

In February the NPFMC asked for an additional Initial Review of the proposed increase of Chinook salmon PSC in non-pollock trawl fisheries for further analysis. While Chinook stocks are being rebuilt in Southeast, we believe PSC fisheries need to share the burden of conservation. We ask the Board of Fisheries urge the Council to take no action for the following reasons:

- January Board of Fish actions regarding the directed Chinook subsistence, personal use, and commercial fisheries.
- Designation of the Chilkat River, Unuk River, and King Salmon River in Southeast Alaska as 'Stocks of Concern.'
- According to the staff analysis and the most recent available data on GOA PSC caught Chinook stock genetics, *'roughly 15% come from Southeast Alaska' (C3 GOA Chinook PSC February 2018 page 14).*
- Several rivers in Southeast have pre-season forecasts for 2018 below escapement goals including the Situk River, Chilkat River, Taku River, Stikine River, and Unuk River (December 22, 2017 Southeast Chinook Forecasts).
- Chinook salmon stocks have remained below average throughout the state of Alaska since 2007. And Chinook runs along portions of the West Coast outside of Alaska have declined similarly.
- Amendment 103 gave NMFS the authority to reapportion Chinook salmon PSC inseason, between trawl sectors, on their own discretion. This action was implemented in 2017 as a management tool to prevent a situation where a sector could not meet an unexpected need for Chinook PSC. NMFS should be given more time to use this



program to determine if it is sufficient before increasing the cap.

Sea Otter Depredation

As you know, sea otter predation has been an increasing problem and recurring theme at board meetings in Southeast. We request the board write a letter to Secretary Zinke, Alaska's Congressional Delegation, and Governor Walker expressing the need for a sea otter management plan and the impacts of the expanding biomass on shellfish resources managed by the board.

Points for the board to consider regarding the sea otter population in Southeast Alaska:

-Between 1965 and 1969 ADF&G released 400 sea otters in six locations in Southeast, in the absence of a management plan, the biomass has grown to an estimated 11,000 in the last survey conducted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in 2010 and 2011.

-USFWS further estimates the growth rate of Northern sea otters in Southeast is 13% per year.

-They further estimate the potential biological removals in Southeast are 2,147 animals per year, while human removals only account for 447.

- The Southcentral and Southeast Alaska stocks are neither listed as "depleted" under the MMPA or listed as "threatened" or "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act, nor are they likely to be listed as such in the foreseeable future according to USFWS.

-The growing sea otter population has created an ecosystem imbalance resulting in declining subsistence and commercial harvests of shellfish.

The Marine Mammal Protection Act governs the harvest and use of sea otters. Possible amendments to the MMPA to increase the profitability of harvest of sea otters and shellfish resources for coastal communities:

-Request ADF&G be given authority to establish a plan for sea otter management that will maintain a sustainable ecosystem-based harvest of sea otters and shellfish resources.

-Allow the sale and foreign export of sea otter pelts.

-Allow Non-Native Alaskans to assist in the harvest of sea otters through transportation or other guide services.

-Allow Native Alaskans to assign their right to harvest sea otters to any individual with a ADF&G hunting license.

-Lower the blood quantum for Coastal Native Alaskans eligible to harvest from 1/8 to 1/16 or allow Native Alaskans outside of Coastal communities to harvest sea otters.



Petersburg Advisory Committee
February 20, 2018
Proposal EF-F17-067

To The Board of Fish,

PROPOSAL XXX – 5 AAC 27.XXX. New Section. Establish a commercial open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound as follows:

The Petersburg Advisory Committee **opposes** proposal EF-F17-067 to establish a commercial open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound. Our committee deliberated on this proposal and its related agenda items to be discussed during the miscellaneous business portion of the board of fish statewide meeting, and we opposed this proposal for the following reasons.

We believe there is a reasonable expectation of fishing a designated area when a fisherman purchases the Northern Southeast spawn on kelp permit. Also, the Northern Southeast spawn on kelp permit should be used for all spawn on kelp fisheries in all of the northern districts. The proposed change in regulation to allow the Sitka sac roe permit holders to choose open pound spawn on kelp as an alternative to seining was seen by our advisory committee as harmful to the Northern Southeast spawn on kelp permit holders. This proposal does not acknowledge the current regulatory areas designated for the Northern Southeast spawn on kelp permit. In 2015 the CFEC held a hearing to consider this regulatory proposal by looking at new information. After the hearing the CFEC determined that the area designation was correct to have Sitka Sound as part of the Northern Southeast pound permit.

We also acknowledged another overwhelming problem this would create is the introduction of more spawn on kelp product into the market. The effect of the oversupply would lower the price point and cause financial harm to the existing spawn on kelp fisheries. Both the Northern and Southern Southeast spawn on kelp fisheries would be affected by the additional large volume of product produced by an unknown amount of participants in an open pound fishery in Sitka Sound. If all the Sitka sac roe permit holders elected to switch to open pound in one season the market for the spawn on kelp product would



plummet and financially devastate both the Northern and Southern Southeast spawn on kelp fisheries. There would be no continuous financial loss to the Sitka sac roe permit holders because they would elect to switch from open pound back to sac roe. This suggests that an optimum number of permits for the spawn on kelp fishery would also be exceeded by allowing the sac roe permit holders to choose to open pound as an alternative to seining as suggested by this proposal. We believe the effect of this proposal would result in financial loss to the existing Northern and Southern Southeast spawn on kelp fisheries.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments on this proposal,

Joel Randrup
Vice-Chair
Petersburg Advisory Committee



Draft Minutes
Sand Point ADFG Advisory Committee
9/15/17

Call to Order at 6:13pm

AC Members Present:

Patrick Brown, David Osterback, Charles Gundersen, John Foster, Melvin Larsen, Paul Gronholdt (alternate), Ben Mobeck (alternate), Robin Larsen-teleconference

Community Members Present: Alvin Osterback, Duke Ogata, Don Eubank, George Gundersen, Bruce Foster, Emil Mobeck, Jack Berntsen, Dwain Foster, Danny Cumberlidge, Ernie Weiss (Aleutians East Borough by teleconference)

ADFG Staff: Taryn O'Connor-Brito, ADF&G Boards Support

New Business: Agenda Change Request to Modify Dolgoi Mgt. plan

Ernie: Clarify ACR description- Chignik trying to modify Dolgoi Mgt. regulation

Criterion not being met for an ACR

Suggest an argument against ACR

Patrick: Criterion, doesn't fit, allocative issue, most significant argument

David O: Qagan Tayagungin Tribe sent a letter in opposition to the ACR

Ernie: King Cove sent a similar letter; Borough is looking to put in a resolution.

