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Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Finfish  
Anchorage, AK, January 15–19, 2019

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# BETHEL Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Tuesday, November 27

6:00pm

ADF&G Bethel Office



- I. Call to Order: [6:18] by [Jaimie Kassman]
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present:  
Henry Hunter  
Corey Tolliver  
Robert Lekander  
Jon LaValle  
Jerry White  
Mike Riley  
Jamie Kassman  
Members Absent (Excused):  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
Henry Kohl  
Thad Tikiun  
Alissa Rogers  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6  
List of User Groups Present:  
Alaska State Troopers  
USFWS
- III. Approval of Agenda:  
Motion to approve Mike Riley 2<sup>nd</sup> Jerry White  
Approved 7-0
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:  
Motion to approve LaValle 2<sup>nd</sup> White  
Approved 7-0
- V. Member Elections  
Nominate:  
Mike Riley  
Henry Kohl  
Jerry White  
Unanimous re-election 7-0
- VI. Fish and Game Staff Present:  
Aaron Tiernan (Commercial Fisheries)  
Jen Peek (Boards Support)  
Jon Chythlook (Sport Fish)

Walter Blajeski (Wildlife Troopers)  
Dave Runfolo (Subsistence Division)



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- VII. Guests Present:  
Aaron Moses, USFWS  
Spencer Reardon, USFWS  
Barb Carlson, Member of the Public (Sleetmute)
- VIII. Old Business:
- IX. New Business: *See Proposals Below*
- X. Other/Miscellaneous business:  
Elect representative to attend Anchorage fish meeting  
Jaimie Kassman if he can get leave, Alissa if Jaimie cannot attend

Adjournment: 9:20pm

[record minutes]

# Alaska Board of Fisheries: AYK Proposals

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105	Allow use of set gillnets with 7 ½" mesh to harvest salmon other than king salmon and other non-salmon fish species on the Kuskokwim River for subsistence purposes during times of king salmon conservation		
Oppose unanimous	0	7	<p>Motion to support Tolliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaValle</p> <p>White- 4 inch mesh is known as a killer mesh according to Kwethluk</p> <p>Riley- Bigger mesh may allow more fish to pass through</p> <p>Lekander- 6-8 inch mesh is for targeting kings</p> <p>Tolliver- King salmon are declining, why open it up to king take under conservation time</p> <p>Hunter- defeats purpose of conservation</p> <p>Tolliver- will only regulate drift netting</p> <p>LaValle Call the question</p>
106	Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes within 50 feet of each other in that portion of the Kuskokwim River drainage from the north end of Eek Island upstream to the mouth of the Kolmakoff River		
Oppose	1	6	<p>Motion to support Tolliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaValle</p> <p>White- within 50 feet means 50 feet or less</p> <p>Lekander- never heard of this current regulation</p> <p>Blajeski- Never had a complaint</p> <p>Tiernan- No current regulation on main stem</p> <p>Hunter calls question</p> <p>Hunter Oppose</p>
107	Allow the use of dipnets in the Kuskokwim River drainage subsistence salmon fishery		
Support	7	0	<p>Motion to support LaValle 2<sup>nd</sup> White</p> <p>Blajeski- People have asked "Why can't we use dipnets when we can use a gill nets"</p> <p>Tolliver calls the questions</p>
108	Add dip nets as legal gear for subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim Area		
Support	7	0	<p>Motion to support Tolliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaValle</p> <p>Hunter-is this the same as the prior proposal</p> <p>Kassman- Yes</p>
109	Close waters marine waters immediately adjacent to the mouth of the Kuskokwim River to subsistence fishing during times of king salmon conservation		
Support	7	0	<p>Motion to support Tolliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaValle</p> <p>Kassman-Was proposed this proposal to conserve kings in areas where they are currently being targeted</p> <p>Tiernan- can only go out 3 miles</p> <p>Lekander- Jurisdiction questions</p>
110	Close all fishing in non-salmon spawning rivers of the Kuskokwim River within five miles of the confluence during times of king salmon conservation		



Oppose	2	5	<p>Motion to support Tolliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaValle</p> <p>White-How much use and how productive</p> <p>LaValle- knows someone who has been very productive fishing I way.</p> <p>Lekander- tried it get a king and got fishing out of his system, would like 100yd markers</p> <p>Tolliver- people are intentionally targeting kings during times of conservation.</p> <p>Reardon- feds have opportunity to close area also, but this does provide a relief valve for those who need to fish</p> <p>Hunter calls the questions</p> <p>LaValle Tolliver Support</p>
111	Increase maximum gillnet mesh size to 8 inches in both subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries		
Oppose	0	7	<p>Motion to support Tolliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaValle</p> <p>Question called by Riley</p>
112	Allow subsistence fishing for with dipnet gear during times of king or coho salmon conservation		
Support	7	0	<p>Motion to support Tolliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaValle</p> <p>Question called LaValle</p>
113	Close king salmon fisheries on the Kuskokwim River by emergency order on June 1		
Support	7	0	<p>Motion to support Tolliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaValle</p> <p>Tiernan- currently no front end closure date, look to local groups to when closure should start</p> <p>Riley- it would make a firm date that people in the delta could get used to.</p>
114	Allow subsistence fishing for king salmon in the Kuskokwim River prior to June 11		
Oppose	3	4	<p>Motion to support Tolliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaValle</p> <p>Tiernan- Rolling closures work when you have pulse runs, Kusko does not have a "pulse"</p> <p>Drying weather is good during beginning of run.</p> <p>Would open fishing to drift fishing with anything smaller than 6 inch if there is an opening during times of conservation</p> <p>Riley- currently we have opportunity for opening when fish are in river.</p> <p>Lekander- test fish should be downriver</p> <p>Hunter calls the question</p> <p>Hunter White Tolliver Support</p>
115	Allow subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish species in certain waters during times of king salmon conservation		
Oppose	3	4	<p>Motion to support Tolliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaValle</p> <p>Lekander Motion to amend to add <u>Gweek River</u>; Hunter second Amendment supports unanimously to amend with Gweek river included.</p> <p>Hunter- if we added Gweek we must support</p> <p>Lavalle- this would take away a management tool from fish and game</p> <p>Hunter calls question</p> <p>Hunter Riley and Lekander Oppose</p>



116	Maintain open subsistence salmon fishing periods around the mouths of the Johnson, Ki Kinak, Tagyaraq and Pailleq Rivers			 <div>AC01 5 of 7</div>
Oppose	0	7	<p>Motion to support Tolliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaValle</p> <p>Intent may be to get into regulation that these mouths remain open</p> <p>Lekander- motion to amend to add Gweek</p> <p>Amendment supports unanimously to amend with Gweek river included.</p> <p>Kassman- currently allows fish and game another tool for management</p> <p>Riley- This has been managed for years, and if they need to do a closure they can, people are currently getting an opportunity to fish a little</p> <p>LaValle- intent of USFWS and Fish and game is to allow a little fishing but can still manage closure if necessary</p> <p>White Calls the question</p>	
117	Allow subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish species in Pailleq Slough when the subsistence fishery for salmon is closed			
Oppose	0	7	<p>Motion to support Tolliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaValle</p> <p>Lavalle is it a slough or non spawning tributaries?</p> <p>State leaves it open</p> <p>Feds close when they take over</p> <p>Hunter thinking of supporting because there is no salmon up that river</p> <p>Runfol- Clarifies how people currently use the slough</p> <p>Tolliver calls the question</p>	
118	Close sport fishing for king salmon in the Kuskokwim River drainage when other Kuskokwim River fisheries are closed to the taking of king salmon			
Oppose	0	7	<p>Motion to support Tolliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaValle</p> <p>Chythlook this would codify what has already been in practice for many years.</p> <p>White calls the question</p>	
119	Close fishing for king salmon on Doestock Creek when other Kuskokwim River fisheries are closed to the taking of king salmon			
Oppose	0	7	<p>Motion to support Tolliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaValle</p> <p>Lavalle this would not stop subsistence rod and reeling would it?</p>	
120	Close sport fishing and rafting on the Kwethluk, Kasigluk, and Kisaralik Rivers from May 1 to October 31 in times of conservation for any species of salmon			
Oppose	0	7	<p>Motion to support Tolliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaValle</p> <p>White- this could shut down drift hunts, impact other users other than fishers. It wouldn't do anything for conservation.</p>	
121	Limit the number of days per week sport fishing guide services can be provided in the Aniak River drainage			
Oppose	0	7	<p>Motion to support Tolliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaValle</p> <p>White- Driving over spawning grounds the rest of the week would still affect it, so it isn't to just protect spawning grounds</p> <p>Clarification from ADF&amp;G on number of sport guides in the area.</p>	
122	Require parts of sport-caught salmon in the Kuskokwim-Goodnews Area to be retained or disposed of away from shore			
Oppose	0	7	<p>Motion to support Tolliver, 2<sup>nd</sup> LaValle</p> <p>LaValle-would this be just for sport fishers or for subsistence fishers as</p>	

well?

Kassman- isn't putting some of these fish parts back in the water the environment?

Call the question Hunter



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## Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish Proposals

March 8-11, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
161	Require weekly reporting of salmon harvest by all permit or license holders		
Oppose	0	7	Motion to support Tolliver, 2 <sup>nd</sup> LaValle Lekander- ONC goes house to house for surveys and we have the calendar, so we have an idea of what is going on. Hunter- we have the calendars. We take them to fish camp and mark how much fish we get. I don't like the weekly reporting. Call the question Hunter
162	Require biweekly reporting of all sport, personal use, and subsistence king salmon catch		
Oppose	0	7	Motion to support Tolliver, 2 <sup>nd</sup> LaValle Call the question Hunter
163	Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of subsistence-caught fish		
Support	7	0	Motion to support Tolliver, 2 <sup>nd</sup> LaValle Lekander -why keep catching if you don't need? Is this a problem here? Get just what you need. Riley- wanton waste is bad. Lekander_ I have seen some people just keep catching and go wild, then they take it home and don't know what to do with it. Never waste what you catch Question called white
164	Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of sheefish		
Support	7	0	Motion to support Tolliver, 2 <sup>nd</sup> LaValle

## FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD PROPOSALS

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
FP 19-08	IN times of conservation of Chinook salmon pulse protection dates to be put in regulation.		
Oppose	0	7	Aaron Tiernan- similar to BOF Prop. 114
FP 19-09	Set allowable harvest dates to provide sheefish harvest opportunity in the Kuskokwim Drainage		
Support	7	0	

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
FP 19-10	Allow fishing with set nets in non-salmon spawning tributaries, 100 yd. upriver from the mainstem of Kusko River during times when salmon fishing is closed		
Oppose	0	7	

Minutes Recorded By: Jon LaValleMinutes Approved By: Jaimie A. KussmanDate: Dec 29, 2019

# CENTRAL BERING SEA ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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## MEETING MINUTES

October 24–25, 2018

ADF&G Office, 9:00am

570 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bethel, AK

**Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709**

**Call to Order:** CBSA meeting opened by Chairman David Bill, Sr. @ 9:06a. Recess at 6:00pm on 10/24/18; Reconvene at 8:35am on 10/25/18 (11 members present, Leo Moses Jr. Absent)

**Invocation:** David Carl

**Roll Call:** Made by Stan Atchak (secretary), 11 present: David Bill Sr., Stan Atchak, Tommy Kusaiak, Peter Julius (teleconference), Howard Amos, Stanley Tom, Stanley Anthony, Jacqueline Cleveland, Susie Walter, Willie Atti (Teleconference), Leo Moses Jr. (Teleconference)

Peter Julius excused @ 4:25pm on 10/24/18

**Approval of Agenda:** Susie Walter made motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Howard Amos, Approved

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** October 10-11, 2017

- Chairman wanted to see if the agenda is good.
- David Carl wanted clarification that “musk ox are afraid of water” and he says it is not true; The reindeer and musk ox are not afraid of water. Howard Amos agrees to what David Carl noted. (p. 6 of minutes needs correction)
- Howard Amos made a motion to accept the minutes of 10/11-12/2018, with correction noted. Second by Thomas Kusaiak. All in favor motion passed to accept the minutes.

**Moment of Silence:** Remembering former member- Joseph John Sr.

- There was a moment of silence for elder Joseph John for his passing.

### Introductions:

- a. Fish and Game Staff: (Teleconference: Jeff Estensen, John Chythlook, Christy Gleason, Holly Carroll) Jen Peeks, Pat Jones, Dave Runfola, Colton Lipka, Keith Oster
- b. Other Agency Representatives: Sarah Mutter AVCP, John Orr AVCP, Ken Stahlnecker USFWS
- c. Members of the Public/ Other: Elizabeth Kusaiak, Pete Walter, Pat Samson (Translator)

### Public Comments/ Testimony: 3 minutes per person

- **Pat Samson...**Public Comment...asked if ADFG could shut things down with Donlin. Who has the authority over shipping lanes? Dave Runfola- US Coast Guard or BLM- Bonnie Million, Corp of Engineers. David Bill discussed the Togiak Coast Guard. Commented that if you don't know the shipping in the Bering Sea to call the coast guard.

### Old Business:

- **Officer Elections:** Election of the Officers for CBSA committee.
- Tommy K. wants to have staggered terms for the officers

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### Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 15-19, 2019

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
139	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
Support	11	0	F&G supports this proposal for the brown bear hunt on the 25.00 tag. This proposal is to get rid of this tag fee for the hunters. Susie Walter Made a motion to accept the proposal. Seconded by Howard Amos. Motion passed.

### Alaska Board of Fisheries: AYK Proposals

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
89	Allow retention of king salmon for subsistence purposes, by emergency order, during times of king salmon conservation in the Yukon Area		
Support	12	0	ADF&G- Fishermen to use the ability dipnet for king salmon and chum during the summer. Pros and cons-The use of dipnet allows the fishermen another option to fish and keep what they want to keep and release the rest. If this idea is to use it with the commercial fishing is not good. Only thru emergency order could be opened to try to keep the King salmon alive. Howard Amos Made a motion to adopt this proposal. David Carl seconded the motion. All in favor of the motion passed.
99	Allow use of beach seine gear to harvest salmon during open commercial fishing periods in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area		
Support	12	0	This is to use beach seines at the district 1 area. For summer and fall



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			season. Another way to catch fish not with gillnet only. F&G has no opposition on this proposal. Howard made a motion to support seconded by Stanley Tom, motion carried, passed.
101	Open and close the commercial fishery for fall chum and coho salmon in the Yukon Area by emergency order		
No Action			Stanley Tom made a proposal to make <b>no action</b> on this proposal, seconded by Howard Amos, motion passed for no action.
105	Allow use of set gillnets with 7 ½" mesh to harvest salmon other than king salmon and other non-salmon fish species on the Kuskokwim River for subsistence purposes during times of king salmon conservation		
Support	12	0	To Use 7.5 to fish during king salmon conservation. Howard Amos asked if Kwethluk is the only village that supports this proposal. F&G said that this is the 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting except the McGrath area met. Currently the law allows only 4.5 mesh and this proposal is to make it bigger than 7.5 inches. The 4.5 will kill the young kings and the 7.5 will let them escape. Howard Amos makes a motion to support the motion, seconded by Willie Atti. Motion passed.
106	Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes within 50 feet of each other in that portion of the Kuskokwim River drainage from the north end of Eek Island upstream to the mouth of the Kolmakoff River		
No Action			Reduce the distance from 150' to 50' for subsistence purposes on the nets on the Kuskokwim tributaries. Stanley Tom makes a motion for no action on the proposal, seconded by Howard Amos. All in favor of the motion for no action.
107	Allow the use of dipnets in the Kuskokwim River drainage subsistence salmon fishery		
Support	10	0	Allow the use of dipnet anytime for regular gear on the Kuskokwim. Howard-we supported the dipnets on the Yukon and I would like to



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			support dipnets for the Kusko David Bill- we don't know how the people of the Kuskokwim feel and John Riley on the Yukon said he didn't like dipnets on the Yukon. Would like to abstain. Would like to hear more. Howard Amos makes a motion to support the motion. Stanley Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed. 1 Abstain
108	Add dip nets as legal gear for subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim Area		
No Action			Add dipnet to use on the Kuskokwim river for legal subsistence gear. Howard Amos makes a motion to take no action, seconded by Susie Walter. Motion passed for no action.
109	Close waters marine waters immediately adjacent to the mouth of the Kuskokwim River to subsistence fishing during times of king salmon conservation		
Opposed	0	12	During state salmon conservation around the river mouth for subsistence fishing for king salmon. It will affect the Kuskokwim villages near the mouth of the river. Willie Atti stated that all these regulations are affecting the Kuskokwim mouth villages. Willie doesn't support this proposal. Quinhagak don't support this proposal because it would be more fishermen populated in their area. Willie I was the first one to address this. I did not support it because of our fishing grounds. Willie Atti makes a motion to adapt proposal 109 to oppose, seconded by J Cleveland. Motion failed.
110	Close all fishing in non-salmon spawning rivers of the Kuskokwim River within five miles of the confluence during times of king salmon conservation		
No Action			Close the waters for fishing for the first 5 miles buffer zone up the rivers or tributaries on the non-spawning species during king salmon conservation.

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			Tommy K makes a motion for no action Seconded by Howard Amos. Motion passed for no action.
111	Increase maximum gillnet mesh size to 8 inches in both subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries		
No Action			Allow the use of 8 inch both commercial and subsistence fisheries. Tommy K made a motion for no action. Seconded by Jackie Cleveland. Motion passed.
112	Allow subsistence fishing for with dipnet gear during times of king or coho salmon conservation		
No Action			Allows dipnets for coho conservation for subsistence fishing. Susie- I don't want to come across as telling the Kuskowim fishers how to fish when I don't have a stake in the river fishery. Susie Walter makes a motion for no action, seconded by Howard Amos. Motion passed.
113	Close king salmon fisheries on the Kuskokwim River by emergency order on June 1		
No Action			Close king salmon fisheries on the Kuskokwim on June 1 by emergency order. Willie Atti stated that they like to catch the first as early as possible before the flies come out. Susie- with climate change there has been delays with fish season. A short season where subsistence hunters couldn't get what they need. We can't say how next year will be. Willie- our comment would be as a fisherman, I would suggest if I were them I would let all of the subsistence users fish when the fish start coming into the river. If we are open when the fish start showing up some would stay behind because we don't have a closed date. Howard Amos makes a motion to take no action, seconded by Susie Walters. Motion passed
114	Allow subsistence fishing for king salmon in the Kuskokwim River prior to June 11		
Opposed	1	10	Allows subsistence fishing for king salmon in the Kuskokwim river prior to

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			June 11. Howard Amos makes a motion for this proposal. Seconded by Susie Walter. Proposal 114 failed by majority of the vote by roll call. 10 no and 1 yes.
115	Allow subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish species in certain waters during times of king salmon conservation		
Support	10	0	During subsistence closure Tunt. & Tugayarak & Johnson river will be opened during the closure for 100 yards on the non-salmon rivers. Tommy K makes a motion to accept, seconded by Jackie Cleveland. Motion passed.
116	Maintain open subsistence salmon fishing periods around the mouths of the Johnson, Kialiq, Kinak, Tagyaraq and Pailleq Rivers		
No Action			Howard Amos makes a motion for no action on the proposal. Seconded by Tommy K, motion carried.
117	Allow subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish species in Pailleq Slough when the subsistence fishery for salmon is closed		
Support	11	0	Seeks to subsistence opening during closure on Pailleq Slough will be opened. David Carl made a motion to accept, seconded by Jackie Cleveland. Motion passed.
118	Close sport fishing for king salmon in the Kuskokwim River drainage when other Kuskokwim River fisheries are closed to the taking of king salmon		
Support-see comments	11	0	Jacki- wouldn't affect subsistence in Kanektok? Just sport fish? When commercial fishing is restricted during king conservation, they also believe sport fishing should also be closed because they are also making money from the fish. See sport fishing the same as commercial fishing.
122	Require parts of sport-caught salmon in the Kuskokwim-Goodnews Area to be retained or disposed of away from shore		
No Action			David Carl has been thinking of calling sport fishers as abuse

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			fishers. It is no fun to see people catch and release them. Near Goodnews Bay, fish would be floating and have wounds. Howard supports the idea, even in subsistence if we don't use parts we take it out to the ocean to feed the sea. Jackie C makes a motion for no action, seconded by Howard Amos. Motion passed.

Minutes Recorded By: Stan Atchak

Minutes Approved By: David Bill Sr.

Date: January 1, 2019

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 12/18/2018



Central Kuskokwim Advisory Committee  
December 11, 2018, 12:30-6:00 pm  
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**Teleconference info: 1(800) 504-8071 Access: 5432709#**



***Meeting called to order: 1:05***

***Approval of Agenda:*** Agenda was amended to address replacement for Mark Leary and JB Proposal #3 at the beginning of the meeting.

***Roll Call: Quorum: Yes***

***Present:*** Ricky Ciletti, Lisa Feyereisen, Walter Morgan, Darlene Heckman, Billy Alexie, Lucy Simeon, Tim Zaukar

***Absent:*** Mark Leary (resigned), Nick Kameroff (excused)

***Invocation: Walter Morgan***

***Introduction of Guests:***

Rebecca Wilmarth,  
John Chythlok,  
Mike Robinson,  
Megan Leary,  
Dan Gillikin,  
Patrick Moses,  
John AVCP,  
John LE USFWS,  
Chris McDevitt,  
Aaron Tiernan,  
Nick Smith  
Tracy Simeon,  
Patrick Snow  
Will Hartman,  
Doug Carney  
Gail Vanderpool  
Josh Peirce,  
Jon Barton,  
Kent Most,  
Nick Smith,  
Jen Peeks (2:10)

***Discussion and Vote: Member at Large:***

It was discussed that Mark Leary indicated he wanted to resign as Member at Large. **Rebecca Wilmarth**, Georgetown was nominated and unanimously approved to fill his seat.