Alvin O (Borough Assembly): Assembly working on submitting a comment.

Taryn: ACR deadline

Robin: I requested an ACR (among the fleet) (vocally) to oppose the immature test fishery

Paul: Someone should make a motion to submit a comment in opposition to ACR

Taryn: Elections should be held before we conduct any new business.

Taryn: 4 terms expired in 2016, will expire 2019, other seats expired 2017, will expire 2020, alternate seats expired 2017, will expire in a year.

Patrick: Start with first 4 seats to fill

David O: John, David, Kylie, Melvin seats to fill

Taryn: Jan 2016 minutes last available, other canceled meetings



Jan 18, 2016 last meeting

Robin: I nominate Taylor Lundgren for alternate, member at large (not present)

Alvin: Make a motion to reappoint the members to seats who are currently holding them.

Patrick: Melvin doesn't wish to hold his current seat.

Robin seconds Alvins motion

Patrick: for seats to expire 2019

Taryn: Ask for unanimous consent from public

Motion passes unanimous consent for 4 seats expiring 2019

Patrick: Second motion to nominate Taylor Lundgren

Seat (4) which Melvin vacated

David O: Resigning from seat, believe the board should be more balanced with gear types

Patrick: Nominate Duke Ogata

Robin: Second Duke Ogata nomination

Oppose the David O resignation

Unanimous approval for Duke

Paul G resignation as alternate

Charles Gundersen resigning

Robin: signing off

Charles: Nominate Don Eubank to fill his seat

Patrick: Ben Mobeck to resume as alternate

Unanimous consent

Patrick: Nominate Emil as alternate

Alvin: Second nomination

Robin: We need older guys to retain seats

John Foster: We need more attendance from public



Patrick: Ben and Emil both alternates

Taryn: Only seats not in attendance, Kylie and Taylor

Nominations for interim Vice Chair

June 2019 term

Patrick: Motion to appoint John F to vice chair

David O: We need quarterly meetings to make sure the public can be involved

Jack Berntsen: Borough should be more involved in fighting for fisheries, salmon needs to be better represented.

David O: The ACs are an extension of the BOF, its separate from local governments

Alvin O: Point of order, need to carry on with the nomination of vice chair, public input has diverted the meeting

Patrick: Let's proceed with filling officer chair, electing new members

Patrick: Unanimous consent for vice chair

New roster: Patrick Brown (chair)

John Foster (vice chair)

Kylie Thompson (sec/treasurer)

Don Eubank

Duke Ogata

Robin Larsen

Taylor Lundgren (not present, unconfirmed)

Emil Mobeck (alternate)

Ben Mobeck Sr. (alternate)

John Foster: Make motion to write a letter concerning ACR

Robin: Second

PJ: Call question

Vote: unanimous to write letter about ACR



Melvin: ACR is coming from Aquaculture association, isn't that supposed to develop fisheries, not shut another area down? Is that legal?

Taryn: Can't answer that

Ernie: Aquaculture association is for advocacy as well

David O: we need to take a strong position on being discriminated against.

Patrick: ACR criterion: conservation, correct an error in regulation, correct an effect on the fishery that was unforeseen when adopted

No criterion met

David: Regulation should not exist

Dwain: Can't shut down fishery until number is met

It's written to go over number (191K)

Danny Cumberlidge: Make the point that the number was not much over the number it was supposed to stop at. The number has to be reached before the closure can be announced. Management knows it will go over.

Alvin: ACR 12 should be picked apart, line by line

Taryn: Up to 3 AC members can meet up to work on this letter. We can only delegate up to 3 people to work on this outside of the meeting.

Alvin: Would Ernie be willing to work with the [subcommittee]

Ernie: Signing off 1:35:27

Dwain: Can anyone listen to meetings on teleconference?

Taryn: Yes. People on the notice list are notified of meetings. All public postings

Taryn: Meeting is open to public and should be treated as such.

Jack Berntsen: Should make a proposal to have immature test fishing in Chignik

Melvin: Seiners have never made a proposal against set netters

Emil: need to start working on generating proposals now, try to regain, and not lose any more territory.

George Gundersen: Crab proposals?

Taryn: in order to not violate open meetings act, cannot have more than 3 AC members discussing ADFG material. Outside help wouldn't violate that.



Melvin: John F should be involved

John F: Want to make sure what is allowed (for working on letter).

Emil: Should contact Taylor and Kylie to see if they want to be involved

John, Kylie and Don to work on letter. Or any 3 people who want to help.

John: Doesn't make sense to have only 3 people allowed to work on letter...

PJ: Need to discuss a proposal about Dungeness crab pot limit.

Proposal number 208: pot limits

Taryn: Comment deadline February 23

John: Table discussion for now?

Melvin: If there's a conflict of interest, you should take no action.

Jack Berntsen: Need a lot of pots to Dungeness fish

George G: Another crab proposal? Turn gear over every 2 weeks?

Bruce: Rationalize crab fishery so the only 4 or 5 participants get all the rights.

Patrick: Motion to bring up proposal 208 on floor.

John: Kodiak has no limit.

Patrick: call question

All in favor: none

Opposed: unanimous

Proposal number 209: Dungeness gear

Patrick: Proposal 209, Dungeness gear to be worked every 2 weeks

Emil: Pots often can't be reached because of weather

Bruce: Over 58' is a different regulation, can move area to area

George: if the processor is busy, they can't take crab.

Patrick: Vote for proposal 209

0 in favor



6 opposed

Motion to adjourn...

Taryn: A couple more things: Travel request for Dungeness meeting?

Minute approval to submit minutes to crab meeting?

Emil: Call another meeting to approve minutes?

PJ: Easier to have one person approve minutes.

Emil: Need Quorum?

Taryn: 2 options, nominate someone to approve, or call a meeting.