***Update from Game (Josh, Jon):***

Wildlife overview: Jon Barton and Josh Peirce

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**Other/Miscellaneous Business:**

**Adjourn:**

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3	Add two undesignated seats to the Central Kuskokwim Advisory Committee		
Support	6		This proposal will put on the books what is taking place in practice for 6 years. It was felt that the persons to fill these two seats should live in the area. The abstain as RC didn't feel the need for this proposal since it was already being practices. 1 Abstain

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
105	Allow use of set gillnets with 7 ½" mesh to harvest salmon other than king salmon and other non-salmon fish species on the Kuskokwim River for subsistence purposes during times of king salmon conservation		
Oppose	0	6	Lisa- oppose, biological data does not support this Walter- doesn't like this Billy Ricky- oppose, we need the larger sized salmon to make it to the spawning beads. Dan Gillikin- the way the proposal is written would not change anything. Brings to light that we still have the 8" gear on the books. Be good to get it off the books permanently.
106	Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes within 50 feet of each other in that portion of the Kuskokwim River drainage from the north end of Eek Island upstream to the mouth of the Kolmakoff River		
Oppose	0	6	ADF&G Overview Lisa- oppose, feel like we hear already about combat fishing. this

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
			might add to user conflict. Ricky- oppose, if only a few eddies, you are targeting those areas and it may cause more harm.
107	Allow the use of dipnets in the Kuskokwim River drainage subsistence salmon fishery		
Support	6	0	ADFG Overview Lisa- support this, has been successful on the Yukon. Using a dipnet can live release. Also support 108, and 112. Ricky- support, give people opportunity to subsistence fish who don't have a boat or fishing nets. Some people have done well with the
108	Add dip nets as legal gear for subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim Area		
NA			Refer to comments on Prop. 107
109	Close waters marine waters immediately adjacent to the mouth of the Kuskokwim River to subsistence fishing during times of king salmon conservation		
Support	6	0	ADF&G Overview Lisa- heard this issue arise during Working Group meetings.
110	Close all fishing in non-salmon spawning rivers of the Kuskokwim River within five miles of the confluence during times of king salmon conservation		
NA			ADF&G Overview We don't have a lot of information on how much fish are actually being taken.
111	Increase maximum gillnet mesh size to 8 inches in both subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries		
Oppose	0	7	ADF&G Overview Lisa- this seems premature, but will increase commercial if it comes back Ricky- won't support this
112	Allow subsistence fishing for with dipnet gear during times of king or coho salmon conservation		
NA			See comments from Prop. 107
113	Close king salmon fisheries on the Kuskokwim River by emergency order on June 1		
Oppose	0	7	ADF&G overview
114	Allow subsistence fishing for king salmon in the Kuskokwim River prior to June 11		
Oppose	0	5	ADF&G Overview Lisa- this replaces the closure until June 11. Central Kusko people have been adamant about not have sequential openers. I will not support this. Billy- agrees with Lisa Rebecca- Ricky- agree with Lisa, voted for the closure before June 11 for a reason. Would like to see it continue
115	Allow subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish species in certain waters during times of king salmon conservation		



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Support as amended	7	0	ADF&G Overview- both governments already have the ability to do, but this would put it in the codified . Dan Gillikin- possible amendment...limit it to 6" or less gear Lisa- <b>amendment- strike 8" and change to 6"</b> . 6" is a conservation effort. Lisa- wouldn't damage conservation efforts in place
116	Maintain open subsistence salmon fishing periods around the mouths of the Johnson, Kialiq, Kinak, Tagyaraq and Pailleq Rivers		
Oppose	0	7	ADF&G Overview Lisa- won't support this. User conflicts in mouth of the Johnson. Ricky- won't support this. Concerns for the people in Kalskag. Billy- not supporting Walter- need to close the whole river if its closed, takes time for the fish to come up.
117	Allow subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish species in Pailleq Slough when the subsistence fishery for salmon is closed		
Support	7	0	ADF&G Overview Lisa- will support this, common practice, subsistence practice Billy- Support
118	Close sport fishing for king salmon in the Kuskokwim River drainage when other Kuskokwim River fisheries are closed to the taking of king salmon		
Oppose	1	6	ADF&G Overview, Sports Division is already doing this Lisa- does not think the language in the proposal is clear. Appears this is already happening. Ricky- already measures in place to take care of it. Billy- not in support.
119	Close fishing for king salmon on Doestock Creek when other Kuskokwim River fisheries are closed to the taking of king salmon		
Oppose	0	7	Lisa- It is already taking place and not sure why things are being put in regulation that are already taking place. Tim- if you oppose it, it may seem like you support sport fishing in the area. Dan Gillikin- would not support because the proposal is not clearly worded. 1 Abstain
120	Close sport fishing and rafting on the Kwethluk, Kasigluk, and Kisaralik Rivers from May 1 to October 31 in times of conservation for any species of salmon		
NA			
121	Limit the number of days per week sport fishing guide services can be provided in the Aniak River drainage		

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Support	7	0	<p>Lisa Feyereisen provided reasoning for submitting proposal. Commented that this topic had been discussed at several previous CK AC meetings.</p> <p>Talked with several different areas with similar issues. Found a regulation on the Kenai River.</p> <p>1 Abstain</p>
122	Require parts of sport-caught salmon in the Kuskokwim-Goodnews Area to be retained or disposed of away from shore		
Oppose	4	4	<p>ADF&amp;G overview</p> <p>Ricky- this is going too far, not supporting this. Singles out the sport fish industry.</p> <p>Billy- in agreement with Ricky. Putting more regulations. Lisa- this would affect the whole river.</p>

Minutes Recorded By: Lisa Feyereisen

Minutes Approved By: Lisa Feyereisen, 12/31/18

Rebecca Wilmarth, 01/02/19

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Support	7	0	ADF&G Overview Rebecca- supports increases opportunity for hunters in the area and no biological reasons not to support this.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
FP 19-08			
Oppose	1	7	Lisa-Need more explanation on how this would benefit the users and king salmon conservation. Also does not read clear. Ricky- Mirroring the state proposal 114, oppose. See comments on 114
FP 19-09			
			Similar to BOF 113, did not vote
FP 19-10			
Support	7	0	Similar to BOF 115

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Lisa Feyereisen

Minutes Approved By: Lisa Feyereisen, 12/31/18  
Rebecca Wilmarth, 01/02/19



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**CALL TO ORDER:** 8:45am, December 21, 2018

**ROLL CALL:** David Bunyan, Stanley Pete, Arthur Redfox, Paul Kassock (voting), Ray Oney (chair). Quorum at 8:49

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approved Unanimous

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** February 6, 2018: Approve Unanimous

## **INTRODUCTIONS:**

- a. Fish and Game Staff: Phillip Perry (WD), Deena Jallen (CF), Holly Carroll (CF), Christy Gleason (CF), Jen Peeks (Boards)
- b. Other Agency Representatives: Walter Blajeski (AST), John Orr (AVCP), Stephanie Quinn-Davidson (Intertribal Fish Commission), Gene Sandone (YDFDA)
- c. Members of the Public/ Other: John H. Lamont (Emmonak), Cyril Okitkun (Kotlik), Reynold Okitkun (Kotlik)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY:** *3 minutes per person*

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Member terms and expirations**

Jen (ADF&G) provided an update on the CLYAC roster and elections

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Board of Game Proposals:** See below
  - Moose and Bear Reauthorization Proposals: 133, 139
  - Board of Game: Western Region Proposals DUE May 1, 2019

- **Board of Fish Proposals:**

- Yukon Area Fishery Overview

Deena Jallen (ADF&G) provided a summer season overview of 2018

Pilot station sonar estimated 162,000 kings. Canada border estimated 57,500 king salmon. Subsistence surveys are going through the data at this time. The pre-season meeting will have the results. ADF&G thanked those who helped with the surveys.

Christy Gleason (ADF&G) provided a 2018 fall season overview.

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Fall chum salmon estimated about 1 million, which was above average and 236,000 coho, which was about average. Thanked the fisherman for cooperation and feedback.

- Yukon River Proposals (see below)
- Statewide Proposals (see below)
- **Federal Fishery Proposals** *(optional) Did not discuss due to no Federal staff*
- **Joint Board Proposal:** Proposal 2 (see below)

### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- Elect AC Representative and Alternate to attend the AYK BOF meeting: January 15-19, 2019.

Pete, Kassock, Redfox, and Bunyan support Chairman Oney attending the meeting.

Alternate: Arthur Redfox

### AC Member Comments:

- Stanley Pete- when we have public comments during all the duration of the meeting it can have an effect on the proposal we are voting on. It should be 3 minutes at the beginning for the public. For future, we should give them 3 minutes at the beginning. For the next meeting, if we have a time/place for public comments that is when they should make their testimony. He felt uncomfortable. If we want direction or want advice from the Dept., that is what they are there for. John H. Lamont (Member of Public)- it is up to the chair, proponents are allowed to speak on their proposal at the Boards meetings.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Call of the Chair **Location:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** 2:35 pm

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133	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 18		
Support	4	0	ADF&G overview Pete- asked if there had been an increase in predation. Kassock- Asked about the moose dying of natural causes. Does the state have a number? ADF&G- general ideas
139	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
Support	4	0	ADF&G overview

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86	Allow subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish with hook and line gear in District 4 of the Yukon Area		
Support	4	0	ADF&G overview Pete motion to adopt, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Redfox
87	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with drift gillnets in the entire Yukon River		
Oppose	0	4	ADF&G overview Kassock- are there concerns about the urban residents coming to the Yukon and fishing with drift gillnets? ADF&G- Tanana/Rampart AC meeting discussed this and it was a concern. People can already come and fish with a setnet at this time. Pete- understands their concern, but in looking at management in the lower river we have a lot of restrictions. By the time the salmon reach Dist. 5-6, they are mostly Chinook salmon. I am not sure the impact of this

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			will impact the subsistence harvest rate. I am concerned in the subsistence harvest rate will increase in these areas. Pete made motion to adopt, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bunyan.
88	Require fish wheels to be closely attended during times of conservation for any species		
Support	4	0	ADF&G overview Pete to adopt motion, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Bunyan
89	Allow retention of king salmon for subsistence purposes, by emergency order, during times of king salmon conservation in the Yukon Area		
Support	4	0	ADF&G overview Pete- would allow ADF&G to have control over if/when this would be allowed. No objections to supporting this proposal. Kassock- in the past in the Yukon Delta, fishermen have been told not to fish in certain rivers. Would that change if this is passed? ADF&G- could still have closures if we wanted fish to go by. Bunyan- Chevak area mentioned that Apoonan and Kasunaq all species were abundant. Sometimes drainages may be an alternate way to get up to the Yukon. Pete motion to adopt, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Redfox
90	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of the commercial fishing season in Districts 1-3 and Subdistrict 4-A of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
Support as amended	4	0	ADF&G overview Kassock- the 24 hour closure in Alakanuk they are already gone. Pete- I think 6 hours is too short, I think the ADF&G has this well managed. I am comfortable with what is currently in place. Six hours does not give ample notice time, they may need to travel a few hours. ADF&G would support having EO authority to shorten it if that was the right thing to do. Pete made motion to adopt, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bunyan Pete <b>Amendment: change 6 hours to 12 hours.</b>
91	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of each commercial fishing period in Districts 1-3 of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
Oppose	0	4	ADF&G overview Pete- the ADF&G already has the discretion with EO. Do not see the need



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			for this proposal. Oney- Feel the same way as Pete.
92	Restrict gillnet mesh size to a maximum of 6 inches in Districts 4, 5, and 6 subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries		
Oppose	0	4	ADF&G overview Pete- oppose, could be hard on people to have to purchase different gear. Stephanie Quinn-Davidson (Intertribal Yukon Fish Commission)- FC Opposed this proposal and called the TCs in Dist. 5 and 6 to make sure they were in opposition. Pete motion adopt, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bunyan
93	Repeal the requirement to remove the tips of the tail fin of subsistence-taken salmon in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area		
Support as Amended	4	0	ADF&G overview Pete- Amendment: <b>Allow the Dept. authority to require the fin clipping if there is a commercial fishery for Yukon Chinook salmon.</b>
94	Allow the taking of the first king salmon entering the Yukon River for religious and ceremonial use		
Support	4	0	ADF&G overview Pete- described cultural values and rituals. Gave example of not being able to harvest fish after a person has passed away. Not all tribes have the same rituals or celebrations. Some of these rituals are private. This would not pertain to subsistence such as drying fish. There are other ceremonial allowances for moose. Our rituals are often seen as insignificant. Oney- thanked Pete for putting this proposal in. Bunyan- in Hooper Bay we are the highway for fish and game and water fowl. Sometimes king salmon bypass our bay. When we hear about subsistence barter or trade, we see the food sources as a gift from the Creator. Kassock- support Mr. Bunyan and Mr. Pete in this proposal. We used to celebrate the first arrival of the water fowl and fish. Pete motion to adopt, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Redfox
95	In the Yukon River between the marker at Waldron Creek and Hess Creek, require a minimum		

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	distance of 300 feet between units of set gillnet gear and limit the amount of net gear that may be deployed in an eddy to 350 feet		
No Action			ADF&G overview Pete- seems like there are protections in place for keeping people from cutting off the entire creek. Asked for ADF&G clarification. H. Lamont- asked clarification on the length of net, what size nets does ADF&G see? ADF&G- usually 100-150ft. long. Kassock- have not seen 900ft of setnet in the Delta. Have seen 300ft for subsistence.
96	Allow subsistence fishing for fall chum salmon in District 5 without time restrictions if commercial fishing for fall chum salmon is open in other Yukon River districts		
Oppose	0	4	ADF&G Overview Pete- Would be nice to see the subsistence reports for this area prior to making a decision on this. Have they been meeting their subsistence needs annually? ADF&G responded on fall season subsistence trends. Pete- ADF&G has regulations in place for subsistence in Dist. 5. Would hate to see it open 7 days a week. You don't want to over harvest one stock. Will be in opposition. Even if a new manager would come in, would hope the manager would understand and recognize the needs. Pete motion to adopt, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bunyan.
97	Divide District 2 of the Yukon Area into two subdistricts		
No Action			ADF&G overview. Gene Sandone commented that the author wanted to withdraw this proposal.
98	Decrease gillnet depth in Districts 4 – 6 of the Yukon Area		
No Action			ADF&G overview H. Lamont commented that putting in a restriction should be equitable to all users. The lower river has had the majority of restrictions. Kassock- we are already restricted to 30 mesh, it is not very deep.
99	Allow use of beach seine gear to harvest salmon during open commercial fishing periods in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area		
Oppose	0	4	ADF&G overview Pete- reviewed the current regulation in place. If you allow a beach seine

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			to fish at the same time as gillnets, may be in conflict with what is already in place. There may be competition between beach seine users and drifters. In opposition to this proposal. Pete motion to adopt, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bunyan
100	Adopt maximum size and depth restrictions for fish wheel baskets		
Oppose	0	4	ADF&G overview H. Lamont- submitted this as another inequitable issue. Pete- commented that because of chinook harvest conservation, the lower river opted to use non-traditional gear in order to harvest summer chum salmon. A gear type was put in place in the lower river so they can participate in the commercial fishery. To impose more regulations on a region who had traditionally used fishwheel... I'm opposing this. Why should someone upriver using traditionally used gear have to alter their gear? I don't see the need for this. Pete motion to adopt, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Redfox
101	Open and close the commercial fishery for fall chum and coho salmon in the Yukon Area by emergency order		
Support	4	0	ADF&G overview Pete motion to adopt, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Bunyan
102	Include the Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers in District 1 of the Yukon Area		
Support	3	0	ADF&G overview Reynold Okitkun (Kotlik)– could not find data that fish spawn in these rivers. These are historical sites. Reynold- before 1982 we historically fished these sites. For 30 years we fished in these rivers. ADF&G will not consider our data; we have fished here for centuries. You cannot go from Blackriver to the Yukon, trying to get the same status as that river. Pete- you can get from Blackriver to the Yukon, go behind Nunam Iqua and get to the Yukon. Cyril- With respect to ADF&G, we are asking for the AC support. Reynold- Historical data is important. Local knowledge is vital to making decisions. Kassock- Blackriver does connect to the Yukon River.

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			<p>Reynold- we will always fight for these proposals, these are our historical areas and our historical rights.</p> <p>H. Lamont- the Blackriver does not connect up river to the Yukon by Mt. Village, it is not a main tributary of the Yukon.</p> <p>Oney- recommend we support Prop. 102-104. They want to practice what they have been using all along. It will decriminalize the practice they have been doing for their subsistence practice.</p> <p>Kassock motion to adopt proposal 102-104,</p> <p>Kassock- supports these three proposals.</p> <p>1 Abstain</p>
103	Repeal closed waters within 500 yards of the mouth of Pastolik River and Pastoliak River		
Support	3	0	<p>The AC voted on 102-104 as a group. See comments under 102.</p> <p>1 Abstain</p>
104	Repeal closed waters in the lower three miles of the Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers		
Support	3	0	<p>The AC voted on 102-104 as a group. See comments under 102.</p> <p>1 Abstain</p>
178	Allow chum salmon to be taken by drift gillnets after August 2 in Yukon River Subdistrict 4-A downstream from the mouth of Stink Creek.		
Support	4	0	<p>Pete motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bunyan.</p>

Minutes Recorded By: Stanley Pete, 12/27/18

Minutes Approved By: Ray Oney, 12/28/18

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Craig Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
December 12, 2018  
Craig City Council Chamber**

I. Call to Order: 6:06

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Kurt Whitehead, Steve Merritt, Ellen Hannan, Brian Castle, Raymond Douville, Mike Douville

Members Absent (Excused): Chuck Haydu, Kirk Agnitsch

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present:

Joel Steenstra, Jeff Reeves-FS, Jessalyn Rintala ADFG, Ross Durendorf-ADFG

III. Approval of Agenda:

IV.

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From November 26, 2018 meeting

VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: Ross Durendorf, Craig Schwanke, Jessalyn

VII. Guests Present: Joel Steenstra, Jeff Reeves-FS

VIII. Old Business: (excerpted)

BoF Statewide Finfish and Supplemental proposals:

Prop 161-Moved and seconded to oppose. Dave moved. All oppose. All users already provide timely data.

Prop 162-Moved and seconded to oppose. Dave moved. Too expensive, there's already lots of data provided.

Prop 163-Moved and seconded to oppose. Mike opposed. It's already illegal under wanton waste.

Prop 164-No action

Prop 165-Moved and seconded to support. Dave moved. People can use their charter boat after the season and will improve safety.

Prop 166-Moved and seconded to support. Dave moved. Absolutely.

Prop 167-No action.

Prop 168-Moved and seconded to support. Dave moved. Closing a regulatory loophole.

Prop 169-No action.

Prop 170-No action.

Prop 171-Tabled

Prop 172-No action.

Prop 173-No action.

**Prop 176-Moved by Kurt and seconded to support with the amendment to move the non-resident harvest allocation to the month of June. We feel it is very important for the charter fleet to be able to harvest kings during the entire month of June.**

**Prop 177-Support and moved by Kurt with the amendment that the troller's get the first opportunity and the net fishermen only come in when there's a surplus.** Prop 178-No Action

Prop 179-No Action

Prop 180-No action

Dave is gone Feb. 4-18

Mike is gone Jan 1-6

Kurt is gone Jan 11-16 and Jan

Adjournment: 9:00PM

Minutes Recorded By: Kurt Whitehead

Minutes Approved By:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Delta junction Advisory Committee  
12 DEC 2018  
Delta Junction City Hall**

- I. Call to Order: 6:36 PM by Carl Taylor
- II. Roll Call:
  - Members Present: Jacob White, Earl McNabb, Tisha Kennel, Carl Taylor, Jeff Lipscomb, Rusty Craig, Paul Dudgeon, Ross Baker, Robert Mathews, Tim Webb, Don Quarberg, Tony Williams, Elizabeth Neipert, Don Bunselmeier,
  - Members Absent (Excused): Vern Aiton
  - Members Absent (Unexcused):
  - Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
  - List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Don Bunselmeier/Paul Dudgeon - Unanimous
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Carl Taylor/Rob Mathews - Unanimous
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandy Baker, Clint Cooper
- VI. Guests Present: Jimmy Cummings, Jack Windsor, Art Cummings
- VII. Old Business:
  - 1. The letter requesting re-issue of Wes Pinkleman's DS203 Sheep permit was sent to the Commissioner, but was returned due to the turmoil there with transition from the old guy to a permanent replacement. Interim Commissioner felt it should be re-submitted to the new permanent Commissioner once in place. Jacob reported that feedback so far has been positive regarding chances for approval, but it would likely be a governor's tag as opposed to a re-issue.





VIII. New Business:

1. ADF&G Staff Reports

a. Brandy Baker: Fishing info has been sporadic coming in. Good reports on Quartz Lake ice fishing – rainbows up to 24 inches being caught. Initial information on data from Burbot tracking project should be available in February 2019.

b. Clint Cooper: 70 Bison have been taken. No moose surveys were done in 20d or 20A ue to snow conditions. Plan full moose and bison surveys next year. Small game biologists to come to a Delta AC meeting – likely JAN if it gets changed to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Clint asked if the AC wanted Tony Hollis to come to a meeting to discuss moose management in GMU 20. Answer was resounding YES – want to discuss how it can be Intensive Management when there is little perceived active managing going on. AC asked for JAN 2019.

c. A motion was made to move the jan meeting to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jeff Lipscomb/Rusty Craig – passed 10-1-0

d. Jack Windsor brought up an issue with the statute on permits for trapping cabins. One of the stipulations for a permit is that the applicant must have established a history of using the cabin for trapping before august 1984. Motion was made to write a letter in support of repealing that stipulation. (Carl/Jeff) passed 10-0-1

e. Don Quarberg asked about proposals for the upcoming BOG cycle, to include:

1. Changing bullet weight restrictions for Delta Bison hunts: Discussion ensued, and Rusty Craig volunteered to do some ballistics research to support a decision on this issue.

2. Allowing exceptions to the motorized access restrictions in walk-in hunts: Don indicated he will write a proposal asking that these exceptions be removed.

3. Changing “any bull” hunts to “any antlered bull”: discussion that any bull allows the taking of calves. Don indicated he will write a proposal asking that this wording be changed.

4. Grouse daily bag and possession limits: Jeff and Tisha will work on a proposal to limit the take of any particular species of grouse to 5 per day. In a subsequent discussion, it has been suggested that perhaps this should just be to change the bag limit to 5 grouse per day.

f. Jack Windsor asked what we could find out about the panel that was set up to “monitor’ pogo mine impacts? Is it still functioning? How can we get the results? He stated he has no known issues with what Pogo is doing, just knew this was part of the reuiremntns when the mine was initially permitted, and wondered where that had gone?



## g. BOF Proposals.

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70	Modify the size limit in Fielding Lake to allow retention of lake trout less than 28 inches		
	0	9	2 Abstained. Ac needs biological survey data before supporting a change
71	Remove the size limit on lake trout for Fielding Lake		
	0	9	2 Abstained. Ac needs biological survey data before supporting a change
74	Allow harvest of Arctic grayling in the Delta Clearwater River		
	11	0	
75	Repeal the bag limit for northern pike in the Chisana River drainage upstream of the Northway Bridge		
	11	0	
76	Allow a year-round season for northern pike in Volkmar Lake		
	3	4	4 abstained. Disagreement on impact of season during spawning
77	Allow sport fishing for northern pike in Little Harding Lake		
	10	0	1 abstained.
78	Modify gear specifications for the Minto Flats northern pike sport fishery		
	0	9	2 abstained. Majority felt no scientific support for mortality claims. No need to change.
84	Repeal the Tanana River Area wild rainbow trout regulation		
	11	0	
85	Update the Tanana River Area stocked waters regulations		
	11	0	
122	Require parts of sport-caught salmon in the Kuskokwim-Goodnews Area to be retained or disposed of away from shore		
	0	11	Salmon rivers tend to be littered with naturally occurring salmon carcasses anyway, so the nuisance/noxious addition created by parts from fisherman is negligible. We are apprehensive that regulations like this enacted in one location will spread to other areas where there is no concern with this issue.
161	Require weekly reporting of salmon harvest by all permit or license holders		
	0	11	Onerous on fishermen, and expensive for ADF&G to reduce and analyze data in any sort of timely manner that would make weekly reporting useful.
162	Require biweekly reporting of all sport, personal use, and subsistence king salmon catch		
	0	11	Onerous on fishermen, and expensive for ADF&G to reduce and analyze data in any sort of timely manner that would make weekly reporting useful.



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163	Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of subsistence-caught fish.		
	11	0	It is not subsistence if you are not using the fish you kill.

h. Carl asked if anyone is willing and available to attend the BOF meeting in anchorage on 15-19 JAN 2019. It was suggested that we ask Vern Aiton. Jeff Lipscomb stated that he should be able to attend if Vern is not available.

Adjournment: 8;45 pm

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_JEFF LIPSCOMB\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
December 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes  
Pioneer Hall, Pioneer Park, Fairbanks, AK

Roll Call –

	<b><u>CHAIR</u></b> Kirk Schwalm	<b><u>VICE- CHAIR</u></b> Mark Richards	<b><u>SECRETARY</u></b> Ed Horton	Al Barrette	Chuck Derrick	John Wisniew ski	Warren Giuchici	Richard Doering
Present	X	X	X			X	X	X
Absent								
Abs/Excused				X	X			
	Mike Bryan	Levi Lewellyn	Jeff Lucas	Mike Tinker	Mike Quinn	John Siegfried	Vince Holton	
Present	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Absent								
Abs/Excused							X (Left at 2100)	

- **Finalize comments for Southeast BOG Meeting** (Al Barrette is absent so Mark Richards spoke for the Game/Trap Subcommittee)
  - o Heated discussion on Prop 8 comments - Game/Trap subcommittee supported prop 8 by 6-0 vote. Nate Turner from BOG commented that it is US Forest Service driven (they wanted guides), Virgil Umphenour disagreed with the proposition and discussed history of the guide requirement and why it's still needed. Concerns about must-be-guided requirements spreading to other areas and species noted by other members. **Moved to adopt subcommittee comments on Prop 8 by the full committee, approved 11-3 vote.**
  - o Further brief discussion on the rest of the Game Subcommittee comments. Discussion with Nate Turner on various proposals.
  - o **Mark Richards motioned to approve Game Subcommittee recommendations, approved unanimously.**
- **ACR discussion**
  - o ACR 5 & 13 - According to Nate Turner, ACR 5 failed, and 13 will be discussed in Petersburg. Motion to table discussion to Feb meeting, approved unanimously.
  - o Prop 151 - motion to Take no Action, approved unanimously
  - o ACR 2 - Kirk commented on legalities of mule deer take, emphasizes it is not currently



legal. **Motion to support ACR 2, approved 12-2 vote.** Committee agreed that regulation on take, not extermination, is what is wanted.

- The Fairbanks Advisory Committee encouraged Nate Turner to ensure the committee has time to comment in the future.

Attached are the Fisheries Subcommittee Recommendations. The AC supported the decisions of the subcommittee unanimously with a vote of 14 members present. Please note all votes should be unanimous with this vote count.

Minutes Recorded by Ed Horton

Approved by Chair Kirk Schwalm 12/28/2018

Fairbanks Advisory Committee Fisheries Subcommittee Meeting  
November 26, 2018  
ADF&G Conference Room, Fairbanks, Alaska

- I. Members Present:
- II. Public Present:
- III. Department Present: Klaus Wuttig, Matt Albert, Heather Scannell, DSF  
Jeff Estensen, Christy Gleason, Holly Carroll\*, DCF  
Nissa Pilcher, BDS

\*via teleconference

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Proposal #	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
63	Expand waters closed to subsistence harvest of northern pike in the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary, adopt a maximum size limit, and reduce the bag limit		
NA			See comments for Proposal 69
64	Expand waters closed to subsistence harvest of northern pike in the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary, adopt a maximum size limit, and reduce the bag limit		
NA			See comments for Proposal 69
65	Expand waters closed to subsistence harvest of northern pike in the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary, adopt a maximum size limit, and reduce the bag limit		
NA			See comments for Proposal 69
66	Expand waters closed to subsistence harvest of northern pike in the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary		
NA			See comments for Proposal 69



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
67	Expand waters closed to subsistence harvest of northern pike in the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary		
NA			See comments for Proposal 69
68	Open the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary to subsistence fishing through the ice for northern pike		
NA			See comments for Proposal 69
69	Reduce the northern pike harvest trigger in the Chatanika River drainage from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game marker to the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary		
Support as amended			<p>Management in the MF Northern Pike Mgmt Plan has sports fishing component(s) and subsistence fishing component(s). Proposals 63-69 and 78 by both AC's and the public are based on concerns for protecting the large (30" plus) fish. The plan has harvest triggers that reduce bag limit and/or close the subsistence fishery when maximum harvest allowed is reached. Because the population of pike available for open water and winter (ice) fishing is made up of 70% plus the same population.</p> <p>The public proposals on boundaries, bag and size limit and the harvest cap (as in prop. 69) are all intended to reduce the number of large pike harvested.</p> <p>The FAC recommends adding to the exploitation rate subject of this proposal, the following. Keep the emergency closure caps in place. Change the daily bag limit for the subsistence fishery to 10 fish only 2 of which can be over 30", possession limit 20 fish (no more than 4 over 30"). If the large pike harvest does not come within the percentage limits suggested by the management plan, the sport fishery "reduction" should be changed from 2 fish, 1 over 30" to 5 fish, none over 30". The department information from recent assessment (2018) shows very large numbers of smaller pike. They can be harvested more heavily without hurting the recruitment to larger size.</p>



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			<p>The complication we considered is in “limiting subsistence”. The numbers of fish in the winter bag and possession limits are based on a long term comparison of the number of permits fished per year and the harvest rates. The bag limits are working.</p> <p>The boundary (one mile closure upstream from Goldstream Creek) does not need to be changed because the desired protection for large fish is provided by changing the bag/size retention. Boundaries for the subsistence fishery can interfere with subsistence opportunity because of the large variation in which parts of the Charanika River the pike overwinter. Water level and other environmental factors tend to move concentrations of pike in river.</p> <p>Lastly, the board has taken a similar approach (size limits in retention) for other fisheries.</p> <p>There are members of the public who wish to further restrict the harvest of large pike in the subsistence fishery. Included in our minutes is a copy of a petition from those fishermen.</p>
70	Modify the size limit in Fielding Lake to allow retention of lake trout less than 28 inches		
Support			Testimony from the department to our AC agree that the change will allow more lake trout to be retained without harming recruitment. The added harvest is good for this fishery.
71	Remove the size limit on lake trout for Fielding Lake		
Support			We agree, as does the department in testimony before the AC, that an increase in allowable harvest is good.
72	Allow catch-and-release fishing only for Arctic grayling on the Chatanika River		
NA			The department record shows a low population of grayling in the upper Chatanika River. An assessment is planned within the next year or two. The overall population does not need the recommended protection based on existing data. We recommend





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			the board TNA until after an assessment can be completed and analyzed.
73	Allow retention of Arctic grayling in the Chena River drainage		
support			<p>It's been nearly two decades since an assessment has been done on the Chena. Take a look in any fishing trip guide book or advertisement and you find the description of grayling fishing in the Chena River (especially above the dam) full of glowing reports of big fish on every cast.</p> <p>The catch and release created a blue ribbon fishery but took away all opportunity for families and young fishermen to retain a fish for eating. We again recommend a short stretch of the river with easy access as a fishery with an allowable harvest of one grayling under 12 inches length. The department has concern for a concentration of fish at Piledriver Slough. That can be removed from the area described.</p> <p>We believe the drainage wide catch and release are contrary management to the Alaska Constitution's objective to manage for opportunity for Use(S) and the Legislatures finding that "the best use for fish and wildlife resources is by Alaskans for food".</p>
74	Allow harvest of Arctic grayling in the Delta Clearwater River		
Support			The department's proposal provides added opportunity for a fishery popular with our constituents.
75	Repeal the bag limit for northern pike in the Chisana River drainage upstream of the Northway Bridge		
Support			This change would allow a uniform system regulation. The Chisana and the Nabesna River join to form the Tanana. The population of pike affected by the change is large in all sizes, spread out over a large area and lightly fished.



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76	Allow a year-round season for northern pike in Volkmar Lake		
Support			The restriction in existing is not needed. It was originally a spawning time protection but harvest is so low that the added opportunity is not a problem for the population.
77	Allow sport fishing for northern pike in Little Harding Lake		
Support			This repeal would add Little Harding Lake to the Tanana drainage pike regulations. This is a double win for fishermen. There are large pike available and by removing some the lake will continue to produce large rainbow trout.
78	Modify gear specifications for the Minto Flats northern pike sport fishery		
NA			There is no research that shows a measurable benefit to the fishery. The issue with Minto pike is not drainage or region wide. Don't create special requirements for either the sport fish component or the subsistence component of the harvest.
79	Increase the bag and possession limit of stocked species in Dune Lake		
Support			This increase bag limit request is to provide fishermen an opportunity to harvest planted salmon from the lake that would otherwise die annually.
80	Increase the bag and possession limit of stocked species in Koole Lake		
Support			Koole Lake has difficult access. Fishing effort is low. It is located on the edge of an active but remote military training area which further restricts access when in use. Winter over land access requires crossing the Tanana River in locations that often don't freeze over until very late in the year. Removing more fish may help grow bigger fish as was originally intended.
81	Increase the bag and possession limit of salmon, other than king salmon, in the Tanana River Area		
Support			As stated in the proposal, there is no down side to this change.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
82	Allow sport fishing for nonsalmon species in the Toklat River drainage year-round		
Support			This change protects the intended spawning area and adds opportunity for non-salmon species.
83	Allow sport and subsistence fishing for nonsalmon species in the Toklat River drainage year-round		
Support			This “partner” proposal adds opportunity.
84	Repeal the Tanana River Area wild rainbow trout regulation		
Support			The department gets an “A” for proposing this clarification.
85	Update the Tanana River Area stocked waters regulations		
Support			This proposal keeps the list current. Also recognizes that some lakes need to be removed over time and others added.
86	Allow subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish with hook and line gear in District 4 of the Yukon Area		
NA			It is our understanding that the board will take up this issue statewide. That would be our preference also.
87	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with drift gillnets in the entire Yukon River		
Support			Fishery managers reported that this change would not cause management conflicts and that other available restrictions can protect individual species from overharvest.
88	Require fish wheels to be closely attended during times of conservation for any species		
Support			There is no means available to release fish from a live box without significant risk of high mortality. Closely attended means that fish can



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			immediately be returned to the river lowering the mortality risk. The issue is reducing the incidental catch of king salmon.
89	Allow retention of king salmon for subsistence purposes, by emergency order, during times of king salmon conservation in the Yukon Area		
NA			
90	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of the commercial fishing season in Districts 1-3 and Subdistrict 4-A of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
Oppose			The 24 hour separation was established to separate the fisheries enough for fishermen, enforcement and others who require detailed record keeping.
91	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of each commercial fishing period in Districts 1-3 of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
Oppose			See comments on proposal 90
92	Restrict gillnet mesh size to a maximum of 6 inches in Districts 4, 5, and 6 subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries		
Support			Yukon area managers immediately change the subject when the issue is targeting the largest kings left in the Yukon population with large mesh. In this case they jumped immediately to “unknown dropout rates”, the Yukon is different than the rivers where older kings have not been depleted (like the Copper), chums and coho get caught in smaller nets (no brainer), etc. we support the sources listed in our proposal relative to the effects, especially long term, of using large mesh sizes targeting the biggest king salmon.
93	Repeal the requirement to remove the tips of the tail fin of subsistence-taken salmon in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area		
NA			The department, enforcement and the board of fish need to rethink how this regulation equates to the original purpose of stopping the sale of personnel use/subsistence fish. A look at how many tickets have been issued for illegal sale as opposed to tickets because a



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			dipnetter forgot one tail fin in a 40 fish pile shows that this regulation does not do as it was intended. Rather it causes fishermen grief because it's become "got ya".
94	Allow the taking of the first king salmon entering the Yukon River for religious and ceremonial use		
NA			This is not needed because of the subsistence fishery that precedes the commercial openings.
95	In the Yukon River between the marker at Waldron Creek and Hess Creek, require a minimum distance of 300 feet between units of set gillnet gear and limit the amount of net gear that may be deployed in an eddy to 350 feet		
Oppose			The described area and the arbitrary distance between sets might be a short term help to those who feel the effects of additional participants in the fishery. However, in the long term new fishers will boat outside the boundaries and set up under whatever conditions are in place. The energy needed to participate in the fishery for those who don't live close is the logistics of trailering a boat up the Dalton Highway to Yukon crossing. Boating a bit further to get outside these boundaries is of little consequence. We recommend the board keep the entire district at the same separation rate.
96	Allow subsistence fishing for fall chum salmon in District 5 without time restrictions if commercial fishing for fall chum salmon is open in other Yukon River districts		
Support			The department's "opposition answer" is "that's the way we manage it now". There are few opportunities for subsistence fishers to take advantage of fish present and good curing weather. A 7 day week can be the difference between putting up enough fish and being short. Flip this concept and let the fishermen fish unless biological parameters cause a closure.
97	Divide District 2 of the Yukon Area into two subdistricts		
No action			Not of consent to our constituents by setting a precedent or using this district.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
98	Decrease gillnet depth in Districts 4 – 6 of the Yukon Area		
Oppose			Not needed, existing regulation is sufficient
99	Allow use of beach seine gear to harvest salmon during open commercial fishing periods in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area		
No action			Not important to our constituents unless it unbalances the “windows” management.
100	Adopt maximum size and depth restrictions for fish wheel baskets		
Oppose			Not needed. These districts have “closely attended to protect kings”. Catching extra summer chum. The dimensions listed would not work in much of the middle Yukon because of depth.
101	Open and close the commercial fishery for fall chum and coho salmon in the Yukon Area by emergency order		
No action			If the run timing continues to be later, as in the last season, emergency extensions for time can be granted. (As in district 6).
102	Include the Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers in District 1 of the Yukon Area		
Oppose			The district 1 boundaries were expanded in 2016. These rivers were never considered for commercial fishing and no assessment of productivity or population(s) has ever been done. There is no data to suggest opening would not do more harm than good.
103	Repeal closed waters within 500 yards of the mouth of Pastolik River and Pastoliak River		
Opposed			See comments on proposal 102



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104	Repeal closed waters in the lower three miles of the Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers		
Opposed			See comments on proposal 102
105	Allow use of set gillnets with 7 ½" mesh to harvest salmon other than king salmon and other non-salmon fish species on the Kuskokwim River for subsistence purposes during times of king salmon conservation		
Oppose			We oppose a proliferation of specific waters where is permissible to use large mesh size to catch small salmon.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Ketchikan Advisory Committee  
11-15-2018  
ADF&G Conference Room**

**I. Call to Order: 5:30pm by John Scoblic**

**II. Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** Scoblic, Doherty, Crittenden, Allen, Dale, D. James, Westlund, F. James, Roth, Shaw, McQuarrie, Leach, Miller

**Members Absent (Excused):** Skan, Franulovich

**Members Absent (Unexcused):** Cohen (Alternate), Williams (Alternate)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

**List of User Groups Present:**

**III. Approval of Agenda:**

Westlund moved to approve agenda, F. James seconded it.

**IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

F. James moves to approve the minutes, Westlund seconds the motion. Passes 13-0 unanimously.

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

Ross Dorendorf (ADFG-Game), Jessalynn Rintala (Board Support), Kelley Reppert (ADFG-Sportfish), Boyd Porter (ADFG-Game)

**VI. Guests Present:**

Norman Ariola, Liz Harpold, Rose Jahnke, Bob Jahnke

**VII. Old Business:**

Discussion of New Business #5: Prop. 176 King Salmon Sport Fish regulation alignment.

**Reppert:** modification of king salmon plan to meet new Pacific Salmon Treaty regulations. If we stay with current regulations we will exceed harvest. This is a “housekeeping” proposal so we stay in compliance with the Treaty.

Three changes resulted from the Treaty:

1. Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE will be used to determine harvest tier
2. 7 Tiers are established instead of harvest range
3. Payback provisions provided for reduction in harvest allocation

**Westlund,** this is without industry input, places the burden on inside waters. Hatchery fish are caught in inside waters and don't count against the Treaty harvest limit. Sitka and Craig count for the majority of the king harvest and are caught primarily in March, April, May,





June. **Reppert**, management of sportfish harvest of kings is not based on inside/outside waters. **Westlund**, has upcoming proposal to address this issue. **Doherty**, would like to see CWT data, commercial troll doesn't catch enhanced fish on the outside, enhanced fish are caught on the inside. Can't restrict commercial without restricting sportfish. **Scoblic**, subsistence is also restricted. To spread the burden of conservation a proposal will be taken up in March. **Reppert**, requests lead time to be able to gather and prepare data for presentation. This plan does not address wild stocks or stocks of concern. **Scoblic**, the PST is the law and we have little choice in this matter. **Westlund**, this is for the next 10yrs, this is an important issue, **James Sr.**, in agreement and doesn't want to hurt commercial fishermen.

Prop 176 will be old business at the next meeting. Need to have data requests to **Reppert** by next Monday-Tuesday.

**Roth**, motion to adopt Guiding Principles, 2nd **Crittenden**. **Scoblic** added ii) j) 3hr limit to meetings. Question has been heard. **Westlund**, calls the question.

Motion passes 13-0

#### VIII. New Business:

1. Prince of Wales Landscape Level Analysis(Comment Deadline December 18, 2018)

Please read before next meeting. This item of business should be addressed if people like hunting on POW.

**Dale**, "It's like eating shrimp takes a long time to digest", in reference to the analysis.

2. BOF Hatchery Committee(Comment Deadline 01/02/19 for BOF AYK Jan. 15-19 2019)

ACR(Agenda Change Request) were brought forward at BOF to address VFDA(Valdez Fisheries Development Association) pink salmon and CIAA(Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association) pink salmon. Anti-hatchery sentiment, concerns of competition between hatchery-wild and wild fish, ocean carrying capacity, straying and rearing locations.

**Perry**, is there an advisory committee, do we know who is on it? **Doherty**, we need to be ready to make a comment at the next meeting. **McQuarrie**, there is a surplus of hatchery fish returning to hatcheries because commercial fisherman can't fish for them in common property fisheries. **Liz**, should KTN AC reach out to other groups. **Scoblic**, reach out to all Southeast AC's.

3. King Salmon Sport fish regulation alignment newly assigned Prop 176 (Comment Deadline 01/02/2019 for BOF AYK Jan. 15-19 2019)

Addressed as Old Business.

4. Crawfish Inlet THA management plan newly assigned Prop 177 (Comment Deadline 01/02/2019 for BOF AYK Jan. 15-19 2019)

Management plan would provide for THA harvest of hatchery produced king and chum salmon in Crawfish Inlet by troll, purse seine, and drift gillnet.

The Department in consultation with NSRAA, shall, by emergency order, open and close the THA for harvest.

5. Statewide Finfish and Supplemental issues (Comment Deadline 01/02/2019 March 9-12, 2019)

**Scoblic**, Prop 161, 162, 165, 16, 18, 171, 172, and 173 could affect us. At our next meeting we will discuss who will attend BOG meeting in January in Petersburg. **James Sr.**, lobbying is the most important part.

Set next meeting date: Set for 12/13/2018 5:30pm ADFG Conference Room

(excerpted)

Adjournment: 9:13pm

Minutes Recorded By: \_Crittenden and Allen\_\_\_\_  
Minutes Approved By: KTN AC at 12/13/18 meeting  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_12/14/2018\_\_\_\_



# Ketchikan Advisory Committee Minutes

**Date:** 12/13/18

**Location:** ADFG Conference Room

**Call to Order:** 5:30pm

**Roll Call:**

Name	Seat	Check if present
John Scoblic	Chair	X
Sue Doherty	Vice Chair	X
Whitney Crittenden	Secretary	X
Matt Allen	Secretary	X
Beau Dale		X
Clay Bezenek	Alternate	Phone
Daryle James	Saxman Rep	X
Don Westlund		X
Frank James, Sr.	Saxman	X
Joe Roth		X
Josh Cohen	Alternate	
Kenny Shaw		Excused
Larry McQuarrie		Excused
Norm Skan		Excused
Perry Leach		Excused
Randy Williams	Alternate	X
Rudy Franulovich		X
Russell Miller		Excused

**Public Present:** Liz Harpold, Enforcement Officer Mark Eldridge

**Department Present:** Beau Meredith ADF&G

**Introductions:** Reintroduction of Committee Members present, introduction of public and ADF&G personnel in attendance.

**Approve Meeting Agenda:** Scoblic requested to add BOF proposal #171 to the agenda and to strike #2, Prince of Wales Landscape Level Analysis (POW LLA) from the agenda.

**Westlund** moves to strike #2 and **D. James** seconds it. **Allen** spoke to addressing the POW LLA, which does pertain to the Ketchikan AC. Changes to regulations could affect Ketchikan hunters



and there is the potential for a decrease in deer populations due to logging efforts and this will also hurt Ketchikan hunters. **Allen** would like to see Ketchikan AC members be added to their mailing list so we can stay informed on the issues and have adequate time to weigh in on the them. **Scoblic** asked to take action item #7 from old business up at the next meeting because comments are not due until 2/20/19. **Doherty** agreed due to not all committee members having accessed it. **Allen** suggested inviting an ADF&G member to provide information. **Meredith (ADF&G)** can speak to this as well. **Westlund** moves to take no action on BOF proposals in old business action #7. **Roth** seconds the motion and it passes unanimously. Meeting agenda is accepted with revisions. A break was taken from 5:45-5:50 to fix the phone so members could call in.

**Approve Previous Meeting's Minutes:** **F. James** moves to accept the previous meetings minutes, **Westlund** seconds the motion. **Roth** would like to see a revision to the minutes to fix a typo about the date of the next meeting. Motion passes unanimously.

## Reports:

**Chair:** **Scoblic** started with stating that we are thick into the meeting season. Southeast Alaska RPT and task force meetings happened the last week of November and provided a review of 2018 and a forecast for 2019. The review demonstrated hatchery contributions and the amount of catch by each gear group. The total seine harvest increased, gillnet decreased and troll remained at the same harvest level. The SE pink return was forecasted for 2019 harvest season to be between 15-23 million fish. The forecast for SE chum salmon was 18 million fish. Doug Vincent-Lang is the acting Commissioner, and he is expected to run the Department differently than his predecessor Sam Cotten.

**Department:** **Meredith** the Chinook Technical Committee and North Pacific Fisheries Management Council met with ADF&G for a few days and got Vincent-Lang up to speed.

**Members Comment:** **F. James** spoke to pink runs and weather. Warm summers with wind and how it affects pink salmon runs. Westerly winds tend to blow fish into Canada and are subsequently caught outside Alaskan fisheries. **Westlund** shared a Ketchikan Daily News article about the three moose that were illegally harvested and left as want/waste as an example that people do get reported and have to face punishment. Officer Eldridge spoke to if self-reporting and it generally results in leniency. Roth chimed in that one of the benefits of living in SE is that for most hunts it's any male of any size.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

## Old Business:



**1. Dale** was selected to represent the Ketchikan AC at the upcoming BOG meeting in January. **Allen** will be traveling with him.

**2.** POW LLA action item was removed from the agenda.

**3.** Anti-hatchery group from the Kenia area. This committee will provide avenue for the public and stakeholders to provide input to BOF. **Westlund** spoke to the presentation and believes that it is a Prince William Sound (PWS) problem and not a SE problem. **Doherty** said that in this situation all aquaculture associations are painted with the same brush. **Doherty** then handed out "Draft Resolution" to send to other Southeast Advisory Committees and submit to BOF. **Franulovich** asked if there was scientific support for the anti-hatchery sentiment. **Scoblic** responded that we should send this resolution to chairs of other AC's in Southeast Alaska; Martin in Petersburg, Guggenbickler in Wrangell, Merit in Craig. **Westlund** offered a negative impact of hatcheries being the Fort Heckman hatchery and when it raised fish decades earlier.

**4. Westlund** moves to amend Proposal #176, seconded by **Doherty**. **Westlund** aims for this amendment to have a moratorium for sport fisher operator permits in SE. Currently, there is periods of non-retention, and there was some debate regarding the level of mortality. **Harpold** informed the AC that the best avenue to change statute is through the legislature. She invited **Westlund** to come discuss the manner in her office. **Scoblic** felt uncomfortable with the amendment. **Westlund** is concerned about sportfish industry and wants to limit the number of sport fishermen guides entering the industry. **Westlund** moves to amend Proposal #176, and it dies due to lack of a second. The AC as a whole voted unanimously to approve the original proposal (13 favor, 0 oppose).

**5. Crittenden** moves to adopt Proposal #177, **Doherty** seconds. **Crittenden** shared that this proposal stems from the extraordinarily large return at Crawfish this past summer. The gillnet fleet was not allowed opportunity due to the lack of management plan in place. It is historically not a gillnet area so only the seine and troll fleet were allowed to fish. This proposal would enable the gillnet fleet to have an opportunity to fish there. **Doherty** shared that the Department of Law ruled that it was not a gillnet area and therefore could not fish in this area. **Meredith** stated that other associations will be putting in similar proposals like this to address harvest in THA. There was a brief discussion amongst members between THA and SHA, where SHA allow hatchery associations to conduct brood stock programs and collect cost recovery. Question was called, and members voted. The proposal passed unanimously (13 favor, 0 oppose).

**6. Doherty** moves to adopt Proposal #168, **Westlund** seconds. **Roth** asks if this proposal hurts seiners, and **Doherty** assured him it did not. **Westlund** asks if the current regulation length of a seine net is 250 feet, and **Dale** asks if 60 feet is enough. **D. James** stated that 60 feet is adequate. **Franulovich** called the proposal questions, **Roth** seconds. The proposal passes unanimously (13 favor, 0 oppose).



**7. Proposal #169:** **Scoblic** shared that Fox is former ADF&G from Cook Inlet. He is looking for several things. 1. That the report would come out earlier. 2. Be more consistent. 3. Adds management targets. 4. BOF is given regulatory power to approve escapement, not ADF&G. 5. It removes Sustainable Escapement Goals (SEG) and keeps Biological Escapement Goals (BEG). **Meredith** currently sets BEG for fish streams that ADF&G monitors (index streams). Discussion was had, and no vote was held.

**Proposal #170: Policy for the Management of Sustainable Fisheries.** The aim of this proposal is to remove all escapement goals and replace with management target. **Scoblic** informed the committee that Cook Inlet region may have different feelings towards fisheries management but some things in this proposal are ok. **Doherty** shared that the Department report is due January 10<sup>th</sup>. **Meredith** stated that if this proposal passes that reports would be lacking the most recent years' data if they were required to report earlier.