John: Motion to adjourn

PJ: second

Adjourn at 8:19 PM



Seward Fish and Game Advisory Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2017

1. Call to order 7:00
2. Roll Call:
Members Present: Bacon, Campbell, Carpenter, Casey, Clemens, Dubuc, Foldager, McCracken, Smith, White
Excused: Flood, Hatch, Hubbard
3. Approval of Previous meeting minutes: unanimous
Motion to adopt meeting agenda: unanimous
4. Correspondence: Diane Watson notified the AC about the 10/17 work session of BOF. Up for consideration is making Seward the meeting place for LCI BOF meetings in 2019. Will get an answer back on Tuesday. There have been letters of support from various organizations in Seward including Chamber of Commerce.
5. Introduction of committee members, agency reps: Jeff Salinger ADF&G Soldotna, AWT- Ken Acton
6. Citizens comments: none
7. Old biz:
Ken Carpenter gave a recap of kids' fish day. Success overall. Was able to solicit loaner rod donations, lots of prize donations- Fish House, Bass Pro Shops, Trustworthy Hardware, & Shimano. Safeway and 3 Bears donated food for the event. Grand prize drawing was held for a charter fishing trip. Attendees came from all over the state, including Valdez, Fairbanks and Soldotna. Ken sent thank you letters to donors
8. New biz:
Meeting authorization:
Casey moves, McCracken seconds authorization for Diane Dubuc to attend PWS BOF meeting on December 1 – 5 in Valdez

Alaska Board of Fisheries				
Statewide Crab, Shrimp, and Miscellaneous Proposals March 6-9, 2018				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
213				Repeal the Cook Inlet Area personal use clam fishery.
	Support	10	0	Motion to adopt: Dubuc. Dubuc supports adoption based on ADF&G confidence in bringing back the fishery, mentions opportunity for better data collection. AWT commented that Homer ADF&G regularly samples clams in K bay and Cook Inlet on low tides. Seward AC acknowledged that the clam fishery closure was more likely due to a catastrophic event, not overharvest. Therefore it should be reopened if clam populations have returned.



Alaska Board of Fisheries				
Statewide Crab, Shrimp, and Miscellaneous Proposals March 6-9, 2018				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
214		Modify sport and subsistence razor clam regulations in the Cook Inlet Area.		
	Support	9	0	Dubuc supports for same reasons as above, and for continuity between Personal Use and Sport Fish regulations 1 abstained
216		Require participants in the Prince William Sound Area noncommercial shrimp fishery to register with the department prior to May 1.		
	Support	9	0	Motion to adopt: Smith. Smith supports this regulation to create a more effective management tool for ADF&G in season management. Campbell agrees with the proposal as written, mentioned past closure of this fishery & would like to see continuation of fishing opportunity. 1 Abstains

Schedule next meeting: April 2018

Move to adjourn 9:41

Minutes taken by Andy Bacon
Verbally approved by Chair
10/27/2017



**Sitka Advisory Committee Wednesday, November 8th 2017 - Excerpt for
Statewide Dungeness Crab & Misc Shellfish, March 2018
Centennial Hall**

- I. **Call to Order:** [602pm] by [Brian Massey]
- II. **Roll Call:** Jeffrey Feldpausch, Andrew Thoms, , Brian Massey, Tad Fujioka, , Eric Jordan, Dick Curran, Karen Johnson, Moses Johnson, John Murray, Wayne Unger, Randy Gluth, Joel Markis, Bradley Shaffer,
Members Present: 13
Members Absent: 2
Jon Martin, Luke Bastian
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**
Tad moves to approve minutes of last 2 meetings (Wayne seconds
12 in favor
- V. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Troy Tydingco AK DF&G,
- VI. **Guests Present:** Harvey Kitka, Kenyatta Bradley, Bart Meyer, Matt Donahue, Ron Rau, Jason Gerkson,
- VII. **Old Business:**

Elections: Tad Fujioka introduced need to have a shellfish representative.

**Tad Fujioka nominated Stacy Wayne
Brad Shaffer Seconded**

Vote: 12 in favor, 0 oppose
- VIII. **New Business:**

BOF Shellfish Proposals:

Proposal 54 : 5 AAC 32.125. Lawful gear for Registration Area A. Reduce the maximum number of pots per vessel in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial Dungeness crab fishery from 300 pots to 240 pots, as follows:



Oppose: how can you open a fishery if we don't have a stock assessment. If we did open, we would have a much lower harvest for being conservative and that would cost more to the divers than paying for assessments.

Vote: 0 in favor, 10 oppose, 3 abstain

Motion: Failed

Proposal 86: 5 AAC 38.140. Southeastern Alaska Sea Cucumber Management Plan. Open waters of a number of fishing areas previously closed to commercial sea cucumber harvest

Support:

Oppose: some of these areas are places that are set as protected subsistence use areas

Vote: 0 in favor, 13 oppose, 0 abstain

Motion: Failed

Proposal 88: 5 AAC 38.140. Southeastern Alaska Sea Cucumber Management Plan. Modify the method for establishing the guideline harvest level in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial sea cucumber fishery,

Support:

Oppose: it is a good way to go to use the lower bound rather than the mid-point. The dive association could pay for more surveys to get better data to improve confidence interval.

Vote: 0 in favor, 13 oppose, 0 abstain

Motion: Failed

Proposal 89: 5 AAC 38.140. Southeastern Alaska Sea Cucumber Management Plan. Modify the method for establishing the guideline harvest level in the Southeastern Alaska Area commercial sea cucumber fishery,

Support:



Proposal 129: Rockfish possession and landing requirements for Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area.

Support: could be supported for a conservation standpoint

Oppose: difficulties on putting strict limits

Discussion: the board felt there was confusion and we want ADFG manager Mike Vaugh ADFG Commercial Groundfish biologist to be present to advice.

Motion to table: Brian Massey with Tad Fujioka seconding

Tabled vote

Vote:

Motion: held for later

Eric Jordan Moves to Adjourn Meeting closes 7:29pm

Future Meeting Dates:

- **November 15th - (Finfish excluding Herring) 6pm Centennial Hall**
- **November 29th - (Finfish/Herring Proposals) 6pm Centennial Hall**

Adjournment: 8:27

Minutes Recorded By: Andrew Thoms
Minutes Approved By: Full Sitka AC
Date: November 15th, 2017



TANANA RAMPART MANLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
February 20, 2018 Tanana, Alaska.

Call to Order 10:45 am

Roll Call: Stan Zuray (chair), Tom Hyslop (rep Manley), Charlie Wright (rep Rampart), Kathleen Zuray (Tribal Council rep, Charlie Campbell, Cliff Wiehl, Ruth Althoff, Gerald Nicholia, Curtis Sommer.

Public present: Joe Zuray, Marty Scharf, Shannon Erhart, Judy Kangas

Approval of the Minutes of Jan31, 2017:

Cliff Weihl moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Charlie Campbell. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda: Charlie Campbell made a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition of: "Lower boundary of District 5". Seconded by Tom Hyslop. Passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Charlie Wright stated that he will contact Ray Woods about pursuing last year's discussion of asking ADF&G to institute a hunter check station on the Elliot Hwy near Livengood.

Comments from the Audience: Question about approaching TCC to provide a bounty for legally caught wolves; Request to CFEC to waive annual LEP fees in years where no commercial fishery has been allowed in the license holder's district. Discussion about worries that conservation goals could take a back seat now that we have had a year when Chinook fishing was allowed.

Elections: Charlie Campbell made a motion to return the current slate of delegates/officers, with the addition of Joe Zuray as a delegate. Motion was seconded by Kathleen Zuray. Passed unanimously.

New 2018 TRM board: Stan Zuray (chair), Tom Hyslop (rep Manley), Charlie Wright (rep Rampart), Kathleen Zuray (Tribal Council rep, Charlie Campbell, Cliff Wiehl, Ruth Althoff, Gerald Nicholia, Curtis Sommer and Joseph Zuray

Chair Report: ADF&G is forecasting a year like last year as far as Chinook returns; following year, not so good. The ocean forecast by ADF&G researchers using juvenile abundance in the ocean predicts poorer returns in 2020 and 2021. Discussion of the



context that the Chinook run on the Yukon River cannot be considered to be rebuilt at this point.

The Yukon River Tribal Fish Commission has in the past year become potentially a major player in how Yukon River fisheries will be managed in the future. Charlie Wright is a delegate from our area. How we approve and disapprove fisheries proposals from other areas takes on a different meaning based on this new political alignment.

Fisheries Issues:

Proposal 230, extending Drift netting areas in Districts 4B and 4C. Gerald Nicholia made a motion to support this proposal, seconded by Charlie Wright. Motion passed 4 in favor, 3 opposed.

Proposal 231, repealing the prohibition on subsistence fishing in Districts 1 and 2 on the first pulse of Kings. Charlie Wright made a motion to support this proposal, seconded by Stan Zuray. Motion passed 6 in favor, 1 opposed.

Proposal 232, to amend the Yukon River King Salmon Management plan, to allow sale of incidentally caught Kings if ADF&G determines it will have no significant impact on escapement or subsistence goals. Motion to support made by Charlie Campbell, seconded by Charlie Wright. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposal 233 No action

Proposal 237 Shift the commercial fishing season later (in late September, early October), to reflect changing fisheries conditions in the Tanana River. Motion made by Charlie Campbell, seconded by Ruth Althoff. Motion passed unanimously.

New or repeat fisheries issues and proposals from the TRM AC:

(repeat) Extension of use of drift gillnets and other gear types to all river districts, in the interest of river wide fairness. Gerald Nicholia moved to support, seconded by Ruth Althoff. Unanimous.

(repeat) Restricting gillnet mesh to a maximum of 6 inches in District 4,5 and 6. Motion was made by Charlie Campbell, seconded by Kathleen Zuray. Unanimous

(repeat) Change live-box regulations to require that fishwheels used in the execution of selective harvest commercial fisheries not be allowed to use liveboxes in any manner and require immediate release of live fish that cannot or will not be kept. Charlie Campbell moved to adopt, seconded by Charlie Wright. Motion passed unanimously.

(repeat) Motion to change regulations to reflect that fall chum subsistence schedule will be at 7 days a week once commercial harvests have been allowed on the run unless the department wishes to shorten fishing times by emergency due to a biological concern happening. Charlie Campbell moved to adopt this proposal, seconded by Charlie Wright.



Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to waive annual renewal fees for CFEC licenses if no commercial fishery has been permitted in that district on a given year. Motion was made to adopt by Charlie Campbell, seconded by Charlie Wright. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to move the boundary of District 5 downriver to Kokrines, to keep Tanana fishermen who fish in the area of the current boundary from having to straddle the boundary (with the regulatory complications that result). Charlie Campbell moved to adopt, seconded by Ruth Althoff. Motion passed unanimously.. Charlie Wright and Gerald Nicholia will look into how this boundary move might be accomplished and get back to TRM Board.

Game Issues:

Impact of new road to Tanana from Manley on moose populations. Motion was made by Charlie Campbell, seconded by Tom Hyslop, to establish an area regulation similar to the one used in the Minto Flats area, prohibiting the use of ATVs and Aircraft for moose hunting. Shannon Erhart, Gerald Nicholia and Charlie Wright will look into how this is done in the Minto Flats area and get back to TRM Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Charlie Campbell, seconded by Charlie Wright. Motion passed unanimously and meeting was adjourned at 2:40pm.





Togiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee meeting
Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 10:30am in the Togiak Traditional Council Office
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order: Moses Kritz called the meeting to order at 10:40 am
- II. Roll call: Walter K. did the rc, those present-Moses Kritz, Frank Logusak, Joe Alexie, Peter Lockuk Sr., Walter Kanulie, Tessa Nickerson, Kenneth Nukwak, Norman Gloko, Mickey Sharp, Thomas Dock, William Sanchez.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Frank Logusak made a motion to have an open agenda, seconded by Thomas Dock. Motion carried.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from October 3, 2017: Frank L. made a motion to approve minutes with corrections on Prop. 142, seconded by Walter K., motion carried.
- V. Introduction:
 - Staff-Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Tim Sands, Jason Dye, Susanne Henry, Andy Aderman, Lee Bourdan
 - Guest-Moses Toyukak(KMO), Willie Wassillie, Tom Lowe, Helen Lockuk, Oscar Tukaya, James Awolin
- VI. Concerns and Comments:
 - Advisory Committee members-Frank L. was concerned about the confusion that occurs when motions are being made, asking the committee members make it clear when they approve or not approve. Taryn O'CB voiced her idea.
 - Public-Tom Lowe commented on the Failure to Report(FTR) survey punishment for hunters who did not turn it or turned it in late is too harsh for people who rely on the following hunt because they did not turn in survey or sent it late. It was suggested the AC submit changes for this in the next proposal submission session. Frank L. commented it may be a problem for other villages outside of BB region also. Moses K. asked Tom Lowe to help with submission of proposal to address issue.
Cody Larsen called in from BBNA at 11:24am.
Thomas D. suggested to get help from other advisory committees on the issue FTR. James A. made comments of ADF&G harassing hunters when they are hunting for moose by flying over them and chasing away the moose, i.e this is from talking with his friends who hunt, no comments from ac or others. Asked also what the troopers for other officers do with the meat that are confiscated, Taryn O'CB said that he would have to ask officers.
- VII. ADF&G Staff Updates: Taryn O'CB reported Proposals 41 failed and 49 was supported by ADF&G, mention of proposal deadlines and meeting dates were said. Jason Dye reported on sports fishing on the Togiak River, reports of catch for 2017 will be available later. Moses K. wanted catch reports made available for future proposals. Elder Willie W. made comments



of his early years of fishing experience of when salmon were plenty and hardly and restrictions by ADF&G or other management groups. Frank L. wants the sports fishing industry help in the king salmon conservation effort. James A. commented on people reporting of possible wasting by sports fishing. Moses K. commented the high seas bycatch of king salmon also needs to be addressed in conservation of species. Bill S. asked about red salmon fishing on the west side.