**New Business:** **Scoblic** informed the committee that there is a spot open on the BOG and that interested persons should submit an application to serve.

**Westlund** shared a proposal that he is developing with the committee related to commercial shrimp regulations. **Westlund** stated that historically the commercial shrimp season lasted 5 months and now it is generally conducted in a 2 to 3 week season. This fishery has basically become a derby, and derby style fishing has main downfalls. The shrimp fishery is dictated by a harvest goal set in pounds. The derby style fishing that currently occurs leads to a great number of small shrimp harvested due to a lack of soak time. **Roth** wanted to know if shrimp are asexual. **Meredith** informed that they are hermaphroditic and asked the question what happens if you decrease the number of pots, but people than double haul said pots or short soak them? **Westlund** would prefer a reduction of pots and only allow one pull per day. **Meredith** informed the committee that this is not feasible for management. This system works for Canada because they have larger enforcement budget due to the high cost of permits. **Scoblic** asked if the point was to reduce the number of pots or to address the number of permits not fishing? **Westlund** responded to reduce the number of pots to extend the season so that ADF&G can have more data by evaluating the fishery later. Currently they evaluate before the season begins but not during or after because the fishery ends so quickly. **Meredith** asked if **Westlund** had already proposed this several years ago? **Westlund** had previous proposed to standardize the gear. **Doherty** requested the old proposals be provided so that the AC can learn from what had been previously discussed. **Westlund** said that the industry doesn't want to be responsible, they have gone from 165 tons to 65 tons. This past season 215 permits registered to fish and 131 did not register to participate in the fishery. **Franulovich** asked ADF&G stance. **Meredith** responded "completely neutral." **Roth** asked how many non-transferrable and transferrable permits are actively fishing? **Scoblic** commented that this could be going towards limited entry. **Roth** said that this established the shrimp gold rush, but that permit holders are dropping out. **Westlund** says it's hard to sell small shrimp in the frozen



market; it is easier in the fresh market. A longer season would be easier to sell small shrimp in the fresh market for obvious reasons.

**Set Next Meeting Date:** 1/24/19 at 5:30 at ADF&G Conference Room

**Adjourn:** 7:33pm



**Koyukuk River Advisory Committee  
December 11, 2018  
Allakaket Tribal Council**

- I. Call to Order: 2 pm by Chairman Jack Reakoff
- II. Roll Call: Jack Reakoff, Undesignated  
Nicole Mcanallen, Undesignated alternate  
Harding Sam, Alatna  
Jared Sam, Alatna  
Marcus Ambrose, Hughes Alternate  
Shawn Huffman, Huslia  
Warner Bergman, Allakaket  
Members Absent (Excused): Vacant Unesignated  
2 vacant Bettles/Evensville  
Wilmer Betus & Hugh Bifelt, Hughes  
Jack Wholecheese & Darrell Vent, Huslia  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 (currently, after election it will change)
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved no additions
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: approved no changes
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Sara Longson, DWC; Nissa Pilcher\*, BDS; Deena Jallen\*, DCF
- VI. Guests Present: Vince Mathews, Kanuti Refuge FWS; Gordon Bergman, 1<sup>st</sup> Chief of Allakaket, Charles Ned< Joseph Williams III, Shawn Bergman, Sam Henry, Steve Bergman
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:  
AC Comments
  - Jared Sam would like to see predator control instituted again
  - Harding Sam commented on there not being many moose (9 moose taken for 41 families in Allakaket & Alatna combined, which was brought up many times during the meeting)
  - Federal moose hunt open until October 1 on federal lands unknown by many
  - Discussion to draft a state moose season extension proposal at this meeting; added to the end of the agenda
  - Marcus got a moose but had to go a long way in his boat and used a lot of fuel. Was not in favor of cutting antler but a discussion on why this practice was put in place changed his mind
  - Warner did not get a moose but went a long way in his boat and used a lot of fuel. Expressed interest in extending CUA and asked how to turn the CUA into a refuge. Concerned that a guide got 4 moose within the CUA and that there was no enforcement to be seen this hunting season.





#### Public Comments

- Steve Bergman noted he does not want to see the CUA changed- last time a proposal went before the Board of Game to change it, it came out smaller and don't want to see it happen again, noted lower moose and caribou numbers, he was unable to get a moose this year, and that he would support a season extension on state lands. Discussion on who would be able to hunt during this season.
- Gordon inquired what happened to the meat from guided moose, which insued a discussion on having council offices get in touch with the BGCSB to set up some sort of meat drop off. Vince Mathews noted that their was an ethics working group that was working on, in part, streamlining this process.
- Sam Henry expressed appreciation for Orville Huntington and all he had done for the people of the region. Noted that they had almost lost him as his funding from TCC had stopped but that Doyon was now paying his salary.

#### Election of Alatna

Alatna already had their elections; Harding Sam and Jared Sam will continue to serve Alatna on the committee

#### Election of Allakaket

Warner Bergman no longer wanted to serve. Charles Ned, Vincent Simon, and Joseph Williams III were elected to fill the Allakaket seats

#### Election of Undesignated seat

Shawn Bergman elected to fill the undesignated seat that has traditionally been held by Allakaket/Alatna

#### Board of Fisheries

Deena Jallen, Assistant Summer Season Yukon Manager with DCF, gave brief season update, noted boarder passage goal was met but subsistence was restricted at times.



## Alaska Board of Fisheries: AYK Proposals

January 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
86	Allow subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish with hook and line gear in District 4 of the Yukon Area		
Support with Amendment	11	0	Would like to see this in the Koyukuk excluding the Dalton Corridor Management Area. This is a traditional method for nonsalmon species.
87	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with drift gillnets in the entire Yukon River		
Support with Amendment	11	0	Amend to be clear it is outside of the Dalton CUA
88	Require fish wheels to be closely attended during times of conservation for any species		
89	Allow retention of king salmon for subsistence purposes, by emergency order, during times of king salmon conservation in the Yukon Area		
Support with Amendment	11	0	Amend to be clear it is outside of the Dalton CUA & include the Koyukuk River
90	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of the commercial fishing season in Districts 1-3 and Subdistrict 4-A of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
91	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of each commercial fishing period in Districts 1-3 of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
92	Restrict gillnet mesh size to a maximum of 6 inches in Districts 4, 5, and 6 subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries		
Opposed	0	11	Concerned about fish dropping out of nets, how the morphology of the fish changes as you go up river and that this would mean that we wouldn't be able to use the larger net for sheefish
93	Repeal the requirement to remove the tips of the tail fin of subsistence-taken salmon in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area		
94	Allow the taking of the first king salmon entering the Yukon River for religious and ceremonial use		
Oppose	0	11	Unclear proposal how it is written



## Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish Proposals

March 8-11, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
161	Require weekly reporting of salmon harvest by all permit or license holders		
Oppose	0	11	This is a pretty broad brush that doesn't seem to fit on a statewide level
162	Require biweekly reporting of all sport, personal use, and subsistence king salmon catch		
Oppose	0	11	Fishermen are out all summer without communication
163	Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of subsistence-caught fish		
Support	11	0	The intentional was of fish is not ok, no matter what type of fish. If it has to be in regulation to stop people from doing this then so be it. If nothing else the fish should be salvaged and given to a musher. Culturally we don't waste anything.
164	Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of sheefish		
TNA	11	0	Based on action taken on 163

## Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
129	Clarify the ability for trappers to transport furbearers or lawful parts of game as trapping bait within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
Support	11	0	We agree that snow machines may be used to transport trappers, furbearers, and game parts lawfully used as bait under a trapping license in this management area
141	Reauthorize the resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Support	11	0	

Federal Fisheries Proposals

FP19-07

Support; reference comments made on state proposal mirroring federal



## Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries & Game Proposals

March 21-25, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
28	Allow advisory committee representatives to be at the board table during deliberations for those proposals the advisory committee authored		
Support	11	0	It can be quite some time before when an AC member testifies and when the proposal gets deliberated on, this would allow dialog. The department, Department of Law and Public Safety already get to do this. This lack of dialog during deliberations is an issue in this process
29	Allow advisory committee representatives a seat at the board table during deliberations on proposals affecting their region		
Opposed	0	11	This is a bit too broad
37	Repeal the boards' Subsistence Proposal Policy		
Oppose	0	11	Subsistence is the highest ranked activity in Alaska and we want this to remain on the books to protect subsistence users; this policy effects every resident in Alaska and we do not want to see it go away

### Board of Game

#### Call for Proposals

Committee brought up the idea that was mentioned in the beginning of the meeting to submit a proposal to extend bull moose season from September 25<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> with harvest ticket for residents only in 24B in the Controlled Use Area. The moose aren't moving till later.

#### Predator Control

There was no update on the program, Glenn Stout was unable to attend this meeting as he was in Galena doing moose surveys. Concern over the wolf numbers were back (moose harvest numbers for Alatna and Allakaket mentioned again) and that the grizzlies are eating more moose now too.

An additional teleconference will be conducted in March to discuss predator control, review the 24B moose proposal and draft any others.

Charles Ned was elected to attend the BOF Meeting in January.

Adjournment: 5:50 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Nicole McAnallen

Minutes Approved By: Jack Reakoff

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes  
November 13-14, 2018  
ADF&G Office  
570 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bethel, AK

**Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709**

**CALL TO ORDER:** James Charles Chairman, 1:05pm; Recessed at 7:00pm on 11/13; Reconvened at 8:55am on 11/14.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Phillip Peter Sr., Jackson Williams, John Twitchell Sr., John Andrew (Trapper John), Sandra Nicori, George Berry, Henry Parks (phone), Earl Samuelson Sr., Nick Henry, James Charles, Nelson Napoka. (Excused: William Brown, Nicholai Pavilla Sr.)

**INVOCATION:** James Charles

## **INTRODUCTION:**

- ADF&G Staff: John Chythlook (SF, phone), Chuck Brazil, (CF, phone), Colton Lipka (CF), Keith Oster (WF), Dave Runfolo (SD), Jen Peek (Boards)
- Other Agency Representatives:
- Members of the Public: Tonya Epchook (Org. Village of Kwethluk), Richard Long, (Org. Village of Kwethluk), Jacob Tobeluk (Nunap IRA), Pat Samson (Translator), Martin Andrew (Kwethluk), Chariton Epchook (Kwethluk), Martin Nicholai (Kwethluk)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Trapper John, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jackson Williams

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October 25-26, 2017: Motion by Henry Parks Approved unanimous as corrected, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Andrew.

**OFFICER ELECTIONS:** Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary

- Chair: Nominations for Chairman: John Andrew, James Charles, Phillip Peter Sr. Voted by secret ballot.  
**Chair: Phillip Peter Sr.** elected
- **Vice-Chair: Trapper John**, only nomination. unanimous consent. Passed
- Secretary: Nominated Sandra Nicori and Jackson Williams...both declined due to hearing loss. Father Martin nominate, but declined. Nominated Nelson Napoka. Earl Samuelson closed nominations.  
**Secretary: Nelson Napoka**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY:** 3 minutes per person

- Martin Andrew: BOF Proposals 105, 106, 110, 118, 120 were supported by the Org. village of Kwethluk. He commented that FP19-10, contradicts the request of 110.
- Father Martin: Requested that if members of the public call into the meeting he would like to honor the public.
- James Charles: Thanked the AC for allowing him to be chairman over the years. "Myself and Trapper

John are the only ones from the original group."There used to be a lot of members from the public representing their villages and on the ADF&G Boards (John White and Greg Rozcicka). It is good for us to address these problems; that there is enough subsistence catches. I know when I was first born the villages were smaller; population growth has been everywhere. It is very important that we can harvest what we need."

- Trapper John (John Andrew): Thanked James Charles for being the chairman all these years. Trapper John reviewed several of the BOF proposals. He commented that there may be conflicts, if there was division in these issues it may not be approved by the Board [BOF]. We need to address the non-salmon spawning tributaries.
- Pat Samson: who do we talk to when there are planes that are harassing birds and game? James Charles suggested getting the tail number, plane description, the color, the time flying etc. Earl Samuelson commented that photos are also helpful.
- Earl Samuelson- Thanked James Charles for serving for 42 years.
- Tanya Epchook (Org. Village of Kwethluk)- Commented that she supports BOF proposals: 105, 106, 110, 118, 120. Regarding BOG Prop. 133- she requested an extension beyond 10 days. She support BOG Proposal 139.
- Richard Long (Org. Village of Kwethluk)- Support BOF Proposals 105,106,110,118,120...please take them seriously and make good considerations. Also 133 and 136. We need more than 10 days of hunting from Tuluksak on down.
- Henry Parks- thanked James Charles for his service. Thanked federal management for giving fish.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Board of Game Proposals:**

- GMU 18 Overview: Keith Oster (ADF&G) provided an overview of wildlife in Unit 18.  
MUSK OX: ADF&G surveyed approximately 950 musk ox on Nunivak Island, goal is 550. On Nelson Island about 200 musk ox are no longer on the island. ADF&G is not certain as to why.
- MOOSE- Unit 18 Remainder- Population and habitat surveys conducted. Upstream of Marshall moose are eating 90% of available food. Mt. village downstream moose are eating 20% of food available. ADF&G commented that they don't like to see above 50% of food being eaten. Moose are slowly declining. The decline is going to move down the river and may have to have regulations.

On the Kuskokwim- The AC discussed with ADF&G the estimated number of moose. Sandra Nicori commented that the weather may have been a factor. Jackson William commented that there are predators in Akiak. Saw a wolf in town, saw a bear near town. George Berry commented that there was a wolverine in Napakiak eating puppies. Phillip Peter- commented that when he hunts



on the Yukon he noticed near Russian Mission and Marshall that the moose were thin. He commented that the state/federal hunts were confusing and suggested that announcements be held on the radio. Peter commented that some were being poached and some people were misreporting. Earl Samuelson suggested working with the chair and vice chair to put rivers in Yugstun on the maps

- Moose and Brown Bear Reauthorization: 133 & 139
- Board of Game: Western Region Proposals DUE May 1, 2019

John Andrew- when we go moose hunting there has been a lot of water so bull moose have been away from the river. We were asking instead of Sept. 1 we could start on Sept. 14 or 15 [RM 615] Jackson agreed with Trapper John, also would like to extend the season that may be better. John Twitchell commented that the weather was changing and bugs were flying around and may have moved the moose to the water.

- 1.) Push RM 615 from Sept. 1 to Sept. 14/15. 2.) Extend the RM 615 season. Possibly move start date to Sept. 5. (Earl Samuelson will start drafting a proposal)
- Address increase in wolf population around the Kisaralik. (Jackson)
- Address the beavers, may be why fish population is declining. (Jackson)

Sandra Nicori- one of the reasons why wolf and beaver populations are coming in is our changing lifestyle. Used to use bears for skin boats. Part of the problem is our changing lifestyle. They are not hunted like they used to be.

- **Board of Fish Proposals:**

- Kuskokwim Area Fishery Overview: Colton Lipka (ADF&G). Preliminary 2018 estimates indicated that Chinook salmon was below average, sockeye was above average, chum salmon was late but average run and coho salmon was below average.

James Charles commented on Bristol Bay runs. They were catching high numbers of sockeye. They didn't tell us which species were low. They had record number of sockeye. Heard when certain salmon are high in Bristol Bay, the next year is good for the Kusko.

Phillip Peter commented that he caught really big chum. He observed that it looked like the chinook and chum salmon were reversing their run times. Sockeye were late in the Kusko, entering in the first part of July.

Jackson Williams commented that it would be helpful if other villages had test fisheries. Phillip Peter commented that if we hire people from Eek or Tuntutuliak to do test fishery it would be good. He added that he doesn't trust the sonars. Test fish down river is better "...because than we know."

Earl Samuelson commented that he was listening to Region 2; they want a 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion on the fish



count. He added that Mary Peltola commented on using traditional knowledge on determining the fish count.

Earl Samuelson provided suggestions for the fishing schedule in 2019.

- o Kuskokwim Proposals: 105-120, 122
- o Statewide Proposals: 161, 162, 163, 164

- **Federal Fishery Proposals**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

- Discussion of Lower Kuskokwim AC seat structure:

Jen Peek provided an overview of the LKAC structure and history of its formation. James Charles commented that Kwethluk has 2 members because at that time the population was high. People thought Napaskiak was going to be high too, but their population has not been growing as fast as Kwethluk. Bethel was with the AC too at one time.

Henry Parks- So that was back then, but we are growing. It would be good for me if we had one member from Kwethluk and one member from Napaskiak.

Jen clarified process through Joint Board.

James Charles suggested that each member also have alternates.

- Elect AC Representative and Alternate to attend the AYK BOF meeting: January 15-19, 2019.

Jackson- Nominate Phillip Peter to attend, alternate Earl Samuelson

- Member comments:

James Charles- our populations were very small as a kid. Our populations are growing. There used to be no roads to airport. We want everyone who needs the resource to have some. That is why ADFG is always cutting off what we want.

John Andrew- would like to see a later moose season. Bears are raiding the fish camps. Thanked the group, the new chair and secretary. Thanked people from Kwethluk, should include elder and young people.

### **Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals**

March 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Proposal Description</b>		
<b>Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes</b>
133	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 18		
Support	11	0	Keith Oster overview.



## Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
			Motion by James Charles, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Parks
139	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
Support	11	0	Keith Oster provided overview. Jackson Williams moves to make unanimous consent.

## Alaska Board of Fisheries: AYK Proposals

January 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
105	Allow use of set gillnets with 7 ½" mesh to harvest salmon other than king salmon and other non-salmon fish species on the Kuskokwim River for subsistence purposes during times of king salmon conservation		
Support as amended	10	1	<p>Earl made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jackson Williams</p> <p>Jackson Williams- In spring and fall Akiak only uses 4" nets for whitefish. Using the 4" isn't right, they are killing the young chinook going down to the ocean.</p> <p>Henry Parks- we are in conversation mode, we are trying to increase the number of king salmon. Bigger nets will be catching bigger salmon. I'm not really against this but this means the conservation may be reversed.</p> <p>Martin- we felt like we were targeting too many white fish in the season and want to have the whitefish for the future since we are conserving for king salmon.</p> <p>Tanya Epchook- one of the reasons we submitted the proposal is that during times of non-conservation we can go back to 7.5 mesh. We want to protect the small jacks leaving the water. ADF&amp;G- commented that this proposal was DURING conservation.</p> <p>Richard Long- This was to reduce the number of catches on jacks and 4-5 year old chinook salmon going up river. If we are trying to conserve than why are we catching mature fish that are going up to spawn and return again.</p> <p>Earl- Tanya's [proposal author] intent was not during times of conservation? But the proposal is for times of conservation. Maybe change king salmon to chum salmon. Is KWT okay changing 7.5 to 6".</p> <p>Father Martin- this proposal comes from the tribe [Kwethluk]. If we set a net of</p>

# Alaska Board of Fisheries: AYK Proposals

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			<p>this size it will catch kings, 6" will catch kings, 4" catch kings. The ones that get caught in 4" may not be able to free themselves as quickly as others. Fishers know by the look of the net that there is a king. No matter what size net you will catch kings. My reasoning for this is that if you catch it with 7.5 it won't fall off like it would with a 4" net. There are a lot of dead kings floating on the river because of 4" nets. If my 4" net is killing the kings and they are dying, why can't I using a larger net and keep all the kings that get caught. The ones that escape some may make it to the spawning grounds, but some will get hurt and they can't work as long as when their bodies are unhealthy. I had mixed feelings, but if I continue to use 4" I'd rather use a 7.5 inch net for salmon.</p> <p>James Charles- my village may not like this but ADFG, USFWS and people of Tuntutuliak met when they were going to cut down catching kings for conservation and closed the spawning rivers. We used to stay at the camps all summer. Now we can travel around. Now we catch pike, lush, whitefish and sometimes small kings. I've had a set net away from the Kuskokwim.</p> <p>Chariton Epchook- Back before the decline of the Chinook on the Kuskokuak I used to use 7.5, I caught more red and chum salmon than chinook. From May 16-June 11, during that time not very many salmon are going up the Kuskokuak slough. This is one of the reasons why this proposal came about. Conservation should be equal including the mouth of the Kuskokwim River. I'm talking in frustration bc my family have had no more than 10 chinook hanging.</p> <p>Dave Runfola (ADF&amp;G)- explained that the 4" opportunity was put in place to allow people to catch non-salmon even though we understand that it will catch some salmon. Understand there is a lot of frustration. This proposal may need to be clarified to better understand the intent of the proposer.</p> <p>Phillip Peter- I reviewed this proposal. This proposal is just for setnet, for eating. One thing I get afraid of is, as a commercial fisher, I never used my king net since 1984, only a couple years ago I went to Quinhagak and filled up totes using 8" 35 mesh, 50 fathoms. I call the 4" net a "killer". Once a big king hits it, they are dead right away. I know my river. I know the milling areas. I'm supportive of this proposal only for consumption. As long as we can get one fresh king. We need to start testing instead of putting us down. We have been trying to help you [ADF&amp;G] understand. Let's be sure we do our job seriously so that everyone in this river isn't frustrated. When we are idle for a month, see how tough we are...I never drift or set my whitefish net even when ADFG opens it. I support this proposal, just to set the net out for a short period, maybe one day. We get tired of eating whitefish and sheefish, we have to eat them the whole year round. Only in the summer we get to eat one fresh meat. Let's start working, help our people, help ourselves instead of getting frustration.</p> <p>Earl- would it be helpful to put in limited times?</p>

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			<p>Tanya- we fully support that if it is put in as 12-24 hours a week.</p> <p>Jackson- WE the people in the river did not start the conservation...2007 there was a big by-catch. Trawlers make billions. I bring it up at ADFG meetings and I cried again. ADFG is doing nothing. Listening to all this, we put in conservation May 20-July 12, that is long enough.</p> <p>Sandra- We are being "nit-picked" and we don't get enough fish. I heard they had lowered the limit for trawling.</p> <p>Earl-Motion to Table this proposal. [Members tabled proposal to the next day]</p> <p>John Twitchell- there is a lot of issues to weed out. We aren't just going to get this hammered out in the afternoon. We are probably going to take a year long if we can square this proposal.</p> <p><b>Amended: 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph: Allow the use of set gillnets with 7 ½" mesh to harvest salmon and other non-salmon fish species on the Kuskokwim River for subsistence purposes; with a 24 hour opportunity once per week.</b></p>
106	Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes within 50 feet of each other in that portion of the Kuskokwim River drainage from the north end of Eek Island upstream to the mouth of the Kolmakoff River		
Support	11	0	<p>Motion by Earl, George Berry 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>ADF&amp;G Overview</p> <p>Martin- Kwethluk (KWT) put this proposal in due to the fact that around KWT there are just a few good areas to set out under the ice. Only a few good shallow areas where the set netters are grouped. It will cut down the boundaries of 150 ft. Allow the set netters more opportunity to catch the species they are targeting.</p> <p>James Charles- near Eek Island, down there where we have a lot of tidal influence if we put them in an eddy in a tide coming in, we need to keep an eye on our setnets. It's not the same as up here, eddy's change. If we try to leave our gear on the Kusko the tide will take our gear away. We do not setnet into the mainstem. I do like this proposal but it doesn't apply to us near the coast.</p> <p>Father Martin- This proposal addresses the distance between the 2 setnets in the river. This would be putting into writing what has been practiced for many years especially during the winter time. This proposal would be stating what has already been practiced.</p>
107	Allow the use of dipnets in the Kuskokwim River drainage subsistence salmon fishery		
Support	11	0	<p>Motion made by Earl Samuelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Charles.</p> <p>ADF&amp;G overview</p> <p>Dipnet is to select the amount of fish being caught.</p>
108	Add dip nets as legal gear for subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim Area		
Support	11	0	<p>John Andrew commented when they use the dipnet they do like the opportunity. Learning a new way of fishing in the river. The young people say they want to use</p>



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109	Close waters marine waters immediately adjacent to the mouth of the Kuskokwim River to subsistence fishing during times of king salmon conservation		
Oppose	0	10	<p>Motion by Earl Samuelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Charles Henry Parks, CBS AC opposed.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson- we are already regulated, it is more burden for the fishers in the area. Would like to leave it how it is. Would like the boundary to be raised further up river rather than extend it. I am not in favor of this. When the tide comes in is when they go fishing. Will affect those communities down there.</p> <p>Sandra Nicori- opposite side of that is that people along the coast are getting more kings than us up river.</p> <p>Earl- we have to go way down river and if this passes it means we work even harder.</p> <p>John Andrew- it will force us to go further out for fishing.</p> <p>Phillip Peter- Fishing down there is different.</p> <p>John Andrew- I want to make no action.</p> <p>Earl-if we take no action someone else will decided.</p>
110	Close all fishing in non-salmon spawning rivers of the Kuskokwim River within five miles of the confluence during times of king salmon conservation		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Earl Samuelson made motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Charles Martin Andrew (Kwethluk)-it is well laid out. Reason, what is fair is fair. If we are being restricted in times of Chinook salmon conservation than it should be the same opportunity up the whole river. Extend the 100yrd. buffer to 5 miles</p> <p>James Charles- Right now there is people all summer long using setnets in the Tuntutuliak River by the airport and it catches all kinds of fish. The five miles would cover passed the village. It will close all that area of the Tuntutuliak River.</p> <p>Tonya Epchook (Kwethluk)- People could get fish passed the buffer if they aren't fishing for salmon.</p> <p>John Twitchell- oppose, the high tide is when the fish go into the Johnson. We go down and fish in the Johnson River. If we extend the 5 mile buffer it will negatively affect the three tundra villages. We already burn a lot of gas.</p> <p>Henry Parks-Thanks, good comment by John Twitchell. For 40 + years I have been fishing in the tundra villages. We have a lot of lakes and brown water. I have never caught a salmon, once in a great while I catch an all spawned out chum that we can't eat. We from the tundra villages go to the Kusko River, one hour boat ride. I am thankful for the mouth of the Johnson River. Salmon do not go up to our area because of the dirty/brown water. I am opposing this proposal. This is not for the betterment of our community.</p> <p>ADF&amp;G- this "buffer" can already be set by management if needed.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson- last summer was the first time I tried fishing in the non-salmon</p>

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			<p>spawning trib. I went to Johnson River. I went at low tide, never caught fish. Tried on incoming tide, one side didn't catch fish, tried other side, no fish. SO I went closer to the buffer and caught a few chum, then one king, the total was 10 fish. Went another day on high tide and did a little better. Ended up with 10 more kings than last year. Then tried Gweek River, I wasn't catching fish. Left a setnet and caught one whitefish. The non-salmon tribs it is similar to the opening above Aniak where they can fish 24/7. It is not having an impact on the escapement goal. Leaning towards leaving it how it is, may be more burdensome to our people. People utilize those rivers and this will restrict.</p>
111	Increase maximum gillnet mesh size to 8 inches in both subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries		
Oppose	6	5	<p>Earl motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Charles ADF&amp;G- overview, would only increase commercial fishing to 8". Earl- this is a commercial fishing adjustment, in hoping that sometime down the road commercial fishing might come back. Phillip Peter- it has been a while since commercial fishing. Maybe in the future when the Chinook increase I hope my son and grandkids can commercial fish. I am not for it. John Twitchell- no one [from Kasigluk] told me about this proposal.</p>
112	Allow subsistence fishing for with dipnet gear during times of king or coho salmon conservation		
Support as amended	11	0	<p>Motion by Earl Samuelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> James Charles Earl- amend to add all salmon? We supported allowing dipnetting anytime. James- dipnets are being used by people that have the dipnets. <b>Amendment add: all salmon species at the time of conservation</b></p>
113	Close king salmon fisheries on the Kuskokwim River by emergency order on June 1		
Support	9	2	<p>Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Charles James Charles- the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group (WG) has been in charge of the openers and closures for fishermen of the villages. Earl- seems like another obstacle James Charles- I would like to keep it the same as it was. Phillip Peter- When I testified before the Board on the permits, the BOF asked about the closure. We chose the date of May 20-June 11. Early part of June when the fish are swimming. If we move it to June 1, people may start arguing. But the consumption is important. James Charles- some years the summer is long in coming, sometimes there is also ice in June. The ice goes out and comes back in. I do not like messing with the present situation that we have. Earl- If this passes it would take away the authority of the WG and its process. You wouldn't have that voice to set that date. June 1 seems a little late. I prefer no regulation until after June myself. We are the test fishery of the river. Jackson-In somewhere before June 1, we in Akiak fished sheefish and I miss that. I</p>



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			<p>am 71 or 72 years old. In those years the Chinook always started in first part of June. These animals have their own time. They hardly ever miss their time. The 2<sup>nd</sup> week is the heaviest. I would like to get back to my sheefish and whitefish.</p> <p>John Andrew- if we go with this one, it may jeopardize the Prop. 105 where it talks about the 7.5. It will affect the upriver and down river. If we keep the status quo, it is not a permanent closure only times of conservation. We do catch a lot of sheefish. I know some of the downriver do catch the sheefish.</p> <p>Earl- The more I learn, I am liking this. It would be unrestricted until June 1. I felt that the May 20 was too early to regulate the river. There are two sides to this....it may take away control of the WG, but you either take a little or give a little.</p> <p>Martin Nicholai- if the AC passes this, I would ask that they cross off with 4" or smaller gillnets. Even if they aren't there the Dept. can still say 4" or less.</p> <p>Earl- I think if we support this it says that we want to fish through May, but it may take the voice of the WG which is our village voice. It puts me in a corner.</p>
114	Allow subsistence fishing for king salmon in the Kuskokwim River prior to June 11		
Oppose	0	11	<p>James made motion/2<sup>nd</sup> by Earl</p> <p>Earl- When the feds are managing, it wouldn't apply to us?</p> <p>Henry- We can take a No Action on this if we want.</p>
115	Allow subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish species in certain waters during times of king salmon conservation		
Support	10	0	<p>ADF&amp;G overview</p> <p>James Charles- There have been meetings with ADFG, USFWS, Tuntutuliak to have the non-salmon spawning rivers open to subsistence, later on Charlie Brown (Eek) wanted the other side near Eek to be open too: Pailleq and the lakes. In the lakes there is nothing but whitefish in there. We fish from the lakes on down to the mouth of Tuntutuliak.</p> <p>Henry Parks- agree with Mr. Charles' comments, there are no salmon in our lakes. I support this proposal</p> <p>Martin Nicholai- wouldn't mind this proposal. Went to the mouth of the Johnson with 8" and got kings. Went to Kailleq and caught a few kings. The only thing I would ask is to make a 100 yrd marker up river.</p> <p>James- there have been no ADF&amp;G markers, but USFWS had posted signs. It would be helpful if ADF&amp;G put markers.</p> <p>Henry Parks- for the record have a roll call.</p>
116	Maintain open subsistence salmon fishing periods around the mouths of the Johnson, Kialiq, Kinak, Tagyaraq and Pailleq Rivers		
Support as amended	11	0	<p>ADF&amp;G Overview- seeking to keep non-salmon spawning tributaries open to their mouths all the time, no buffers.</p> <p>James Charles- they wanted to add Pailleq and the big lakes by Eek. That is where we fish for white fish. The two rivers are combined into the one river.</p>



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			<p>Henry Parks-perhaps include language for a 100 yard buffer?</p> <p>Martin Andrew- suggest that for the language, all non-salmon spawning tributaries.</p> <p>John Twitchell- we need to make these proposals known to the public we make our own actions without knowing what the rivers are. The proposer has forgotten a lot of non-salmon spawning tributaries We should let the public know our intent. In the tundra villages we do not talk about the white fish.</p> <p>Earl- Amend- include all non-salmon spawning tributaries with the 100 yard tributary.</p> <p>Clarification if this would happen all the time?</p> <p>James if we take a no action on this I think it would be okay. We passed a similar one. The previous one will include all the rivers during the conservation.</p> <p><b>Amend: At the time of salmon conservation to include all non-salmon spawning tributaries with a 100 yrd. buffer.</b></p>
117	Allow subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish species in Pailleq Slough when the subsistence fishery for salmon is closed		
Support	11	0	<p>ADF&amp;G Overview</p> <p>James- Roll call vote, I support this</p>
118	Close sport fishing for king salmon in the Kuskokwim River drainage when other Kuskokwim River fisheries are closed to the taking of king salmon		
Support as amended			<p>Martin Nicholai- a few years ago during times of king conservation there was activity going on with sport fishing on the Arolik and Goodnews (GNU) rivers. Suggested that the last sentence be removed.</p> <p>Henry Parks- take no action, don't want to step on GNU/KWN area. I don't want to overstep our authority</p> <p>Jackson Williams- I don't want to overstep on GNU/KWN. It is not our area.</p> <p>Tanya Epchook- it includes GNU bay, but it includes upriver. Why should sport fishers be able to keep chinook when my children can't get any.</p> <p>ADF&amp;G clarification</p> <p>Tanya- Why have we been telling people to let go?</p> <p>James- Since we are in king salmon conservation, WG closes all the tributaries if need to.</p> <p>Jackson- I just want to say that regarding the Kusko Bay area. I am thinking that we are infringing on the Goodnews Bay KWN area. We don't need to be imposing on areas we don't have any authority over. The WG already takes up this issue. Let's not mess with this.</p> <p>Henry Parks- James and Jackson stated what I wanted to say.</p> <p>Father Martin- What James just said during king salmon conservation sport fishing is closed. They are still allowed to fish for other species. Sport fishing is always going on up river and catch other species. Some of the sport fishermen try to catch</p>





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			<p>big fish and brag about it. We are more regulated than the rafters. We don't know how much time they are battling king salmon before they are released.</p> <p>Tanya- Father Martin and Martin Nicholai are right. We bear the brunt of the sport fishermen.</p> <p>Earl- can the Dept. comment on Sport fishing in the rivers? How many are there? I am thinking about our people here. Are we going to be treated the same?</p> <p>ADF&amp;G- subsistence rod and reel is mostly upriver. And king salmon fishing has been closed.</p> <p>John Chythlook (ADF&amp;G)- days fished with sport fish. Last 10 year average 1,000 angler days for KWT. Kisaralik is 2,000.</p> <p>Jackson- since I have been hearing that there are regulations being put out during the time of conservation...I would suggest no action. It is already happening.</p> <p>Jackson- this is already happening. I don't like to interfere way down in Goodnews. I would strike out the GNU.</p> <p>Phillip Peter- Central Bering Sea AC supported.</p> <p>John Andrew- I do listen to the Org. Village of KWT...during times of conservation during sporting fishing they would close. We do know that those who participate in the WG, they do close all the sport fishing for king salmon. If we make it formal in regulation it would be better.</p> <p>Father Nicholai- the tribs are already closed, but they still try to catch king salmon. They are not told that king salmon are closed.</p> <p>Phillip- I do see the sport fishers, how do they get up to the headwaters? They float down and can do sport fishing, but we are closed for rod and reel fishing. When they fly rafters up to the Kisaralik. We should watch the sport fishing.</p> <p><b>Amendment: 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph: Kuskokwim River</b>  <b>Drainage: (Downstream of a point located ¼ mile upstream of the confluence of the Kuskokwim River <del>with</del> including the Holitna River, to the lower boundary located at the YKDNWR boundary at the mouth of the Kuskokwim River.)</b></p>
119	Close fishing for king salmon on Doestock Creek when other Kuskokwim River fisheries are closed to the taking of king salmon		
120	Close sport fishing and rafting on the Kwethluk, Kasigluk, and Kisaralik Rivers from May 1 to October 31 in times of conservation for any species of salmon		
Support	11	0	<p>ADF&amp;G overview</p> <p>Chariton Epchook (Kwethluk)- I want you to accept this proposal. When KWT river is closed to gillnets, we want the sport fishers and rafters closed.</p> <p>Jackson- I used to really love going up the Kisaralik River for camping. I call it "my river." I grew up on that river. When I used to go up there at berry picking time it was dangerous with shooting all over. This will help with all the people who go raft</p>



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			<p>up river. I always encourage my family to do what you can to enjoy the river like I used to. My daughter told me the same thing, lots of shooting. This proposal will help the dangerous shooting.</p> <p>Martin Nicholai (Kwethluk)-the way we see it, it is directed toward sport fishers and rafting. But it would also affect delta residents who go up just to rod and reel. It is my understanding that it doesn't matter if it is subsistence or sport, it would be prohibited from our point of view.</p> <p>ADF&amp;G- this proposal only addresses sport fishing. It would not affect subsistence rod and reel.</p> <p>John Twitchell- there should be a commercial fishery to take salmon roe. I know that in my mind I keep telling people from my village to not over catch anything. The people from the outside, they release a lot of the salmon and waste. I was told not to throw the carcasses away, it will affect my ability to catch in the future. I do like the this proposal, because it will keep the waste to a minimum.</p> <p>Phillip- I do support this. I do know that I go to the Kasigluk, Kisaralik and Tuluksak rivers. I don't like to see the rafters in these waters. They act like it's their right to be there. When I used to fish in Kisaralik and Kasigluk rivers, my grandma would tell me to target a specific fish and I would only go to the lower end. The Kasigluk has 3 tributaries, would tell me to go to the Kisaralik lakes. We would go fish for pike. My grandmother would tell us to catch enough for our food and wanted a variety on our diet. There used to be 6-8 ft . pike swimming in Kasigluk and now days they are disappearing and no one is interested in going fishing for rod and reel. Now when we pick berries we fish for pike. They are good to eat in the summer time.</p> <p>Martin Nicholai- when you vote on it, it might pass, but when it goes before the big board it might not pass because it is too restrictive on the sport fishers. Is there is a way to talk more about it or amend ?</p> <p>Earl- Seems like there are 2 things going on...maybe delete rafting?</p> <p>Earl- are there any rivers in Alaska that are similar to this proposal? ADF&amp;G- rafting is restricting access, but the sport fishing has happened in other areas. John Chythlook -usually it is where there is a lot of fishing pressure.</p> <p>Chariton Epchook- this proposal came about bc people of KWT, Akiachak, Akiak are not allowed to set our nets for other species and our people don't use rod and reel for king, red or chum salmon. The only time we use a line hook sinker pole is for whitefish. It is about equality. When we can't even set our net why continue to have these other activities.</p>
121	Limit the number of days per week sport fishing guide services can be provided in the Aniak River drainage		
122	Require parts of sport-caught salmon in the Kuskokwim-Goodnews Area to be retained or disposed of away from shore		



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Support	11	0	ADF&G overview Earl- wondering why this proposal was written...? Tanya- seems to reduce the friction

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Date: 12/28/18

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Date: 12-28-2018



**McGrath Fish & Game Advisory Committee  
September 27, 2018  
Captain Snow Center, McGrath**

- I. Call to Order: 12:10 by Chairman Roger Seavoy
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present:
  - Lewis Egrass- McGrath
  - Steffan Strick- McGrath
  - Dan Esai - Nikolai
  - Roger Seavoy - McGrath
  - Ken Deardorff – McGrath
  - Vern John – Nikolia Alternate
  - Mike Tierney – McGrath Alternate
  - Ray Collins – McGrath\*

\*Ray jointed at 12:25

Members Absent (Excused):

  - Andrew Runkle
  - Clinton Goods
  - Peter Snow
  - Mark Cox
  - Jesse Grady
  - Jimmy Nikolai

Members Absent (Unexcused): none

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
- III. Approval of Agenda: Yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 10/3/2018 Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Louise Standish & Josh Pierce (DWC), Colton Lipka (DCF), Nissa Pilcher\*(BDS), and Dave Runfola\* (SUBS)  
\*Via teleconference
- VI. Guests Present: Brett Gibbons DPS; Kenton Moos, FWS; Elsie Ivey, Barry Solie, Francis Mitchell, Jim Stam, other members of McGrath community
- VII. Old Business:  
Chairman Seavoy read letter received from USF&WS re; staffing of positions in McGrath at Innoko Refuge office. Kenton Moos, USF&WS manager addressed the committee and



expressed his hope that they would be able to provide more resources in the future and that they had hired Kellie Peirce for the ranger position here.

#### VIII. New Business:

Dan Esai requested a checkpoint at Blackwater on Big River to make sure of antler restrictions in RM650 hunt. Consensus was that it would be more efficient to use a satellite phone to call Brett Gibbens if it appeared there was a violation. Gibbens could then check at the AC slip on arrival of hunters in MCG.

Additionally, Roger shared comments on the duties of the AC boards and asked for comments from the public. Barry Solie suggested the board include sunset provisions in some of their proposals where restrictions may apply.

#### **ADF&G Staff updates;**

Josh made the point that the board needs to prepare proposals for next year, by May 1, 2018. He suggested some ideas of what those proposals might look like. He said we need to submit a new proposal to continue predator control. Seavoy suggested we reduce the mandatory minimum remaining wolves from 40 to 25 and increase the area of the wolf focus area. He encouraged area pilots to assist Josh in drawing the updated 19D east map for the proposal.

Josh also suggested we look into a winter moose hunt, and a Farewell Registration hunt in order to gather more data on the actual harvest in the Farewell area.

#### **BOG INT proposals to submit during the next cycle**

1. A motion was made to approve creation of proposals for , continued predator control, a winter moose hunt in 19D and 21A, and a registration hunt in the Farewell area. Moved by Egrass, 2nd by Strick. Approved 8/0 (note; Collins voting now)
2. A motion was also made that the moose hunt in 21A should be a registration hunt in order to gather more data from that area. Moved by Strick, 2nd by Egrass. Approved 8/0
3. A motion was made to require transport of all meat of moose, caribou, bison, while still on the bones, in all areas of GMU 19 & 21. As pertains to GMU 21, Josh wanted to talk with the GASH committee to get their input. Moved by Dan Esai, 2nd by Egrass; Approved 8/0
4. A proposal to allow the taking of bears by foot snaring was submitted by Seavoy. Discussion ensued, and it was decided to table this issue for the time being.



5. It was once again proposed to keep the lynx season open to March 31 to harmonize it with the open season on wolverine in the same area. Brett Gibbens said it would make enforcement much easier and, as pointed out several times before, there is no biological reason to not do this. Moved by Strick, 2nd by Egrass; Approved 8/0
6. A proposed winter caribou hunt in all of 19D and 21A. Antlerless caribou only. Limited registration permit. ADF&G will set quota of about 40 animals/year. No aircraft use. Season to run January 1 through February 28

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105	Allow use of set gillnets with 7 ½" mesh to harvest salmon other than king salmon and other non-salmon fish species on the Kuskokwim River for subsistence purposes during times of king salmon conservation		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	It was felt that this proposal was an obvious attempt to actually increase king salmon take rather than protect king salmon
106	Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes within 50 feet of each other in that portion of the Kuskokwim River drainage from the north end of Eek Island upstream to the mouth of the Kolmakoff River		
No Action (NA)			
107	Allow the use of dipnets in the Kuskokwim River drainage subsistence salmon fishery		
<b>Support</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	
108	Add dip nets as legal gear for subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim Area		
NA			
109	Close waters marine waters immediately adjacent to the mouth of the Kuskokwim River to subsistence fishing during times of king salmon conservation		
<b>Support</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	Conserve king salmon
110	Close all fishing in non-salmon spawning rivers of the Kuskokwim River within five miles of the confluence during times of king salmon conservation		
NA			
111	Increase maximum gillnet mesh size to 8 inches in both subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	Obvious attempt to increase king salmon take
112	Allow subsistence fishing for with dipnet gear during times of king or coho salmon conservation		
NA			

**Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim**

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<b>Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes</b>
113	Close king salmon fisheries on the Kuskokwim River by emergency order on June 1		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	Thinly disguised effort to increase the harvest of sheefish and likely transient king salmon during the current closed period

**Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals**

March 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Proposal Description</b>		
<b>Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes</b>
127	Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<p>This proposal was before the committee last year to be considered by the BOG out of sequence. At that time the SHAC committee did not support the proposal to hear it out of sequence and insisted on restrictions should this issue be resubmitted. This committee supported SHAC in their position.</p> <p>Once again we support SHAC.</p> <p>The McGrath Committee can support proposal 127 if, and only if, it contains the restrictions and amendments stipulated by the SHAC committee.</p>



## Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries & Game Proposals

March 21-25, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
4	Move the Stony/Holitna Advisory Committee from the Western Region to the Interior Region		
<b>Support</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	Committee felt that it is only common sense to be listed in the region where the committee is located.
5	Designate two seats on the Stony/Holitna Advisory Committee for the community of Georgetown		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Ken Deardorff

Minutes Approved By: Roger Seavoy

Date: \_\_\_\_\_





**Middle Yukon Advisory Committee  
10/30/2018  
Nulato Tribal Council Office**

- I. Call to Order: 12:09 by Vice Chair Richard Burnham
- II. Roll Call: Paddy Nollner, Fred Huntington, Dick Evens; Galena  
Benedict Jones, Percy Lolnitz, Tommy Kriska; Koyukuk  
Arnold Demoski, Micky Stickman, Maurice McGinty; Nulato  
Richard Burnham, Tommy Negalska, Nulato  
Members Absent (Excused): Mark Huntington, Kevin Saunders, Justim Esmailka  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Glenn Stout, Sara Longson (DWC); Holly Carroll, Jeff  
Estensen (DCF) Brooke McDavid (SUBS)
- VI. Guests Present: Georgiana Madros, Robert Nicholas, Patrick Madros Jr
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:

Nulato Elections held. Richard Burnham and Tommy Negalska retained their seats. Georgiana Madros and Patrick Madros Jr were elected to replace Kevin Saunders and Justin Esmailka.

Concerns of the AC Members and public:

Discussion was focused on the changes that the Middle Yukon communities are faced with concerning climate change, multiple instances offered of how animal and fish behavior is different. Concern with the rigidity of hunting seasons with these changes.

Concern with nonlocal hunters taking moose; planes coming into remote locations and potentially taking illegal moose.

Interest in more local people getting the local drawing hunt permits as well as unallocated drawing hunts.

Concern voiced over the state not caring about the subsistence needs of the people, that the state makes money off guided nonresident hunters and that those people are who it caters to.



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
86	Allow subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish with hook and line gear in District 4 of the Yukon Area		
Support with amendment	13	0	While we would support this district wide, we don't want to ask for too much and then be told 'no'. would rather have these rivers be like this then no changes.
87	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with drift gillnets in the entire Yukon River		
Oppose	2	11	Members concerned with access points in the upriver to roads, the best way to restrict fishing is with closures and not gear types, and noted that the people in the upper portion of the river having families that need to be fed as well  We had to fight a long time to get a drift fishery here, had to prove they were needed, and the eddies up river are in rock and are not going to get washed away like is happening to ours.
88	Require fish wheels to be closely attended during times of conservation for any species		
Support	13	0	We don't use liveboxes here
89	Allow retention of king salmon for subsistence purposes, by emergency order, during times of king salmon conservation in the Yukon Area		
Support	13	0	We support subsistence; dip nets are not easy to use and it gives the department another tool to use
90	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of the commercial fishing season in Districts 1-3 and Subdistrict 4-A of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
Opposed	0	13	Opposed due to the reasons the department gives
91	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of each commercial fishing period in Districts 1-3 of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
92	Restrict gillnet mesh size to a maximum of 6 inches in Districts 4, 5, and 6 subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries		
Oppose	0	13	The committee does not believe that the concerns over net size laid out by the author are true
93	Repeal the requirement to remove the tips of the tail fin of subsistence-taken salmon in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area		
94	Allow the taking of the first king salmon entering the Yukon River for religious and ceremonial use		
Oppose	0	13	How many fish would be taken then? Not well worded



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
95			In the Yukon River between the marker at Waldron Creek and Hess Creek, require a minimum distance of 300 feet between units of set gillnet gear and limit the amount of net gear that may be deployed in an eddy to 350 feet
96			Allow subsistence fishing for fall chum salmon in District 5 without time restrictions if commercial fishing for fall chum salmon is open in other Yukon River districts
97			Divide District 2 of the Yukon Area into two subdistricts
98			Decrease gillnet depth in Districts 4 – 6 of the Yukon Area
Oppose	0	13	For reasons laid out by department
99			Allow use of beach seine gear to harvest salmon during open commercial fishing periods in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area
100			Adopt maximum size and depth restrictions for fish wheel baskets
Opposed	0	13	For reasons laid out by department
101			Open and close the commercial fishery for fall chum and coho salmon in the Yukon Area by emergency order
Support	13	0	For reasons laid out by department
178			Allow chum salmon to be taken by drift gillnets after August 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Yukon River Subdistrict 4-A downstream from the mouth of Stink Creek
Support	13	0	Aligning the seasons for this district is a good idea

Last meeting the AC wanted to submit an ACR to the Board of Game allowing a spring moose hunt. Glenn Stout wanted confirmation from the committee that this was something the AC still wanted as he had heard that some members were now not for it. Committee reviewed the area, the bag limit, permit issuance locations, and the antlerless authorization process as well as biological data for the proposed hunt area and decided they still wished to continue to submit the ACR.