Peter L. asked for a break 12:31pm

Back in session at 12:41pm

Andy Aderman reported on Nushagak Caribou cow/bull/fawns ratios. Susanne H. said job opportunities for RIT and seasonal caretakers of buildings will be available. Report of 2017/2018 winter moose hunt of 10 cows and 5-6 bulls current to date. Frank L. wants cow moose be added to future fall hunts, Andy a. also likes the idea.

VIII. New Business:

- I. AC comments for BOF proposal 236 due February 23, 2018. Frank L made a motion to adopt with previous comments, seconded by Walter K. Frank proposed a roll call vote-of all the AC members present there was 10 nos(MK no, FL no, JA no, PLsr.no, WK no,TS no, NG no, MS no, TD no, WS no) Comments were made on concern for spawn on kelp and how much it has dwindled and how eventually it has affected the subsistence use and ecosystem system(kelp,wildlife i.e waterfowl, marine mammals dependent on herring season.)
- II. Discussion of BOF call for proposals due April 10, 2018- Frank L. wants the latest king salmon line for Togiak Bay to move back to the original inside line. Tim Sands cautioned on what AC asks for BOF might turn around and do a different type of regulation for conservation of kings that would affect commercial fishing for Togiak Bay fishermen. Make AC aware of proposal turn-in deadline of 4/10/2018, no one has turned any in so far.
- III. Musk ox update, no updates, updates requested for future meeting.
- IV. Miscellaneous business if any-AC chose Peter Lockuk Sr., Walter Kanulie and Tessa Nickerson to approve minutes. Motion by Frank L, seconded by Thomas D.

IX. Discussion of minutes approval plan for the Board of Fisheries Statewide Dungeness Crab meeting. No pertinent discussion

X. Set date and location of next meeting.-Frank L. suggested call of the chair.

Adjournment- Frank L. made a motion to adjourn

Sign by Peter Lockuk Sr. *Peter Lockuk Sr.*

Sign by Walter Kanulie *Walter Kanulie*

Sign by Tess Nickerson *Tess Nickerson*



P.O. BOX 162 UNALASKA, AK 99685

February 8, 2018
John Jensen, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries
Fish and Game Board Support
P.O. Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526

Subject: Comments from the Unalaska/Dutch Harbor Advisory Committee meeting that was held on February 6th 2018 in Unalaska, Alaska. To the Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Dungeness crab, Shrimp, & Miscellaneous Shellfish, meeting to be held March 6-9, 2018.

Statewide Sport and Personal Use Shellfish (2 Proposals)

Proposal 206

5AAC 75.035 Sport fishing gear for Shellfish.

Allow use of sport gear to harvest octopus under sport fishing regulations, as follows to allow a means to target and catch specifically Octopus.

Motion to adopt by Woodbridge, seconded by Mahoney,

Discussion: committee members felt that there was still high probably of crab bycatch and the committee didn't have a picture of the gear or what area he was going to fish in, over all lack of information. Motion to adopt Proposal 206 failed 0-7.

Proposal 207

5. AAC 77.010. Methods, means and general restrictions.

Allow retrieval of a personal use scallop dredges with 5 horsepower or less haulers, as follows.

Motion to adopt Coleman, seconded by Good,

Discussion: committee felt that this was not a very safe way to harvest scallops, and could be dangerous for a small vessel. Bycatch of other species such as small crab, especially females and other species could be a problem as well with this type of operation. Motion to adopt Proposal 207 failed 0-7



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Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula, and Aleutian Islands Commercial Shellfish 6 Proposals plus 1 Proposal Bering Sea Herring Fishery management Plan.

Proposal 208

5 AAC 32.425. Lawful gear for Registration Area J.

Establish pot limits in the Alaska Peninsula District commercial Dungeness crab fishery as follows.

Motion to adopt by Woodbridge seconded by Mahoney

Discussion: this large reduction of Dungeness pot would unfairly impact the larger vessels that fish Dungeness in the Bering Sea on the North Peninsula side of the Dungeness area. The larger vessels use a much larger amount of pots and traditionally deliver their catch in Unalaska. These restrictive pot limits would basically put the larger vessels out of business as it pertains to the Dungeness crab fishery. For that reason the Unalaska AC strongly opposes this motion which failed 0-7.

Proposal 209

5 AAC 32.4XX. Operation of pot gear for Registration Area J.

Specify legal operation of commercial Dungeness crab pot gear in Registration Area J, as follows.

Motion to adopt by Good, seconded by Gregory

Discussion: this proposal by ADFG would assist with slowing down the amount of lost gear and ghost fishing of lost pots. Motion to adopt passed 7-0

Proposals 210-212 N/A

Proposal 229

5 AAC 34.612. Harvest levels for Golden King Crab in Registration Area O.



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Repeal fixed total allowable catch (TAC) and adopt and Aleutian Islands golden king crab harvest strategy that uses biomass estimates from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game prior to the March 2018 Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp, & Miscellaneous Shellfish meeting of the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Motion to support: made by Mahoney, seconded Dickerson,

Discussion: the committee felt that this proposal from the Aleutian King Crab Research Foundation has merit that moving to a harvest strategy based on a stock assessment model revised OFL and ABCs would allow ADFG to raise or lower TAC annually according to the changes in the biomass and harvestable surplus of golden king crab stocks. This model has undergone extensive review by the North Pacific Fishery Management Crab Plan team. It was also pointed out that the Aleutian King Crab Research Foundation has been doing industry founded survey work for the 2-3 years. The committee was very supportive of Proposal 229 being adopted with the understanding that additional work on the harvest strategy may continue to be done by ADFG staff. The golden king crab fishery is a very important part of the crab landings made to the local plants in Unalaska. Motion to adopt Proposal 229 passed 7-0.

Proposal 236

5 AAC 27.060 Bering Sea Herring Fishery Management Plan; 5 AAC 27.610 Fishing seasons and periods for Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Islands area; 5 AAC 27.655 Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Herring Fishery allocation plan 5 AAC 27.865 Bristol Bay Herring Management Plan.

Increase the Dutch Harbor food and bait fishery allocation, eliminate the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery allocations between gear types, and open the Dutch Harbor food and bait fishery on earlier, as follows.

Motion to adopt by, Good, seconded by Coleman,

Discussion: the committee had serious concerns with this proposal; we didn't support the allocation increase from 7% to 10% from the Togiak District herring management plan. The committee didn't have the information on the impacts to the overall Herring fishery if this increase was approved. The committee felt that



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it was important to keep an entry level gillnet fishery available, the proposal as written would basically eliminate the gillnet opportunity if the seine fleet overfished their allocation. The committee did have a positive discussion on changing the fishery starting date to July 1st we agreed that it appears the Herring have been arriving into the area sooner, the past few years.