Committee was given a very brief update on hunt and survey results on the moose population in the area.

Adjournment: 3:40 PM

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## MID-LOWER YUKON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

November 8–9, 2018

St. Mary's City Hall; 1:30pm

**Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709**

**CALL TO ORDER: November 8, 2018; 1:40pm**

**ROLL CALL:** Stan Sheppard, William "Bill" Alstrom, Rex Nick, Margaret Guidry, Peter Tyson; alternates: George Beans, Mathew Waskey Sr., Sven Paukan; Absent: Mildred Fitka, Basil Larson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Add invocation; Alstrom motion to approve/ Tyson 2<sup>nd</sup>

**INVOCATION:** Sebastian Cowboy

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** January 9, 2018; Motion to approve Alstrom/ Guidry 2nd

#### INTRODUCTIONS:

- **Fish and Game Staff: In person:** Holly Carroll (CF); Teleconference: Jeff Estenson, Chuck Brazil, Deena Jallen, Sean Larson (CF), Jen Peeks (Boards), Pat Jones, Keith Oster (WD), Caroline Brown (SD), Walter Blajeski (AST)

- **Other Agency Representatives:** Michael Jimmy (RIT/USFWS)

- **Members of the Public/Other:** Teleconference: Cyril Okitkun (Kotlik), Kipp Baratoff (Fish People Seafood), Randy Crawford, Edna Crawford (Boreal Fisheries), Jeff Allen, Todd Shoop (International Seafoods of Alaska); In person: Gene Sandone (YDFDA), George Waskey (Mt. Village), Misa Beans (Andreafski), William Luke (St. Mary's), Erik Weingarth (St. Mary's), Clifford Westdahl (St. Mary's), Richard Alstrom (Andreafski), Aaron Elia (Andreafski), Martin Minock (Pilot Station), Sebastian Cowboy, David Beans

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY:** 3 minutes per person

- Mathew Waskey (Mt. Village)- Commented that sport hunters often cut antlers into 4 sections before shipping them out. Guides are accountable for all the meat to be taken out, otherwise it ends up in the dump. He suggested that the airplane wheels be made smaller so they don't land on tundra, they do permanent damage. Considering making a new BOG proposal.
- William Alstrom (MLY AC)- Commented on the supreme court decision on the Sturgeon case. That will affect our rivers: the Andreafski, etc. When does that take affect?
- Sebastian Cowboy (St. Mary's)- Thanked the members and the young audience/ fishers for attending.
- William Alstrom- Final comments. Thanked participants. It starts with us. We are important in the process. Thanked other communities for participating. Thanked Holly Carroll. Thanked Jen Peeks. Thanked those on teleconference.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- **Officer Elections:**



Chair: Bill Alstrom

Vice-Chair: Stan Shepard

Secretary: Margaret Guidry

- **Member terms and expirations:** Jen Peeks (ADF&G Boards) provided an update on the current MLY AC roster, term expirations, and community elections.
- **BOG ACR update:** Peeks updated that two ACRs had been submitted by the MLY AC to the BOG. BOG would be taking action on ACR during a teleconference on Nov. 16.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Board of Game Proposals:**

- GMU 18 Overview: Pat Jones (ADF&G)

Sheppard: Are you starting to see either individually or accompanied by bull or calf...I've seen them in heads? They gather up. Jones- we have been watching the same thing happen. Usually late winter early spring, there are a lot of moose.

Bill Alstrom: When you do an aerial survey...do you see a trend in the habitat and animals moving northward? Jones- we haven't started long term projects. The biggest thing we are seeing on the Yukon were from Marshall upstream: willows on islands have been hit hard. A big flood would be good. Willows 3-5 miles off the river are mostly dead...maybe from drought. Lower Yukon: willow communities are under 20% browsing. They look good.

Historically moose have moved down... moose are moving towards the coast.

- Moose and Bear Reauthorization Proposals: 133,139: *See Below*
- Board of Game: Western Region Proposals [DUE May 1, 2019](#)

Peeks provided info on Western Region BOG meeting and the proposal deadline

#### **Board of Fish Proposals:**

- Yukon Area Fishery Overview: Holly Carroll and Jeff Estensen provided overviews of the 2018 summer and fall season.

Mathew Waskey- summer chum, we do dipnet in for commercial... Is there a chance where we can fish with gillnets earlier before the peak of the run. Holly...this year was difficult. Didn't go to gillnets until July. Tracking with 2015. 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest chinook harvest on record.

Eric Weingarth- we left a lot of chum salmon go by, concerned there are over escapement. Have you considered using 6" gear for salmon?

- Yukon River Proposals- See Below
- Statewide Proposals- See Below

- **Federal Fishery Proposals –**

#### **MISCILLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

- Elect AC Representative and Alternate to attend the AYK BOF meeting: January 15-19, 2019.

**Elect Bill Alstrom to attend, Stan Sheppard as alternate**



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86	Allow subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish with hook and line gear in District 4 of the Yukon Area		
Support	5	0	ADF&G provided an overview. This is specific to hook and line for grayling. No biological concern. They want to be able to do it year round.. Bill- I am in support of this proposal. They are talking about non-salmon species. They are predatory fish.
87	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with drift gillnets in the entire Yukon River		
Oppose	0	5	ADF&G provided an overview
88	Require fish wheels to be closely attended during times of conservation for any species		
Support as amended	5	0	<p>ADF&amp;G overview. Explained that fish get stressed in live box. BOF passed a regulation to say that kings must be released alive...already required. There are some concerns that people aren't manning their wheel. Want the kings to be used with a chute that goes straight to the water. ADFG supports that thinking. ADFG might request that regs align subsistence and commercial.</p> <p>George Beans- we are regulated to release the kings into the water. It should be the same up the river.</p> <p>Bill- asked about chutes.</p> <p>ADF&amp;G- some either have a chute, tote or a little net to put them directly into the water</p> <p>Mathew- language in there to stop the wheel? So they can't leave the wheel going with a livebox.</p> <p>Gene- I have amended language.</p> <p><b>Amend: Kings will be released to the water alive immediately through 1.) a chute mechanism or 2.) netting the king as it comes down the fishwheel chute. Kings should not drop into an a live or dead box from the fishwheel chute.</b></p>
89	Allow retention of king salmon for subsistence purposes, by emergency order, during times of king salmon conservation in the Yukon Area		
Support	5	0	With dipnet you can regulate your harvest.
90	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of the commercial fishing season in Districts 1-3 and Subdistrict 4-A of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
Support as amended	5	0	<b>Amendment: to allow the department to reduce the closure at the start of the season.</b>
91	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of each commercial fishing period in Districts 1-3 of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
Oppose	0	5	



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92	Restrict gillnet mesh size to a maximum of 6 inches in Districts 4, 5, and 6 subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries		
Oppose	0	5	
93	Repeal the requirement to remove the tips of the tail fin of subsistence-taken salmon in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area		
Support as amended	5	0	Allow ADF&G to relax the requirement when no king salmon sales are allowed.
94	Allow the taking of the first king salmon entering the Yukon River for religious and ceremonial use		
No Action			
95	In the Yukon River between the marker at Waldron Creek and Hess Creek, require a minimum distance of 300 feet between units of set gillnet gear and limit the amount of net gear that may be deployed in an eddy to 350 feet		
No Action			
96	Allow subsistence fishing for fall chum salmon in District 5 without time restrictions if commercial fishing for fall chum salmon is open in other Yukon River districts		
Oppose	0	5	
97	Divide District 2 of the Yukon Area into two subdistricts		
oppose	0	5	<p>ADF&amp;G overview.</p> <p>George Beans is opposed.</p> <p>Jeff Allen with International Seafoods of Alaska: I'm not sure which buyer it will benefit...it will not positively influence all of Y2.</p> <p>Eric Weingarth - also have concern...pulse of fish and effects on St. Mary's, Ptika's Point, Mt Village and impact on their subsistence fishery. Rationale is not beneficial to Y2 and makes it harder for the fisherman...more heavily fished area.</p> <p>Billy-St. Mary's against this proposal too. Fishers without jobs.</p> <p>Rex: Pilot station is opposing this. BOF cannot create a monopoly.</p> <p>Pete: opposing</p> <p>Bill Alstrom- when I saw where it came from I realized it had to do with the fish buyers. They are here for quality. Makes hardly any difference of quality from Y1 to Y2. Concerns that were mentioned...there will be boats all over banging into each other...not good fishing when it's really congested. I just can't comprehend this...that is a lot of boats and permits. I just can't see how this will work out. I will oppose it.</p>
98	Decrease gillnet depth in Districts 4 – 6 of the Yukon Area		
No Action			
99	Allow use of beach seine gear to harvest salmon during open commercial fishing periods in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area		
Oppose	0	4	<p>Stan motion to adopt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pete</p> <p>Could target coho</p>





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			Problems with drifters and beach seines. <i>1 Abstain</i>
100	Adopt maximum size and depth restrictions for fish wheel baskets		
Oppose	0	5	ADF&G overview Stan- do you have any kind of record of fishwheel?
101	Open and close the commercial fishery for fall chum and coho salmon in the Yukon Area by emergency order		
Support	5	0	ADF&G provided an overview. Stan-there is a cutoff date in Emmonak...will that extend the sonar project in Pilot station and test fishery in Emmo? Did you have test fish after ADFG pulled out of Emmo? ADF&G- YRDFA continued into mid-September. ADFG closed end of August. Mt. Village test fishery runs into Mid- sept. Can help to guess and estimate. For sonar, we would have to take into consideration to extend sonar...expensive and a lot of equipment. Bill- we have set dates, but by emergency order that can be extended...what we see recently is that the salmon are entering the Yukon later than usual. So it would all depend on how many fish are in the river.
102	Include the Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers in District 1 of the Yukon Area		
Support	5	0	Proponent put this in to allow commercial fishing in both of those rivers. "Papa Joe" (PJ, Member of public) AAC 39290...Closed Water...read it. If we actually follow the state law...the fresh water stream is 25 miles upriver. But that is actually ocean water. It's not at the mouth of the river. History- 6-7 years ago we asked why they aren't open...we said that these rivers are historical sites. If you go from black river to Kotlik...it takes 6 hours to get to Kotlik which is why we need to fish in those rivers. Pastolik used to be a large village site. 1982 they were closed without local input. Humpeys' spawn in those areas...we have invited managers to identify if there are any chums dead in the river. YDFDA is in full support. We are an economically deprived area. We don't get as much fish as other sites. If you support this it will help Kotlik. -PJ- the example I want to give is the Andreafski...can't fish 500yrd. No fish spawn in that area. Stan- it doesn't make sense to me that these 2 rivers are looking like the same as Black river. It states on the map. He doesn't think that Black River actually connects to the Yukon. ADF&G...reviewed hx. Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers have never been included in commercial. They are included in the Anadromous Waters Catalogue for have reds, pink, chum...





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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
			<p>PJ (Reynold)- can anyone from Mt. Village travel to Black river? Stan...there is no way we can get to Black River from Mt. Village unless we portage. PJ- these are historical sites. We know the area. ADF&amp;G are using old data. We are tired for fighting for historical sites.</p> <p>ADF&amp;G- we consider these rivers to be terminal harvest...that they are indigenous to those rivers...ADFG would likely not support. Have not been assessment in either river, waters are to tannic for fly overs. We don't know the impact of commercial exploitation...and whether it would be sustainable.</p> <p>Rex Nick- asked ADFG if they have rough estimate of the count of lamprey eels or ciscos? ADF&amp;G- for mainstem we don't have a good # on lamprey...on cisco we don't have a lot of info either. Rex- the reason I ask, Black river does not connect to the Yukon and fish do spawn in that river. Even if fish do spawn up there it is little.</p> <p>PJ- we are trying to open at the mouth of the river. With all do respect to ADFG, I want the AC's support and don't want ADFG to influence your vote</p> <p><b>Took up Proposals 102-104 together and voted on them as a group.</b></p>
103	Repeal closed waters within 500 yards of the mouth of Pastolik River and Pastoliak River		
support	5	0	See notes from Prop. 102
104	Repeal closed waters in the lower three miles of the Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers		
Support	5	0	See notes from Prop. 102
ACR (178)	Allow chum salmon to be taken by drift gillnets after August 2 in Yukon River Subdistrict 4-A downstream from the mouth of Stink Creek.		
Support	5	0	<p>ADF&amp;G Overview</p> <p>Extending the right to drift for all salmon species. Sort of a clerical prop.</p> <p>There are no biological issues. Aligns with what is already happening in 4A</p>

**Minutes Approved By:**

Bill Alstrom, 12/27/18

Pete Tyson, 12/27/18



**Minto Nenana Advisory Committee  
12/8/2018  
Teleconference**

I. Call to Order: 11:15 pm by Tim McManus

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Conrad McManus, Steve Ketzler, Tim McManus, Mike Carson, Victor Lord (Nenana); Daniel Marks (Undesignated alternate); Charlie Titus Jr\* (Minto)

*\*Charlie was only able to participate in part of the meeting. This will be reflected in the number of those voting below*

Members Absent (Excused): Candace Titus, Eric Bauchmann, Charlie Titus Jr, Peter John, Philip Titus

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

III. Approval of Agenda: Yes

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Yes, as is

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Heather Scannell & Matt Albert (DSF); Jeff Estes & Deena Jallen (DCF); Mark Nelson (DWC)

VI. Guests Present: Brooke Woods, Tanana Chiefs Conference Yukon Intertribal Fish Commission

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

Note on meeting attendance: This AC meeting was to occur on 12/17/2018 in Minto but due to factors outside the committees control, had to carry out business via teleconference on 12/18/2018. Only one individual from Minto was able to participate although he was not able to attend the entire meeting, which will be reflected in the vote tally.

The committee members that did attend was hesitant to meet without more input from Minto, but were concerned that another meeting attempt might not be successful due to the holidays before the Board of Fisheries meeting is set to occur in mid January.

Mark Nelson gave an update on the moose season and survey results in GMU 20A & B.

Ceremonial harvest in the flats was also discussed. Concern was raised over the number of wolves located in the flats and were given an update on lice and other skin conditions that are being found on these packs. Members noted that they are getting reports of skin conditions being noticed by trappers in Cantwell and Healy and are concerned with the size of these packs since wolves and the residents of these communities all depend on the same game resources. No vote was taken on the antlerless reauthorization hunt at this meeting, since the vote isn't



needed until the March BOG, another meeting will be planned that Minto can attend and everyone can vote then.

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
63	Expand waters closed to subsistence harvest of northern pike in the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary, adopt a maximum size limit, and reduce the bag limit		
support	6	0	This is our proposal and we support it.
64	Expand waters closed to subsistence harvest of northern pike in the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary, adopt a maximum size limit, and reduce the bag limit		
support	6	0	We support the authors intent to support the pike that overwinter here
65	Expand waters closed to subsistence harvest of northern pike in the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary, adopt a maximum size limit, and reduce the bag limit		
support	6	0	We support the authors intent to support the pike that overwinter here
66	Expand waters closed to subsistence harvest of northern pike in the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary		
Oppose	0	6	We don't believe that this proposal goes far enough. We prefer our proposal.
67	Expand waters closed to subsistence harvest of northern pike in the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary		
support	6	0	We support the authors intent to support the pike that overwinter here
68	Open the Chatanika River drainage downstream of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary to subsistence fishing through the ice for northern pike		
Oppose	0	6	This proposal wants to remove the protection we are trying to expand
69	Reduce the northern pike harvest trigger in the Chatanika River drainage from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game marker to the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area boundary		
Oppose	0	6	
87	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with drift gillnets in the entire Yukon River		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Oppose	0	7	We have previously supported others who wanted to relieve congestion and bottlenecking in other areas, but there is too much junk in the river in this portion to allow drift net fishing here.
88	Require fish wheels to be closely attended during times of conservation for any species		
Support	7	0	We have never used fishboxes, they are a lot of extra work to put them into your fishwheel and we don't believe they work- they hurt and tire out the kings.
89	Allow retention of king salmon for subsistence purposes, by emergency order, during times of king salmon conservation in the Yukon Area		
TNA			The committee wants people to be able to fulfill their subsistence needs but are not sure they approve of the proposal as written
90	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of the commercial fishing season in Districts 1-3 and Subdistrict 4-A of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
Support w/Am	7	0	The committee discussed why this proposal was in place, and then support the department being able to manage this opening period with EOs
91	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of each commercial fishing period in Districts 1-3 of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
Oppose	0	6	It is our understanding this is already something the department can do if they need to
92	Restrict gillnet mesh size to a maximum of 6 inches in Districts 4, 5, and 6 subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries		
Oppose	0	6	7 ½" mesh was already a reduction from the 8", and this restriction was hard won with the entire river. Don't believe we should put further restrictions on just the upper river at this time
93	Repeal the requirement to remove the tips of the tail fin of subsistence-taken salmon in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area		
TNA			There was discussion of having us cut the dorsal fin off in this section of the river a long time ago and at that time we had concerns about safety with having to do this with knives in rough waters



## Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim Proposals

January 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
94	Allow the taking of the first king salmon entering the Yukon River for religious and ceremonial use		
Oppose	0	6	Nenana noted that their community utilizes the permits that the Commercial Fisheries will issue to allow them to take fish for religious purposes, such as potlatch, and that people can fish after ice out for other species and some in the lower river would then catch the first fish. Based on these, we think that this is already being done without involving more regulation
95	In the Yukon River between the marker at Waldron Creek and Hess Creek, require a minimum distance of 300 feet between units of set gillnet gear and limit the amount of net gear that may be deployed in an eddy to 350 feet		
Support w/Am	6	0	We support with the amendments made by the Yukon Intertribal Fish Commission. We do fish this area and have concerns with having to put nets farther away from each other
96	Allow subsistence fishing for fall chum salmon in District 5 without time restrictions if commercial fishing for fall chum salmon is open in other Yukon River districts		
Support w/Am	6	0	We support with the amendments made by the Yukon Intertribal Fish Commission. We want to ensure that the kings are pretty much done running and we are able to fish them and we make escapement
97	Divide District 2 of the Yukon Area into two subdistricts		
98	Decrease gillnet depth in Districts 4 – 6 of the Yukon Area		
99	Allow use of beach seine gear to harvest salmon during open commercial fishing periods in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area		
100	Adopt maximum size and depth restrictions for fish wheel baskets		
Oppose	0	6	Rivers set their own limits and what gear type works and where. We sometimes fish cut banks and where the river is deep, these are our traditional areas to fish, and we need the deeper nets to be able to meet our needs
101	Open and close the commercial fishery for fall chum and coho salmon in the Yukon Area by emergency order		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Support	6	0	When people are fall fishing, unless they have a big freezer sometimes they just end up with a lot of trapping bait if the weather doesn't cooperate.
102	Include the Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers in District 1 of the Yukon Area		
TNA			We support traditional subsistence fishing opportunities for those that fish but this proposal is asking for commercial opportunities
103	Repeal closed waters within 500 yards of the mouth of Pastolik River and Pastoliak River		
TNA			We support traditional subsistence fishing opportunities for those that fish but this proposal is asking for commercial opportunities
104	Repeal closed waters in the lower three miles of the Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers		
TNA			We support traditional subsistence fishing opportunities for those that fish but this proposal is asking for commercial opportunities
178	Allow chum salmon to be taken by drift gillnets after August 2 in Yukon River Subdistrict 4-A downstream from the mouth of Stink Creek		
Support	6	0	We support subsistence needs being met

## Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish Proposals

March 8-11, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
161	Require weekly reporting of salmon harvest by all permit or license holders		
Oppose	0	6	Some us already file a weekly subsistence report, but this would be a hardship on those that are in fish camp all summer that don't have to. This would take a lot of fuel back and forth to report.
162	Require biweekly reporting of all sport, personal use, and subsistence king salmon catch		



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March 8-11, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Oppose	0	6	This won't help the department manage inseason, also see above comments
163	Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of subsistence-caught fish		
Support	6	0	Wasting of resources is wrong, no matter what kind of fish you are harvesting
164	Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of sheefish		
Support	6	0	Wasting of resources is wrong

Adjournment: 2:32 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Conrad McManus with help from INT RC

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Petersburg Advisory Committee – Excerpt of minutes  
December 6, 2018  
PMC Conference Room

I. Call to Order: 6:30pm by Chairman Max Worhatch

II. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Max Worhatch

Joel Randrup

Bob Martin

David Benitz

Kirt Marsh

Ben Case

Frank Neidiffer

Jerry Dahl

Stan Malcom

Megan O'Neil

Clyde Curry

Members Absent (Excused):

Arnold Enge

Ted Sandhofer

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:7

Petersburg AC addendum to December 6 meeting minutes:

Board of Fish Proposal 177

Opposed

8 against, 5 supporting

Many members had not seen this proposal because it was not included in the proposal book. After some background information it was moved to adopt 177. The discussion mainly focused on the seine - gillnet enhanced allocation battle. Whether gillnetters should have any opportunity in Crawfish Inlet developed into a heated and rather personal debate between a small number of members who seine or gillnet. Some members thought that this proposal would inevitably or immediately lead to a gillnet fishery in Crawfish Inlet. One member was concerned that the NSRAA board would not abide by the allocation plan and wanted specific language spelling out what this proposal would lead to. The main supporter argued that this proposal would only make it legally possible for a gillnet rotation to occur.





**Ruby Advisory Committee  
Public Meeting to Comment on Relevant BOF Proposals  
December 27, 2018  
Ruby Tribal Council Kendra B. McCarty Bldg., in Ruby, Alaska**

- I. Call to Order: 5:10 PM by Dwight Edward Sarten
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Chair-Person: Dwight Edward Sarten, Vice Chair-Person: Donald Honea Jr., Traditional Chief Adviser: William McCarty II, Secretary: Yvonne Adams, Member: John Tramm, Member: Dale Honea, Member: Tim Gervais: Alternate
- III. Members Absent: 0
- IV.
- V. Number Needed for Quorum on RAC: (4) Quorum Established
- VI. List of User Groups Present: Sara Longson from Juneau, Glenn Stout  
Fish and Game Staff Present: Deena Jallen and Shannon from Anchorage  
Jim Simon could not get through on phone.
- VII. Guest Present: John "Billy Honea, Ezekial "Zeek" Sarten, John Stamm, Willy Dozette
- VIII. Approval of Agenda: Ed Sarten made a motion to change the Agenda in reference to Proposals 12, 28, 29. Rules of Operation in Committee. Board of Fishery items Seconded by John Tramm. Accepted unanimously. Proposal 12. 25-mile radius for being in Advisory Committee. Don Honea Jr. made a motion to leave things as is. Seconded by Billy McCarty. Glenn Stout said can always table to vote on later. Ed Sarten also mentioned that Nissa told him if we abstain from voting it is considered a neutral vote.
- IX. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Ed Sarten made a motion to approve Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2018. Motion is passed. All in favor.
- X. Reports: All present were given a copy of Area Management Biologist Jeff Estensen and Fall Season Research Biologist Bonnie Borba's News Release dated 12/26/18
- XI. New Business: Ruby Advisory Committee actions on proposals scheduled for upcoming meeting January 15-19, 2019.





A. Proposal 28: Motion by Ed Sarten to Support 28 and 29. Don Honea Jr. second.

Motion is passed all in favor.

Discussion:

-Don Honea Jr. says that if you author it, you should be allowed to sit in on it.

B. Proposal 86: Motion by Don Honea Jr. to Support as written. Ed Sarten second.

Motion is passed, all in favor.

Discussion:

-Don Honea Jr. states that he supports it because it is documented as a traditional practice.

-Tim Gervais added that it includes all districts 4, 5, 6 who want more equal rules for the entire river.

-Don Honea said to extend it to all districts 4-6. It was mentioned at this point that Tim Gervais is an Alternate and should he be able to vote?

C. Proposal 87: Motion by Ed Sarten to Oppose. Don Honea Jr. second. Motion passed, all in favor.

Discussion:

-Ed Sarten mentioned that Tanana, Manley, Rampart are opposed. He also stated that this proposal allows subsistence salmon fishing with a drift gill net on entire Yukon River.

-Don Honea Jr. says that the Intertribal Fish Commission opposed, and it appears the author of this proposal is fed up with the piece meal. He stated that us and Galena and entire region opposed it.

-Ed Sarten said we worked a long time to get this and drifting way up river is not good.

-William McCarty Jr. said if they drift up in Tanana it could wipe out populations. Down here in Ruby we get decent amount and it is not affecting the population.

-Don Honea Jr. said, that is why we acted with Intertribal. Fort Yukon is not good water for it and Tanana has swift water with lots of snags. This person who submitted this proposal has a





fish wheel and fed up with the piece mealing.

-John Stamm says the drift netting 4 B&C on Yukon seems been seeking for a long time, trying to legalize and finally accepted which made it convenient for me to not have to build a wheel. It has made it easier for folks in Galena. When I see someone else wanting it, I look at how it made it better for Galena. As far as Tanana, they lack set net sites and some folks are just too old to build a fish wheel. Today there are hardly anymore fish camps and commercial fishing so people in Tanana should go for it.

-Dale Honea feels this is just one person who wants it and does not seem to represent a whole community.

-John Stamm replied, okay so they should show more grass roots support.

-Don Honea Jr. asked if people in Galena voted? Does Tanana even know about this? Why are they not speaking up as a village?

-Willy Dozette asked if this was an open door for anyone on the river to set nets?

-Don Honea Jr. said the Intertribal Fish Commission goes all the way up to Canada and this could open it up to fishermen to come to a bridge and fish. Does Rampart and Tanana even know what their AC is doing? Will they benefit?

-Ed Sarten mentioned again, that the upriver does not have good waters for this practice.

-John Tramm agrees and said he opposes it and enough said.

D. Proposal 88: Motion by Don Honea Jr. to support. Ed Sarten second. Motion

Passed all in favor.

#### Discussion:

-Ed Sarten said this is a biological concern and it requires fish wheels are attended with a catch and release of king salmon or any restricted species. Tanana and Rampart support it. There would be a live chute that the fish slide into with least amount of stress to them.

-John Stamm said he was at the Fish Committee when this was brought up and there is a





general consensus that there can be lots of damage to kings when in live box.

-Tim Gervais likes it because it supports conservation of king salmon.

-Don Honea Jr. likes it because it requires immediate release of the king salmon.

E. Proposal 89: Motion by Ed Sarten to Support. Don Honea Jr. second. Motion passed, all in favor.

#### Discussion:

-Ed Sarten said this proposal will allow some king salmon to be harvested when warranted. If the fish commissioner wishes to close it for conservation, they can. The fish wheel will be equipped with a live box and the fisherman operator must watch it and release the live salmon. It should keep to subsistence and not be for commercial.

-William McCarty Jr. said the big fish don't last long and get tired out and seem to just roll down. The smaller fish last longer so I agree we need to maintain the fish wheel in such a manner right on the spot.

-Don Honea Jr. said we do support it as we trust the fishing regulators will only call an emergency order for conservation. It is hard to throw back fish so I have to tell myself if I am not going to eat it I have to not touch it.

-Deena Jallen said this is only for dip nets and deep sein. It does not address fish wheels. For fish wheel of course you know there will be the manned live shoot.

-Don Honea Jr. asked what numbers are we talking about?

-Deena Jallen said for the dip net and sein only summer chum harvest. We use this early in run and gauge the information based off commercial fishermen.

-Don Honea Jr. replied that he supports Holly to make the discretion.

-Deena Jallen said they released 12,000 king salmon and would decide day by day, week by week.

-Ed Sarten said, so everything is the same, let kings go and you will possibly sometimes give us opportunity to keep kings.





F. Proposal 90: Motion by Don Honea Jr. to Support with our Amendment. Ed Sarten second. Motion passed, all in favor.

Discussion:

-Ed Sarten said this proposal is to reduce the amount of time the subsistence is closed. 24 hour closure between subsistence and commercial fishing.

-Deena Jallen said it is a one-time closure and gives us full day to let fish go by. When we are going to do an emergency order (eo), we will put out a news release. We oppose it as it is written and prefer 24 hours versus 6 hours but of course we can consider case by case.

-Don Honea Jr. said that is why we support because it limits people that sell fish. Need to keep it longer in place to let fish go by. So, we support it with our Amendment which states: Do not list a number of hours (the proposal suggests 6), but rather use language that gives the manager the flexibility to determine the duration of the closure on a case-by-case basis annually.

G. Proposal 91: Motion by Don Honea Jr to oppose. Ed Sarten second. Motion passed, all in favor.

Discussion:

-Don Honea Jr. says there is no need for this proposal.

H. Proposal 92: Motion by Ed Sarten to oppose. Dale Honea second. Motion passed, all in favor.

Discussion:

-Deena Jallen said we already have authority to say we need large gillnets for fish.

-Don Honea Jr. said, I think an upriver person proposed that we cut our net size.

-Ed Sarten said a 7.5 net catches a variety of fish and can let some small ones go.





-Deena Jallen replied that there is rationale using 7.5 for distribution of kings of the run. Few are bigger fish at the end. 7.5 overlays on top of all kings of run. 6" targets smaller fish of the run and an 8" selects the bigger fish of the run.

-Dale Honea asked if there are some regulations for net size down river?

-Deena Jallen replied 5.5" have limits, 6" only 15" deep.

I. Proposal 93: Motion by Don Honea Jr. to oppose. John Tramm second. Motion passed, all in favor.

Discussion:

-Don Honea Jr. say this is about marketing kings. If kings can be sold, there will be a news release? Deena, do you speak for ADF&G when you oppose? Removing the tips is time consuming however there is an amendment saying to remove tails during time of king sales only, so we oppose as it is written and hope to have this modified: king salmon sales only to remove tail tips.

-Tim Gervais said the current regulation keep king salmon from being sold commercially. Fin clipping help subsistence fish kept (15 salmon) so the regulation serves a purpose otherwise this could lead to illegal sales.

-John Tramm agrees.

J. Proposal 94: Motion by Ed Sarten to oppose. John Tramm second. Motion passed, Don Honea Jr. oppose.

Discussion:

- Ed Sarten said this proposal allows the taking of the first king salmon entering the Yukon River for religious and ceremonial use. The recommendation by Fish Commission is to amend this to extend for the entire Yukon River drainage and model the language after the moose regulation that allows ceremonial take of moose which would include funerals and memorials.





Discussion:

-Deena Jallen said that if having a potlatch just contact her to issue permits and you can catch so many fish for the amount of time. If the ice goes out we are talking she fish and early king. We do allow early harvest, so Deena opposes as there is a process already in place. They are not being denied as they have fishing opportunity even if a lot of fish not going through at that time. Someone could abuse this and should apply for a cultural and educational permit.

-Don Honea Jr. said the Fish Committee supported to extend this to entire Yukon. (Amendments). He recommends supporting it with amendment saying to allow king salmon taken for religious and ceremonial use. Extend to entire Yukon and use language like ceremonial taking of moose and have the language in the regulation.

-Deena Jallen says the State of Alaska cannot discriminate and it would be tricky to have the troopers enforce this.

K. Proposal 151: Motion by Ed Sarten to Support. Don Honea Jr. second. Motion passed, John Tramm opposes.

Discussion:

-Glenn Stout said this proposal is asking for a 15-day season to be announced in the winter month of March for any moose for residents who did not fill their tag. Survey shows the moose population almost doubled due to a fire of 500,000 acres back in 2004. This fire resulted in the increased number of moose. So, the quota would be of the 25 moose allowed killed, 20 can be cows and must report in 2 days the kill. Highly suggested they know how to tell if a cow is pregnant so as not to kill pregnant ones or any that have a calf at their side. This is also a habitat issue as there are too many moose for the area. He said there are over 3,000 cows out there and the bulls lost their antlers so cows are harvested randomly. For example, there are 100 cows for every 30 bulls ratio. Therefore, every third





moose killed will be a bull and the other 2 will be cows.

-Don Honea Jr. asked Glenn if he was looking at aerial surveys and where was he getting his numbers from?

-Glenn Stout replied they are using aerial surveys and seeing the population of cows increasing more than the bulls possibly due to mild winters. There is also a decrease in the amount of black bears. If it were not for the fire as a distinguishing factor in the Koyukuk area there would be no population increase.

-John Tramm asked if this was across from Nulato? Near Galena on the south bank of Yukon River?

-Glenn Stout answered that we won't harvest the north side. He realizes that the slough to Ruby, the numbers are low, so we would be downstream from where that fire was.

-Don Honea Jr. said that in the past Ruby people abused this type of right. Someone who already got a moose would say they needed to get one for each grandchild so he worries on who would oversee this?

-Glenn Stout answered that if a person gets a moose they need to report it in 48 hours so the quota we set is not over harvested. He said even the online application process stops a person from getting another moose because it would disclose a second permit being applied for.

-Don Honea Jr. asked if Ruby does not agree with this, what do you deem the consequences would be? Would it be die off of cow moose from not enough habitat to feed on?

-Glenn Stout replied that he uses twinning surveys to watch how habitat declines. It is something to do with fewer twins and he has 15 years of using this method successfully. As a moose population grows it overshoots carrying the habitat. You have a yo-yo supply of moose. He reminded Ruby that they can veto it entirely.

-Don Honea Jr. mentioned a bounty was once set for predator control and 70 wolves were taken.

-John Tramm asked why can't people get their bull in the fall if the population has expanded due to this fire?





Glenn Stout answered John Tramm by saying it could be the hunting techniques people are using for example they hunt the river corridors which may not be as effective. Also, if extra rain, it grows willows that hide the moose on the sandbars so moose are not exposed when walking the sandbar along the river.

-Willy Dozette asked if Glenn is referring to rural or urban hunters?

-Glenn Stout said the ratio is 54% urban and 17% rural. He stated that the local rural hunters are more adaptable because the urban hunter has just a short window of time where they have to take time off work and get to the remote site. He mentioned also climate change affects all State of Alaska residents.

-Don Honea Jr. asked for numbers of hunters around Melozi (upstream from Grayling).

-Glenn Stout replied the general harvest from all residents and nonresidents is 50-60 hunters taking roughly 25-30 moose per year.

-Don Honea Jr. asked if this could be changed to a permit and why did Glenn change it? What is the rationale? Will Ruby be used as pawns to sign off on spoiled meat?

-Ed Sarten added that someone is using the meat transfer possession system and abusing it as guides.

-Glenn Stout replied that if bad meat still is abused let us make a date to further discuss this.

-Ed Sarten said it could be using on 2 moose instead of 1.

-Don Honea Jr. said meat is given to us in which we had to put to the dump. What options do we have open to us? There is a person coming from Galena and other transporters who know about this. What laws are there to bring compliance?

-Glenn Stout said he will look further into this and perhaps we could talk further about it in a newly scheduled meeting sometime in February 2019.

-Tim Gervais, could we finish this tomorrow say at 5pm?

-Glenn Stout replied sure as long as everyone sees the proposal deadlines: BOF; Arctic Yukon





Kuskokwim Meeting in Anchorage Comment Deadline January 2, 2019 and BOG Proposals due  
Interior Region and Arctic Western Region May 1, 2019.

- XII. Set next meeting date: Ed Sarten set tomorrow at 5pm same place for completing these proposals.
- XIII. Adjourn at 7:43 PM

**Ruby Advisory Committee  
Public Meeting to Comment on Relevant BOF Proposals  
Continued on December 28, 2018  
Ruby Tribal Council Kendra B. McCarty Bldg., in Ruby, Alaska**

- XIV. Call to Order: 5:05 PM by Dwight Edward Sarten
- XV. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Chair-Person: Dwight Edward Sarten, Vice Chair-Person: Donald Honea Jr., Secretary: Yvonne Adams, Member: John Tramm, Member: Dale Honea, Member
- XVI. Members Absent: 0
- XVII.
- XVIII. Number Needed for Quorum on RAC: (4) Quorum Established
- XIX. List of User Groups Present:  
  
Fish and Game Staff Present: Deena Jallen and Christy Gleason
- XX. Guest Present: John "Billy Honea
- XXI. Approval of Agenda: Ed Sarten said this is actually considered the same meeting as yesterday, just continued due to time limitations.
- XXII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: ...only continuation from yesterday.
- XXIII. Reports: none
- XXIV. New Business: Ruby Advisory Committee actions on proposals scheduled for upcoming meeting January 15-19, 2019.
- L. Proposal 95: Motion by Don Honea Jr. to Support with Amendment. John Tramm second. Motion is passed all in favor.





Discussion:

-Christy Gleason said this one is just for Districts 5b and Dalton Highway Bridge, plus around Rampart. It does not affect Ruby. It was submitted by Randy Mayo about crowding taking place during 6-12-hour periods. Right now, people use up to 900 feet. Most use 100-150 feet.

-Don Honea Jr. replied that we supported this with Amendment and we discussed it for any area. You can put 200-300-foot net out. We supported keeping it at 200. Randy Mayo had problem with people from Fairbanks using up all the spots. The Fish Commission did speak with Deena Jallen from ADFG to get their point of view. The Amendments recommended by the Fish Commission is to say not all eddy is 300 feet and should be kept at 200 feet to reduce crowding. Just 5b and 5c near the bridge, set gill nets no more than 150 feet in single eddy.

-Tim Gervais said this region is not our area and we should move on to a different proposal.

-Don Honea Jr. replied we do need to take action by supporting them because they might give us support in the future.

M. Proposal 96: Motion by Ed Sarten to Take no Action. John Tramm second. Motion is passed all in favor.

Discussion:

-Christy Gleason said this proposal affects District 5 (Illinois Creek) below Tanana and up to Eagle. Like Stevens Village to Eagle and especially below Stevens Village to Tanana. It is open 2-week days and 2 days on the weekend. Commercial is open up to 5 days with our regulation. Since 2012 whenever asked to harvest more chum, we could open up to 7 days per week when we are in conservation with the kings or up to 1 million.

-Don Honea Jr. asked if there is anyone else supporting this proposal.

-Deena Jallen replied it is opposed by Yukon Flats, lower Yukon Coast. It is supported by Tanana, Rampart and Manley. Koyukuk and Kaltag took no action.





-Don Honea Jr. said we support with Amendment that the king salmon that already got through area.

However, it will be the fish managers discretion if the run size is off.

-Ed Sarten replied that the Middle Yukon took no action, so we should take no action.

-Tim Gervais asked if he could vote?

-Christy Gleason replied if Tim Votes, it should be kept in a separate column and removed if the rules say he cannot vote.

N. Proposal 98: Motion by Don Honea Jr. to Oppose. Ed Sarten second. Motion is passed all in favor.

Discussion:

-Don Honea Jr. said this proposal decreases the gillnet depth. Author of it was John Lamont. Don opposes this one as it is District 3 wanting to decrease depth in District 4-6.

O. Proposal 99: Motion by Don Honea Jr. to Oppose. Ed Sarten second. Motion is passed all in favor.

Discussion:

-Christy Gleason said this proposal allows use of beach seins later in the season. ADF&G is neutral on this one and want to say when can retain kings. Commercial permit for gillnets.

-Tim Gervais said this is a significant one. A few years (1-2 years) back the commercial fish of lower river processing company had a program using dipnets/beach sein. They would catch the summer run, catch and harvest summer chum and release the kings. Debatable and Fish and Game gave no mortality rate. We don't beach sein as it is too powerful a method. The method employs connecting at one end at the beach and the other end is held open with a boat and they close in on the beach in which all the fish get dragged toward the beach. The kings get sand and gravel in their gills and really stressed out. The lower river got approved and it was allowed because they can do selected





fishing when chum and king are overlapping. It is not allowed anywhere else in Alaska.

-Christy Gleason replied that they are legal.

-Tim Gervais went on to say he is only talking about commercial. They want Districts 1-3 commercial after summer run. You are shifting harvest allocation of all 6 Districts into Districts 1-3. King conservation is important, and I feel the need to oppose this.

-Don Honea Jr. replied that these are all good points.

P. Proposal 100: Motion by John Tramm to Oppose. Ed Sarten second. Motion is passed all in favor.

Discussion:

-Christy Gleason explained this proposal is for commercial only and the author is John H. Lamont in reference to fishwheel baskets.

-Deena Jallen said that the current says that fisherman use materials to suit area they fish in and we do not want to see restrictions.

Q. Proposal 101: Motion by John Tramm to Support. Ed Sarten second. Motion is passed all in favor.

Discussion:

-Christy Gleason said this one is submitted by FDA. Commercial fishermen lower river is asking us to close commercial fishing with emergency order if the run is coming in late or ice is not forming and they still can harvest salmon. We are neutral. District 1-5 and mouth of Yukon to Eagle is asking because similar proposal to Tanana River District 6. Warmer weather and they cannot for dog mushers.

-Tim Gervais said 2018 if regulation already in place when would you close the districts?

-Christy Gleason replied we would close Districts 1 & 2 in the fall and 4-5 apply to 1&2 unless a change period in August. The lower river closes August 31 for chum. Coho run is open until





September 10 then stop. If late fall like this year, 7 days late. 1,000 fish longer lower river. Tanana River allowed later this year to end of October. The chum run was strong and late this year. 500 fish a day with 2 fishwheels operating roughly.

-Tim Gervais said the September 10 emergency order for shorter counts or huge amount of cohos and no conservation issues.

-Christy Gleason replied we are seeing low catches of salmon like less than 5,000 with Districts 1 & 2. We run sonar until September 7. Mt. Village run in fall until September 12 or September 20, we have 10 years of data.

-Tim Gervais asked if Dun Levy still funding to keep this operating?

-Christy Gleason said Fish and Game works with Yukon Delta Fishery until the end of August. There is a separate panel treaty with Canada until September 20 where Mt. Village was funded. This is not State of Alaska money but rather different money sources.

-Tim Gervais replied that is could be beneficial and when properly applied, it is a good deal. District 6 has special regulations and generates extra with abundance of fish. The managers have information if they want to close on an emergency order I would support this.

R. Proposal's 102-104: Motion by Ed Sarten to Take no Action. John Tramm second.

Motion is passed all in favor.

#### Discussion:

-Don Honea Jr. said Fish Commission took action. 102 was supported and 103 was supported after local residents informed that the salmon were milling about and not spawning. The locals are not consulted when the rivers are closed off and this discriminates traditional practice. We need to make it easier for local families to get food.

-Christy Gleason replied Fall Season 102-104 are similar. A little background on this, since statehood all freshwater rivers were closed to commercial fishing unless larger rivers including 500





yards around mouth. These two rivers are in an area around the coast and do not connect to the Yukon River. To protect from habitat damage our department opposes all three proposals. We have witnessed people fishing these two rivers from our aerial surveys and the populations of fish may not return. 102 wants to include the two rivers in area description 1. Close salmon commercially. 103 wants to allow commercial 500 at mouth. 104 wants to allow commercial at lower 3 miles.

-John Tramm asked if these salmon enter the Yukon River at all?

-Christ Gleason replied the rivers do not connect to the Yukon. They are two rivers near Nome coastline. Kings, chum, pink mostly. Juveniles use it mostly and this has been documented since the 1980s. The locals say the salmon come and go with the tide. This is like 5 miles from the coast and next one is 7 or 8 miles by Kotlik by mouth of Yukon.

-Tim Gervais said this is beyond the scope of our knowledge.

S. Proposal 178: Motion by Ed Sarten to Take no Action. Dale Honea second.

Motion is passed all in favor.

#### Discussion:

-Christy Gleason states this was submitted later by Alaska Board of Fisheries for District 4 around Grayling and Anvik asking to use gillnets after August 2. Emergency petition proposal for this Yukon meeting.

-Don Honea Jr. said the Middle Yukon AC supported and Koyukuk took no action.

-Tim Gervais asked why the emergency petition of Grayling/Anvik here?

-Christy Gleason said after August 2 we allowed for fall chums 4a lower and if they can, we have same erosion problems, and this is an additional opportunity.

T. Proposals 161 & 162: Motion by Ed Sarten to Oppose. Dale Honea second.

Motion is passed all in favor.





Discussion:

-Ed Sarten said we don't need to be monitored and 161 is for people with subsistence permit like Tanana having to report within a week of harvest. 162 is a biweekly reporting for all subsistence and like 2 weeks to report to State of Alaska.

U. Proposals 163 & 164: Motion by Ed Sarten to Support. John Tramm second.

Motion is passed all in favor.

Discussion:

-Ed Sarten said this is to prohibit intentional waste.

XXV. Closing Comments:

-Glenn Stout said in future meeting need to go over the guides issue. He wanted to remind everyone that the guides also take care of a lot of grizzly.

-Ed Sarten agreed that we do support predator control

-Christy Gleason mentioned that it would be good to elect someone from Ruby to attend the Board of Fishery January 15-19, 2019 meeting in Anchorage.

-Don Honea Jr. said it is not required in the AC process to attend. Our actions speak for itself.

Attending is optional.

-Ed Sarten mentioned the mule deer could be spreading ticks to the moose with warming temperature.

-Don Honea Jr. said they need to remedy the moose antler problem of getting them sent to Glenn Stout.

-Dale Honea said they should eventually also discuss the practice of a person getting a moose and then saying they need additional moose for each grandson.

-Ed Sarten said also need to further discuss cutting up a moose in a public area such as behind the





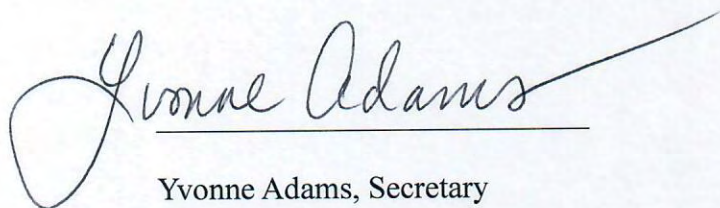
tribal building to keep meat being passed out better accounted for.

XXVI. Set next meeting date: Ed Sarten will find out Don Honea and Glenn Stout's schedule before setting the next meeting in February 2019.

XXVII. Ed Sarten made a motion to Adjourn. Second by John Tramm. Meeting

Adjourned at 6:33 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Yvonne Adams", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and extends to the right.

Yvonne Adams, Secretary

# Excerpt from Sitka AC December 6, 2018 meeting minutes for Board of Fisheries AYK meeting



AC17  
1 of 12

## Sitka Fish and Game Advisory December 6, 2018 Harrigan Centennial Hall, Lincoln Street

I. **Call to Order:** [6:05 pm] by [Jon Martin Board President]

II. **Roll Call:**

Members Present: 11

Randy Gluth, Steve Ramp, Stacy Wayne, Eric Jordan, Jon Martin,  
Heather Bauscher, Mo Johnson, Karen Johnson, John Murray, Joel Markis,  
Tad Fujioka

Members Absent (Excused): 3

Luke Bastian, Andrew Thoms, Jeff Feldspauch

Members Absent (Unexcused): 0

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: Trollers, Guide, hunting, resident sport fish, shellfish, at large,  
guide, seine, power troll, trapping

III. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved

IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Stacy moves, Steve second

V. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Troy Tydinco, Steve Bethune,

VI. **Guests Present:** Matt Donohoe, Jeff Farvour, Mike Vaughn

VII. **Old Business:** no old business

a. Elections for Open Seats

i. Guide Seat: Luke Bastian nominated to guided hunting seat

ii. Hand Troll: vacant

VIII. **New Business:**

a. Discussion of Sitka AC representatives to BOF or BOG meetings

i. Jon Martin will be attending BOG meeting in Petersburg

ii. Looking for a representative to attend finish in anchorage.

1. If interested please communicate your interest by email. TBD

b. **BOF proposal 176: Comments due January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

i. Troy Tydinco ADF&G presentation:

1. 176: King Salmon management plan- replacement for what is currently there. In the PST- they made some changes to how all the fisheries are going to be managed (not speaking to 177 yet)



2. Some reductions were made in overall harvest limits in AK- to put state king management plan in alignment- they changed the tier system. All currently based on AI- switch to CPUE
  3. In addition to changes in harvest limit they are changing the tier structure. Department goal to shift all criteria under each AI to try to align and keep all allocations the same.
  4. This is a framework for the board to take up for how they are going to manage the sport fishery.
- ii. Intention of this proposal is so the state plan is in alignment with the new changes in the Pacific Salmon Treaty, avoid in-season changes, and recognize that if overharvest occurs- those fish need to be paid back by harvest reductions for the next season.