Gregory made a motion to amend Proposal 236 seconded by Good, to change the Dutch Harbor Food and Bait fishery seine fishery opening date to July 1st annually further motioned to leave the rest of 5 AAC 27.060 Bering Sea Herring Fishery Management Plan; 5 AAC27.610 Fishing seasons and periods for Alaska Peninsula-Aleutian Islands area; 5 AAC 27.655 Dutch Harbor Food and Bait Herring Fishery allocation plan 5 AAC27.865 Bristol Bay Herring Management Plan, unchanged, with the current regulations staying in effect. Motion to adopt the main motion as amended, passed 7-0

Sincerely

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Frank Kelty

Unalaska/Dutch Harbor AC Chairman

CC: Glenn Haight, ADFG Board Support



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October 17, 2017
John Jensen, Chairman
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LATE COMMENT

Subject: Comments from the Unalaska/Dutch Harbor Advisory Committee from a meeting held on October 16, 2017 in Unalaska, AK on Board of Fisheries Work Session meeting in Anchorage, Alaska, October 17-19 2017.

ACR02 Aleutian Island King Crab Fishery (1)

Repeal fixed total allowable catch (TAC) and adopt and Aleutian Island Golden King Crab harvest strategy that uses biomass estimates generated from the Alaska Department of Fish and game stock assessment model to establish TACs. Regulation that would be changed (5AAC34.612).

Motion to support: made by Dickerson, seconded by Gregory,

Discussion, the committee felt that this proposal from the Aleutian King Crab Research Foundation had merit that moving to a harvest strategy based on a revised OFL and ABCs would allow ADFG to raise or lower TAC annually according to the changes in the status of Golden King Crab Stocks. It was also pointed that Aleutian King Crab Research Foundation has been doing industry founded survey work for the 2-3 years. The committee was very supportive of this ACR being moved forward by the Board of Fisheries.

Motion passes 8-0

Sincerely

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Frank Kelty

Unalaska/Dutch Harbor AC Chairman

CC: Glenn Haight, ADFG Board Support

**Valdez Fish & Game Advisory Committee
February 8, 2018
Valdez Council Chambers**



- I. Meeting was called to order by Chair Hope Upicksoun at 6:36 pm
- II. Members Present: Hope Upicksoun, Marissa Roberts, Charles Upicksoun, Damien James, Nick Crump
- III. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3
- IV. Approval of Agenda:
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Previous Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2018 were approved by Chair Hope Upicksoun on February 1, 2018
- VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jay Baumer in person (Fish & Game, Sport Fish Division), Jan Rumble on the phone (Commercial Fisheries Manager)
- VII. Guests Present: Jim Simon on the phone (UAF Tribal Management Program),
- VIII. Public Testimony:
- IX. Old Business: none
- X. New Business:

Hope Upicksoun brought up the sea otter issue in Southeast. Letters regarding the sea otters can be written to the managing party of the sea mammals.

Motion to adopt on proposal 206 by Damien James. Second by Charles Upicksoun.

Motion to adopt on proposal 216, 221 and 222 by Nick Crump. Second by Charles Upicksoun.

Motion to adopt on Proposal 218, 219, 224, 225, and 226 by Nick Crump. Second by Damien James.

Motion to adopt on proposal 220, 223, 227 and 238 by Nick Crump. Second by Hope Upicksoun.

Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Crab, Shrimp, and Miscellaneous Proposals March 6-9, 2018				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
	[support/ oppose/ support as amended/ no action]	[# votes]	[# votes]	[comments]
206	Allow use of pot gear to harvest octopus under sport fishing regulations.			
	Support	4	0	Committee feels that there should be a clear definition in place regarding what an octopus pot looks like. Abstention = 1
216	Require participants in the Prince William Sound Area noncommercial shrimp fishery to register with the department prior to May 1.			
	Oppose	0	5	Committee discussed the regulations as they are and how a registration would affect noncommercial shrimp fishing. The committee feels the regulations as they are work and that a registration deadline would discourage shrimp fishing.



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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
	[support/ oppose/ support as amended/ no action]	[# votes]	[# votes]	[comments]
217	Allow for harvest of octopus with additional gear while participating in the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery.			
	Oppose	0	5	Committee discussed that there is no real definition on the proposal to say how many extra pots would be allowed for octopus. Also, there is no definition as to what an octopus pot is. There is no targeted octopus fishery.
218	Modify the start date for the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishing season.			
	Oppose	0	5	This proposal seems to contain anecdotal evidence that may or may not have any real relevance about how much gear they lose to ice and how many females have eggs. Committee does not see a need to change anything and the regulations seem to be working just fine.
219	Modify the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishing season.			
	Oppose	0	5	Opposed based on action taken on Proposal 218.
220	Modify the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishing seasons to separate commercial and noncommercial seasons.			
	Oppose	0	5	Committee discussed the shrimping seasons as they are in Prince William Sound and Southeast. Committee discussed winter weather in Prince William Sound and how that may affect the participation in winter shrimp pot fishing. Committee does not see a reason to change the fishing seasons as they are right now.
221	Amend statistical areas included in the three areas fished triennially on a rotating basis in the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.			
		2	0	Committee discussed and support the concept put out in this proposal, as it would make those areas more even by moving the boundaries. Abstentions = 3 Taken because we feel it is not defined well enough and not enough is known about it.
222	Modify the fishing area rotation system in the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.			
	Opposed	0	4	Committee discussed how this would affect the shrimping in each area. Committee feels that this would make management more difficult and that shrimp pot fishers may choose to harvest in only 2 of the 3 areas due to the difficulty in harvesting in the last area. Abstention = 1



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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
	[support/ oppose/ support as amended/ no action]	[# votes]	[# votes]	[comments]
223	Remove the total allowable harvest threshold for the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.			
	Opposed	0	5	Committee discussed the total allowable harvest and the threshold for commercial shrimp pot fishery. Committee feels this would open up the shrimp pot fishery to the possibility of overfishing of the shrimp.
224	Modify the guideline harvest threshold for the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.			
	Opposed	0	3	Committee discussed the proposal and feels that this proposal is two proposals in one. This proposal seems to be trying to make it more equitable for the commercial side of the shrimp pot fishery. The Board of Fisheries has the numbers set where they are for a reason and the shrimp pot fishery seems to be managed properly. Committee feels that there is no need to change the current management plan because it seems to be working, as is. Abstentions = 2
225	Increase the commercial allocation of the total allowable harvest in the Prince William Sound Area shrimp pot fishery.			
	Opposed	0	4	Committee discussed number of participants in commercial and noncommercial shrimp pot fishing, the percentage of total allowable harvest allocated to each shrimp pot fishery and the healthy population of the shrimp in recent years. Committee feels that the management plan that is in place is working and that shrimp populations are slowly increasing. Abstention = 1
226	Reduce closed waters in the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp trawl fishery.			
	Opposed	0	5	Committee discussed tanner crab and the areas involved in this proposal. Committee feels that trawling can destroy the ocean floor and there is worry of bycatch from the ocean floor with trawling. There is no evidence to say the area is free of tanner crab.
227	Repeal Prince William Sound Area commercial winter shrimp trawl fishery fishing season provisions allowing a fall/winter fishery.			
		0	1	Committee discussed the number of participants in winter shrimp trawl fishery and whether or not the GHF is being met. Abstentions = 4



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	[support/ oppose/ support as amended/ no action]	[# votes]	[# votes]	[comments]
238	Require all anglers to use deep water release mechanisms when releasing rockfish in Prince William Sound.			
	Support	5	0	Committee discussed the deep water release mechanism and the benefits of using the mechanism. These mechanism are being used and required in other states. Committee feels that requiring the use of a deep water release mechanism would be beneficial to the rockfish populations and allow more of the rockfish, that are brought to the surface, to survive.

Hope Upicksoun would like permission to represent the Valdez Fish & Game Advisory Committee (VAC) at Board of Game meeting in Dillingham. Motion made by Marissa Roberts for Hope Upicksoun to represent the VAC. Second by Nick Crump. Motion passed.

Discussed proposal deadlines for Board of Game (May 1, 2018) and Board of Fisheries (April 10, 2018).

Motion to adjourn by Marissa Roberts. Second by Damien James.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:50 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Marissa Roberts
Minutes Approved By: Hope Upicksoun, Chair
Date: February 23, 2018



Whittier Advisory Committee
2/10/18
Anchor Inn at 1:00 P.M.

I. Jon Van Hyning called the meeting to order at 1:06 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL:

Committee Members are underlined.

PRESENT: Jim Norris, Ric Vrsalovic, Anthony Sobrino, Kristen Labreaque, Jon Van Hyning, Jody Mason, Dave Dickason, Ed Fee, Dave Goldstein, Gordon Scott, Dave Pinguoch, Brett Roth

ABSENT: (excused) Mike Durtschi, Brad Van Wichman
(not excused) Steve Aberle, Milton Stevens

Number needed for a Quorum on AC: 5

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jay Baumer, Jan Rumble, [REDACTED]

IV. Guest Present: none *see above names NOT underlined*

V: Previous minutes were read and ~~accepted~~ *accepted*. All were in favor.

VI: No old business.

VII. New Business

Alaska Board of Fisheries
Prince William Sound Finfish and Shrimp Proposals
Proposal
Position
Support
#Opposed
AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes



Prop 206

Allow the use of pot gear to harvest Octopus under Sport fishing regulations

Support

7 Supported, 0 opposed

Jon Van Hyning made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 206, Ric Vrsalovic 2nd the motion.

Prop 216

Require participants in Prince William Sound Area noncommercial Shrimp Fishery to register with the Department prior to May 1.

Opposed

1 Supported, 6 Opposed

Jody Mason made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 216, Gordon Scott 2nd the motion.

Prop 217

Allow for harvest of Octopus with additional gear while participating in the Prince William Sound noncommercial shrimp fishery.

Opposed

0 Support, 7 Opposed

Jon Van Hyning made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 217, Jody Mason 2nd the motion. All opposed (7) unanimous.

Dave Goldstein left the meeting.

Prop 218

Modify the start date for the Prince William Sound Area noncommercial shrimp pot fishing season.

Support

6 Support, 0 Opposed

Jody Mason made a motion that Whittier AC withdraw Prop 218, Jon Van Hyning 2nd the motion. All support (6) unanimous



Prop 219

Modify the Prince William Sound Area commercial Shrimp pot fishing season.

Support

6 Support, 0 Opposed

Jody Mason made a motion that Whittier AC withdraw Prop 219, Jon Van Hyning 2nd the motion. All support(6) unanimous

Prop 220

Modify the Prince William Sound commercial Shrimp pot fishing seasons to separate commercial and noncommercial seasons.

Opposed

0 Support , 6 Opposed

Jon Van Hyning made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 220, Jody Mason 2nd the motion. All Opposed (6) unanimous

Prop 221

Amend statistical areas included in the three areas fished triennially on a rotating basis in the Prince William Sound Area commercial Shrimp pot fishery.

Support

6 Support, 0 Opposed

Jon Van Hyning made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 221, Jody Mason 2nd the motion. Support (6) unanimous.

Prop 222

Modify the fishing area rotation system in the Prince William Sound Area commercial Shrimp pot fishery.

Opposed

1 support, 5 Opposed

Jon Van Hyning made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 222, Jody Mason 2nd the motion.



Prop 223

Remove the total allowable harvest threshold for the Prince William Sound Area commercial Shrimp pot fishery.

Opposed

1 support, 5 Opposed

Dave Pinquoch made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 223, Jody Mason 2nd the motion.

Prop 224

Modify the guideline harvest threshold for the Prince William Sound Area commercial shrimp pot fishery.

Opposed

1 Supported, 4 Opposed, 1 Abstained

Jon Van Hyning made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 224, Jody Mason 2nd the motion.

Prop 225

Increase the commercial allocation of the total allowable harvest in the Prince William Sound Area shrimp pot fishery.

Opposed

2 Support, 4 Opposed

Jon Van Hyning made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 225, Jody Mason 2nd the motion.

Prop 226

Reduce closed waters in the Prince William Sound Area commercial Shrimp Trawl fishery.

Opposed

1 Support, 4 Opposed, 1 Abstained

Jon Van Hyning made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 226, Jody Mason 2nd the motion.



Prop 227

Repeal Prince William Sound Area commercial winter Shrimp Trawl fishery fishing season provisions allowing a fall / winter fishery.

Support

6 Support, 0 Opposed

Jim Norris made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 227, Jody Mason 2nd the motion. All support (6) unanimous

Prop 238

Require all fisherman to have on board their vessel a deep water release for rockfish.

Support

6 Support, 0 Opposed

Jon Van Hyning made a motion that Whittier AC support Prop 238, Jody Mason 2nd the motion. All support (6) Unanimous

Require in season monitoring of noncommercial shrimp fishing.

Support

3 Support, 1 Opposed, 2 abstained

Gordon Scott made a motion that Whittier AC support this proposal, Jody Mason 2nd the motion.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned 4:08 P.M. Jim Norris made a motion to adjourn, Jody Mason 2nd the motion. Support Unanimous



**Yukon Flats Advisory Committee
February 6, 2018
Pikes Lodge, Fairbanks**

- I. Call to Order: 12:20 pm by Larry Williams, Chair
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Jerrald John (Arctic Village); Edward Wiehl & Paul Williams (Beaver); Richard James Sr (Birch Creek); Nicholas Henry (Chalkyitsik); Charles John (Circle); Andrew Firmin & Paul Herbert (Ft. Yukon) Larry Williams (Venetie)
Members Absent: Bobby Tritt (Venetie), Jack Boyle (Circle). vacant seats as follows; 1 Arctic Village; 1 Chalkyitsik; 2 Stevens Village
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

Chairman Larry Williams stated the purpose of the meeting; The purpose of this advisory committee meeting is to have an open forum to discuss wildlife issues within the Yukon Flats and comment Board of Game, Board of Fisheries, as well as Federal Subsistence Board Proposals that could affect the Yukon Flats area.

- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved as amended; to include a discussion of Fortymile Caribou harvest and the lack of moose surveys being done in the Yukon Flats
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Holly Carroll & Christy Gleason (DCF); Jason Caikoski & Beth Lenart (DWC) and Nissa Pilcher (Boards)
- VI. Guests Present: Vince Mathews and Nathan Hawkaluk, FWS, and Joe Matesi
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:

Concerns of AC Members

Members concerned that moose counts are not being done in the flats often enough. Federal and State staff noted that they were not gaining a lot of information from trying to do the counts every year, but that every two to three years was sufficient; a survey was done in 2015 and another survey is planned for fall of 2018. State staff also noted that there was a funding shift and more money was being directed at the Porcupine caribou herd.

Officer Elections



Larry Williams was nominated to continue chairing the AC. He was unanimously supported. No other officer elections held.

Game/ Board of Game Items

Next INT Region BOG will take place in 2020 so we will discuss any proposals that the committee would like to submit next time we meet.

Jason Caikoski gave a brief update on the Porcupine caribou herd

Fisheries/ Board of Fisheries Items

Alaska Board of Fisheries Statewide Crab, Shrimp, and Miscellaneous Proposals March 6-9, 2018				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
	[support/oppose / support as amended/no action]	[# votes]	[# votes]	[comments]
230				Allow the use of drft gillnets to harvest salmon for subsistence purposes in th Yukon River Subdistricts 4_B and 4-C.
	Support	9	0	Member noted that this was a sign of the fishing dynamic on the river changing; that fish camps were going away and with TCC giving everyone a net everyone thinks they are fishermen. People aren't sharing like they used to and that maybe now that there are fish maybe everyone can learn to share again and fish as family groups instead of fighting over the same fishing spot. It was noted that this kind of fishing is not practiced in the flats and questions were asked about state vs federal waters; where they are and who can fish in them. Fishing lower down can affect the people of the flats if too many are taken. We know how much boat gas costs on the river and we are supportive of people being able to take fish closer to home. If drifting places it is not customary and traditional occurs then we will rely on the people that are there to ensure that this very effective way of fishing is not abused and that people are taking only what they need.
231				Repeal the prohibition on subsistence fishing in Yukon River Districts 1 and 2 during the first pulse of king salmon.
	Oppose	0	9	Regardless of how good the run was last year, we should probably continue to be conservative. Last year they were already requesting commercial sales, and while we respect



Alaska Board of Fisheries				
Statewide Crab, Shrimp, and Miscellaneous Proposals March 6-9, 2018				
Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
				what they are asking and that the managers can manage well, we think it took a long meeting and a lot of money to get it closed in the first place, think it should stay this way for now.
232				Allow sale of Yukon River king salmon caught incidentally during open commercial fishing periods for other salmon species.
	TNA			Committee was originally planning on opposing the proposal, but ultimately the committee decided they didn't want to take this tool away from the managers so that these valuable fish don't get wasted when the lower river has enough subsistence caught kings. In turn then we would like to trust the managers to realize that there is a concern if a lot of kings start hitting the market. We were told that less than 100 kings were caught last year in this fishery. An increase from this number is concerning for us.

Federal Issues

Federal Subsistence Proposal WP18-56

- The proposal requests that the Arctic Village Sheep Management Area (AVSMA) in Unit 25A be open to the harvest of sheep by non-Federally qualified users.
- Copies of the Executive Summary, including the Eastern Interior and North Slope Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils recommendations were shared with the Advisory Committee
- Vince Mathews (Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge) gave an overview of the proposal and a summary of the Regional Advisory Councils recommendations and justifications
 - Eastern Interior Regional Advisory Council supported the proposal with the amendment to open only that portion of the AVSMA that is north of Cane Creek to the harvest of sheep by non-Federally qualified users. The amendment was to alleviate some potential conservation concerns to open only a portion the AVSMA.
 - North Slope Regional Advisory Council oppose the proposal
- Advisory Committee Discussion:



- There has not been an increase in the sheep population even with the closure and limited harvest by federally qualified subsistence users. It should remain closed.
- It was noted that the sheep population in the modified area could not support if the 51 people commenting in support of the proposal were to hunt there.
- There was a general discussion about the importance of this area to Arctic Village and the need to maintain the closure.
- The Advisory Committee member from Arctic Village shared the desire of several fellow village sheep hunters to be licensed guides for sheep for this area. The guide service discussion included the difficulties and challenges to become licensed guides.
 - Refuge staff pointed out the issue before them is opening the AVSMA to non-Federally qualified hunters. If the area was opened, then the desires for a guide service could be explored.
- Advisory Committee Action:
 - A motion to oppose the proposal was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously (VOTE: 9-0-0).

Other Items

There is a moose meeting in Fort Yukon on April 17th and 18th but we don't have any current moose counts for the flats. no moose counts there,

The state is mining lands and we need to take care of Chandalar River. There is little oversight happening there and we don't want to see an oil spill like what happened in 1982 in Birch Creek where there was a spill and the fish got whiped out. We would also like a say in BLM land reviews so that these operations do not interfere with fish and moose populations there.

Charles expressed concern with Fortymile caribou herd; he had heard that there was a lot of wanton waste this year and members believe that more hunter education is needed in the area. Nissa Pilcher took his number down to pass along to Jeff Gross, the area biologist for the herd. Also asked about any wolf research projects being done in the flats as they are seeing more wolves in Circle, although he attributed that to also the presence of more caribou from the Fortymile herd. No wolf projects since the last one wrapped up 8 years ago, although Nathan Hawkan (FWS) noted that CATG wanted to hold some trapping clinics and the refuge helped fund some supplies.

Andrew asked about the lynx movement study; Initial efforts last year, more traps being deployed very soon to collar more of them, and trail cameras are out. A presentation is planned by the researcher this spring at the Eastern Interior Regional Advisory Council Meeting.

Adjourn at 345 pm