#### **Discussion:**

##### **Advisory Committee:**

- Concerns over the shift in the model from AI to CPUE and how this will impact allocation harvest rates for residents vs non-residents and the potential impacts to the charter fleet. Differences between AI and CPUE model discussed in depth as illustrated in the handout provided by Steve Ramp.
- Recognize that there are stocks of concern throughout southeast and that we all must take a bit of a hit on this for conservation concerns.
- Dialogue about who should take more of a cut- potentially have the non-residents take 100% of the reduction- concerns of how that would impact the local economy through impacts to the charter fleet, guides, and tourism. Decided against going farther in that conversation.
- Concerns over potential overages and the mandatory harvest reductions for following seasons

##### **Public:**

Matt Donohoe: Concerns that they will have to pay back fish if go over. Don't like the shift in the time of year that the data is gathered and how that impacts the baseline that the harvest numbers are based on. Will likely further penalize ourselves by being over conservative in management to avoid overharvest.

##### **Motion:**

Eric Jordan: **Due to a lack of information regarding- treaty language, data reflecting CPUE we do not feel that we have enough information to make and educated decision regarding this proposal. Therefore we make a recommendation that we advise the Board of fish and the department to do whatever they need to do to conserve king salmon, Rebuild the stocks, and provide stability to the fisheries.**  
Stacy-Second.

**Vote: Unanimous support- Motion Passes to advise board of fish that "Due to a lack of information regarding- treaty language, data reflecting CPUE we do not feel**



that we have enough information to make an educated decision regarding this proposal. Therefore we make a recommendation that we advise the Board of fish and the department to do whatever they need to do to conserve king salmon, **Rebuild the stocks, and provide stability to the fisheries."**

\*Big thank you to Troy for spending so much time working with us on this

c. **Discussion of BOG proposals:** Presentation by Steve Bethune Area Manager ADF&G

- i. **Proposal 1- allow use of crossbows in hunts open to muzzle loaders etc.**  
Still be closed to bow only hunts. Sort of a moot point because we don't have any of those special hunts. It was a statewide proposal and then they decided to deal with this regionally. Etolin Island hunt is considered archery only. So does not apply
- ii. Motion: Stacy- No recommendation.
- iii. Vote: **Unanimous support - No recommendation on this proposal.**

d. **Proposal 2- Private land- intentional feeding of deer for hunting.**

- i. ADF&G: Southeast AK not conducive to this type of agricultural feeding. Baiting, food plot type hunts come with concerns of spread of disease like Chronic Wasting Syndrome
- ii. Discussion: **Doesn't apply to us- No action.**

e. **Proposal 3- Removal of requirement to harvest rib meat of deer.**

- f. Motion to adopt Proposal 3: Steve Ramp, second John Murray
  - i. ADF&G: Neutral- Proponent wants the harvest of rib meat to be optional. It would cause lack of alignment with federal regulations.
  - ii. Discussion
  - iii. Randy: I can see both sides on this. The rib cage can expand to the brisket etc. Personal values thing
  - iv. **Vote: Adopting: 0, Oppose: 10, Abstain: 1**
  - v. **Vote: Motion to adopt Proposal 2- Fails**

g. **Proposal 4: Allow the harvest of game from a boat:**

- i. Motion to adopt Randy, Second Steve Ramp
- ii. ADF&G is neutral- Steve Bethune:
- iii. Has been illegal since 1972- Some confusion. Made a change that applied only to freshwater in the mid 90s. In 2003 illegal to hunt black bears. You can get "shoot from boat" permit for disabled hunters. Sitka office issues more than any other office in the region.
- iv. Concerns of overharvest in heavy snow years, accuracy issues and concerns of wounding loss.
- v. Even though this is just deer it would also apply to goats and bears.
- vi. Discussion:



- ii. Mike Vaughn- Author of the Proposal: Did not intend to create a resident vs non-resident conflict. Grew up hunting in high pressure public areas. Do see the potential for someone to develop a waterfowl guide hunting business. Primarily for sea ducks, not concerned about the sea ducks so much. More concern about local areas fishing coho on the creek limits ability to get dabblers. Much of the hunting based on the tide and putting all effort into setting up one area. So if people move in you lose that opportunity. Wouldn't want to see guide hunting on dabbler ducks. Could result with conflicts. Trying to stay out ahead of the game before conflict occurs.
- iii. Discussion:
- iv. Guide Seat Comment: Luke Bastian- I am only guide currently doing duck hunts. I have never sold puddle duck tours. Hunters can shoot puddle ducks close to home (in lower 48).
- v. Jon: Does not seem like there's conflict. Maybe take this on later if becomes a problem. There is currently guided activities happening in our backyard. It's like allocation. There are ways to work this out without regulation.
- vi. Stacy calls question:
- vii. **Vote: support 2, oppose 8, abstain 1-Motion to adopt Proposal 17: Fails**

**o. Proposal 18- Bag limit of deer for Juneau Residents**

- i. Motion to adopt Stacy, Karen- second
- ii. Steve Bethune- Increase bag limit from 4- 6, Juneau residents would benefit the most. Deer numbers are high. Admiralty has some of the highest deer counts in southeast. 115 Juneau hunters harvest 4 deer a year. Juneau residents take 30% or so. Department is neutral.
- iii. **Vote: support- 1. Oppose- 10. Motion to adopt Proposal 18: Fails**

**p. Proposal 177- Crawfish Inlet Comments due January 2nd**

- i. Eric moves to adopt this, Randy second.
- ii. Almost 3 million almost all 3yr olds. Much larger return than expected. Had a deal with Silver Bay to do the cost recovery. In one opening the trollers caught almost a million fish. Had a proposal to allow gillnet access and somehow regarding dept of law- they could not. So this is to change this so that they can have access to these fish. It's on the record- this does not mean gillnetters will be in there next year which is not true. We expect at a most conservative estimate more than 3 million fish in crawfish 7-10lb fish. Gillnetters are really interested in getting in there. Last 10-15 years they are above their allocated range. Seiners have been under. This should fix the seiner deficit.
- iii. NSRAA has the power to let the gillnetters in only if this passes the BoF.
- iv. Eric: Uncomfortable with this language





- v. Tad: This is out of cycle but it could be proposed in 2019 because they do not intend to take action on it for next year. So they could wait to do this.
- vi. Mo: They should have the gillnetters in there already this year. I don't agree with a lot of the deals because local folks have suffered because of it. I am willing to give time to the gillnetters. It seesaws back and forth. If you take extreme measures and the gillnetters got whacked at Deep inlet. Don't favor such an extreme shift. Gillnetters deserve an opportunity down there. Even cost recovery boats couldn't keep up. Terrible quality fish, have to stay on top of them- so many. Understand the regulation was in effect. They should have had an opportunity when there is that much fish. If NSRAA needs this to pass. At least they can have the opportunity to do it.
- vii. Motion to change language in b) The department in consultation
- viii. Eric: supportive of the gillnetters and this community. I get tired of being attacked by them too. Supportive of Mo's statement I supported the motion.
- ix. Question vote on the proposal as amended.

**x. Vote: Support-9, oppose 2-Motion to adopt Proposal 177 Passes**

**With amendment:** *The department, in consultation with the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA), [SHALL] MAY, by emergency order, open and close the Crawfish Inlet Terminal Harvest Area ..."*

- q. **Representation at BOG-** Jon Martin will be going to Petersburg
- r. **Representation at Fin Fish in Anchorage-** will be discussed over email
- s. **Next Meeting TBD-** there will be an email. Hopefully after Christmas before comments are due for January 20th

**Adjournment:** 9:49pm Eric motion, Stacy second

Minutes Recorded By: Heather Bauscher \_\_\_\_  
Minutes Approved By: Full AC\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: 12/27/2018\_\_\_\_\_

**Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Sitka Sound Science Center**

- I. Call to Order: [6:00] by [John Murray/Vice-Chair]
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Karen Johnson, Eric Jordan, John Murray, Tad Fujioka, Andrew Thoms, Wayne Unger, Dick Curran, Moe Johnson, Jeff Feldpausch, Stacey Wayne  
Members Absent (Excused): Steve Ramp, Jon Martin, Heather Bauscher, Randy Gluth  
Members Absent (Unexcused): Luke Bastian, Joel Markis,  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8  
List of User Groups Present: At large, Power troll, Sein, Longline, Conservation, Trapping, shellfish, hunting, Processor, Subsistence
- III. Approval of Agenda:  
  
Move to hold off considering proposal 171 to a January meeting. Moved by Eric Jordan, seconded by Andrew Thoms. Unanimous vote to hold off.  
Move to take up designating board members to approve minutes  
Agenda approved with additions
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:  
Randy Guluth moved to approve minutes  
Stacey Wayne Seconded.  
Board Voted in favor of approving minutes.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: none
- VI. Guests Present: Paul Cotter, Scott Wagner, Angie Bowers
- VII. Old Business: none
- VIII. New Business:



- A) Eric Jordan Moves to add addition comments to proposal 176 to state that section G + H needs to be re-considered and re-thought both in terms of time, area, and less resident sport fish restrictions on king salmon retention because we believe a more area and time specific plan could better protect resident harvest and SE Alaska and Canadian wild stock conservation.

Tad Fujioka seconds

Vote in favor: unanimous

Also, members of the Sitka AC would like more timely data on king salmon harvest—especially sport and guided harvest—especially when it relates to changes created if specific groups go over their allocation

B) Hatchery Resolutions:

- a. Resolution Number 1: Joint AC resolution on hatcheries: Eric Jordan moves to support the joint advisory committee resolution on support for hatcheries, Wayne Unger seconds it.
  - i. Tad Fujioka moves to strike subsistence language, Eric Jordan accepts the amendment.
  - ii. Vote: 8 in favor, 2 oppose. motion passes in support of resolution.
- b. Resolution Number 2: Sitka AC specific resolution: Eric Jordan moves to adopt the resolution of the Sitka specific resolution in support of the hatchery program. Wayne Unger seconds. 8 in support. 1 oppose. motion passes 8-1

- C) Andrew Thoms moved to have Acting Chair and Tad Fujioka named as designated members to approve minutes if needed to get comments in by deadline.

Unanimous vote in favor

Adjournment: 7:14pm adjourned

Minutes Recorded By: Andrew Thoms  
Minutes Approved By: John Murray, Tad Fujioka  
Date: January 1, 2019



**APPROVED RESOLUTION**

**SITKA FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**A Resolution in Support of the Alaska Salmon Hatchery Program**

**APPROVED BY SITKA FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

WHEREAS, Southeast communities benefit greatly from the State of Alaska Salmon Hatchery Program; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory committees are to promote and protect the common interest of Alaska's fishery resource, as a vital component of Alaska's social and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committees represent the voice of \_\_\_\_\_ coastal communities throughout Southeast Alaska;

WHEREAS, Alaska's salmon hatchery program has operated for 45 years and supplements wild salmon harvests throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's salmon hatchery program is an example of sustainable economic development that directly benefits personal use fishermen, sport fishermen, charter fishermen, commercial fishermen, seafood processors, as well as state and local governments, which receive raw fish tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's salmon hatchery program employs strong scientific methodology and is built upon precautionary principles and sustainable fisheries policies to protect wild salmon populations; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Department of Fish and Game regulates hatchery operations, production, and permitting through a transparent public process and multi-stakeholder development of annual management plans; and

WHEREAS, returns of hatchery and wild salmon stocks follow similar survival trends over time and the largest returns of both hatchery and wild salmon stocks have largely occurred since hatchery returns began in about 1980; and

WHEREAS, there are no stocks of concern where most hatchery production occurs, indicating



that adequate escapements to wild stock systems are being met in these areas over time; and

WHEREAS, Alaska hatcheries contributed an annual average of nearly 67 million fish to Alaska's commercial fisheries in the past decade; and

WHEREAS, Alaska hatcheries accounted for 22% of the total common property commercial catch in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's salmon hatchery program has proven to be significant and vital to Alaska's seafood and sportfish industries and the state of Alaska by creating employment and economic opportunities throughout the state and in particular in rural coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's salmon hatchery program is non-profit and self-funded through cost recovery and enhancement taxes on the resource and is a model partnership between private and public entities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has significantly invested in Alaska's salmon hatchery program and associated research to provide for stable salmon harvests and to bolster the economies of coastal communities while maintaining a wild stock escapement priority; and

WHEREAS, Alaska salmon fisheries, including the hatchery program, continue to be certified as sustainable by two separate programs, Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) and Marine Stewardship Council (MSC);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the joint Advisory Committees in Southeast Alaska affirms its support for Alaska's salmon hatchery programs; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the joint Advisory Committees supports unbiased and scientific methods to assess the interaction of Alaska's salmon hatchery programs with natural salmon stocks, such as the Alaska Hatchery-Wild Salmon Interaction Study which began in 2011 and is scheduled to conclude in 2023; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the joint Advisory Committees calls on the Alaska Board of Fisheries to work with the hatchery community, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and industry leaders to further its understanding of the importance of the Alaska salmon hatchery



program to all Alaskans

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**Minutes**  
**Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting /Teleconference**  
**Friday, Dec.7, 2018**

**Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Carney at 2pm

- 2 new members were elected to the committee – Ruby Egrass and Gail Vanderpool
- Bad weather may cut some of us off – if so, please call back.
- We have a lot to accomplish - 4 meetings to make comments on /1 BOG, 2 BOF, & 1 Joint Boards, so members of the public, when recognized are limited to 3 minutes to speak.

**The Roll Call & Quorum**

Due to bad weather for air access to meeting, only Doug Carney and Frank Egnaty were present, along with some community members. All others participated telephonically.

- Lime Village – Rick Breckheimer & Fred Bobby attended /also Faron Bobby - alternate
- Stony River – David Bobby & Charlie Gusty were absent
- Sleetmute – Doug Carney & Frank Egnaty were present
- Red Devil – Barb Carlson & Ruby Egrass were present / also Gail Vanderpool – alternate

**Quorum was met, with 6 out of 8 members attending . 2 alternates also attended.**

**Others Attending - (all telephonically)**

- Josh Peirce, Area Biologist / McGrath
- Nissa Pilcher ADF&G Boards Support / Fairbanks
- Georgetown Traditional Council members – Rebecca Wilmarth / Red Devil, Katy Wilmarth, Meredith Witte(?), & Will Hartman / Anchorage
- 5 Sleetmute community members attended in person. Sandra Greger, Margaret Murphy, Madison Mellick, Susan Hubbard, Taylor Hayden.

**Members' Concerns - Chair**

- Any agenda additions to Other Business for this meeting?
  - 1 - BOF Statewide proposals 161,162, 163, & 164 have been added toward the end of the agenda.
  - 2) - Fred Bobby wants to talk to SHAC about a bear pred. control proposal for the Lime Village area. (This was on the agenda at the last meeting, but Fred was unable to attend.)
- Any proposals to comment on besides the ones listed ?- None
- Anything for future meetings? Nothing brought up.

**Approval of Agenda –*Approved***

**Approval of Minutes** – Reading of the minutes from the SHAC meeting of Sept.19 &20, 2017 were deferred until the next committee meeting.



## **Fred Bobby - Bear control program needed in Lime Village area**

### **Discussion -**

- **Fred** - *Folks up there are having bear trouble. Fred's smokehouse had the whole back torn off by a bear, and fish eaten. Fred's wife had run into a brown bear as she was entering the washeteria in Lime. Folks are armed whenever they are walking or riding around within the village. But the bears are savvy and run in the brush when they detect humans nearby, so people seldom get a shot at them. Predator control along the Stony River, from Stink Creek to Can Creek would do the job.*
- **Gail V.** – *Fred lives there and knows what's going on in that part of GMU 19, we need to support him. Members & other attendees voiced agreement.*
- **Fred** the bears are looking for calves
- **Rick** – *agreed with Fred*
- **Josh** – *are they brown or black bears?*
- **Fred** – *mostly blacks*
- **Barb** asked Fred, *what time of year would be best?*
- **Fred** - *In Spring, as soon as they leave dens & before fishing season.*
- **Josh** – *Springtime is the best, when there are no leaves and calving cows draw bears in.*
- **Doug** –

The committee voted unanimously to have the Chair & Fred write a proposal and get it to BOG before the May, 2019 deadline for 2020 Region 3 proposals.

### **Josh Peirce**

- Had emailed a printed version of his power point presentation to SHAC members & there were some hard copies at the meeting.
- Went over the spring twinning survey and the Nov. 2018 composition count, as well as comparing calf:cow & bull:cow ratios to past years

### BOG proposals discussion & votes made included the following –

- The 19A predator control program will be up for renewal in 2020. ADF&G will have a proposal to renew - support was asked for and given unanimously.
- ADF&G will make a proposal for the same “meat on bone” requirement throughout GMU 19 & 21A & 21E, which got unanimous support from SHAC.

### **Doug Carney**

#### **BOG Meeting / March 15-19 Southcentral / Anch. / comment deadline - March 1**

19A moose hunt proposal 127 (was deferred proposal 165 from the March, 2017 BOG meeting), with the list of SHAC amendments, which was voted on unanimously. SHAC amendments were simplified but retain the hunt conditions recommended from last years' BOG meeting. (see comments)

#### **Joint Boards Meeting / March 21-25 / Anch./ comment deadline - March 7 / Proposals to consider – 3, 4, 5, 12**

**For Proposals 3,4 & 12 -proposal discussion and votes are included in comments.**

**Proposal 5 discussion was lengthy, and has been saved in a document - which can become an RC, if BOG wants that information.Vote & reasons are in comments.**



**Barb Carlson**

**BOF Meeting / Jan. 15-19, Arctic, Yukon, & Kusko Finfish / Anch. / comment deadline – Jan. 2**

- Fisheries update / lead discussion and explained proposals to committee

- Proposals to consider – **107-** dipnets (**108 & 112**) / **105 & 111** – mesh size / **113 & 114** – relax early gillnet closure / **109, 110, 115, 116, 117** – opening or closing areas to gillnets / **118, 119, 120, 121, 122** sport fishing regs.

**BOF Statewide Meeting/ March 8-11 / Anchorage / comment deadline – Feb.20**

- Proposals 161 & 162 - reporting salmon catch in a more timely manner, including subsistence caught fish.
- 163– dealing with wanton waste of non-salmon species
- 164 – dealing with wanton waste of Sheefish





## Alaska Board of Fisheries: AYK Proposals

January 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
105	Allow use of set gillnets with 7 ½" mesh to harvest salmon other than king salmon and other non-salmon fish species on the Kuskokwim River for subsistence purposes during times of king salmon conservation		
Oppose	0	6	We opposed this proposal because the use of 7 1/2" mesh nets seems to defeat the stated purpose of king salmon conservation. These larger mesh nets specifically target the larger kings while allowing other types of salmon and other species to pass through. The larger kings carry the most eggs and will provide the most viable fry, We should not be targeting them when we are trying to rebuild our king stock. We need to conserve our kings and the use of 7 1/2" mesh nets in no way promotes conservation of kings.
107	Allow the use of dipnets in the Kuskokwim River drainage subsistence salmon fishery		
Support	6	0	Presently we are using dipnets as a conservation measure during times of king salmon conservation. We would like to see this method become a legal gear type all the time in the Kuskokwim fishery. If we want to encourage the use of dipnets it would be helpful to be able to learn to use them and practice with them when the concentration of fish is higher in the river, not just when the kings are coming through. They are a great way to practice selective fishing, so that only what is needed is taken and being able to release live species that are not wanted. A member of our AC from Lime Village says they are used in the Stony River Canyon area to fish and he has also used one directly off his fish raft.
108	Add dip nets as legal gear for subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim Area		
Support	6	0	We support this proposal as substantially the same as proposal 107, for all the same reasons as given for proposal 107.
109	Close s marine waters immediately adjacent to the mouth of the Kuskokwim River to subsistence fishing during times of king salmon conservation		
Support	6	0	<p>We supported this proposal because it supports king conservation on the Kuskokwim. Those marine waters within 3 mile of the coast directly adjacent to the mouth of the Kuskokwim contain king salmon bound for the spawning grounds up the Kuskokwim and should have the same protection that they have once they enter the river proper.</p> <p>There is also the matter of equity in fishing opportunity. Those with big boats, motors and money for sufficient gas can go down into the bay and fish on kings unrestricted, while the people who do not have this advantage have to wait for the restrictions to lift and for the fish to get up</p>



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			<p>closer to their village area before they can fish. Of course, then there are less fish reaching the local area because some were taken out in the bay before they even reached the restricted king conservation area in the river.</p> <p>We realize that the 10 mile closure proposed in the proposal is not within the state's jurisdiction, but would like to see a 3 mile closure that is within state controlled waters.</p>
110	Close all fishing in non-salmon spawning rivers of the Kuskokwim River within five miles of the confluence during times of king salmon conservation		
Oppose	0	6	<p>We oppose this proposal largely because it restricts the flexibility of management on the non-salmon spawning rivers.</p> <p>We do not feel that there is the data to support that closing the lower 5 miles of these rivers would substantially help in the conservation of king salmon. But we strongly encourage both the department and Fish and Wildlife to do some on ground research to get this data as to how many kings are caught in the lower 5 miles of non-salmon tributaries, so that informed decisions can be made.</p> <p>The current king salmon conservation restrictions are in effect the longest for those areas downriver. This is also where most of the non-salmon spawning tributaries are located. It would be a shame and unfair to shut more of these non-spawning rivers down for the lower 5 miles needlessly, as they now provide a place that people can access relatively easily to catch non-salmon species during times that the Kuskokwim is closed to protect king salmon.</p>
111	Increase maximum gillnet mesh size to 8 inches in both subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries		
Oppose	0	6	<p>The maximum mesh size allowed for subsistence is already 8" when all restrictions are removed. The maximum size in commercial fisheries has been reduced from 8" to insure Chinook conservation. We have no commercial Chinook fishery now, nor in the foreseeable future due to low Chinook numbers.</p>
112	Allow subsistence fishing with dipnet gear during times of king or coho salmon conservation		
No Action			<p>Unanimous in our recommendation of no action on this proposal. After looking at this proposal at some length we were unsure what the</p>



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			language in it was asking for. It was definitely not as clear as proposal 107 and 108 concerning dipnets.
113	Close king salmon fisheries on the Kuskokwim River by emergency order on June 1		
Oppose	0	6	<p>SHAC is quite happy with how the early closure is currently handled on the Kuskokwim, where the starting date is decided by the manager in conjunction with the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group, usually at a meeting in March or April. This allows management to take into account when ice out may be occurring. Based on when the first kings arrive up at the headwaters and looking at run timing, it is obvious that the headwater kings are the first ones up the river and start to come up the river very early, perhaps even before ice out. During the past 3 years of early closures we have done a good job of getting salmon up to the weir at the headwaters on the Pitka Fork of the Salmon River. During those 3 years our early closure has started twice on May 20 and once, last year, on May 25. It is good to have the flexibility to start the closure at the most advantageous date to conserve those headwater kings.</p> <p>The other problem with a fixed start date of June 1 is that it closes the entire river down at the same time for no good reason since the kings are just starting up the river and would not be available to catch until later further up. Presently the manager has applied a sliding closure date by sections of the river at 4-5 day intervals, starting with the lowest river first. This allows people to fish for non-salmon species, particularly sheefish, during the early part of the season, before there is any danger of catching king salmon.</p> <p>We support how the early closure is currently handled and feel that this proposal would only limit the flexibility of management to do their best to conserve the early headwater king run while allowing the most possible opportunity for people to fish on other species before the kings arrive.</p> <p>Therefore we oppose this proposal.</p>
114	Allow subsistence fishing for king salmon in the Kuskokwim River prior to June 11		
Oppose	0	6	We oppose this for the same reasons that we opposed proposal 113, in that a set June 1 closure date is usually too late for an effective closure



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			<p>for king salmon conservation and severely limits the manager's flexibility as to when to start the closure.</p> <p>The use of 6" nets targets king salmon much more than the current 41/2" mesh nets currently used. The point of the 41/2 " mesh nets is to target non-salmon species, like whitefish. Using 6" mesh does nothing to help king salmon conservation during these times of low returns. Using 6 " mesh will not help to get those early run kings up to the headwaters spawning grounds of the Kuskokwim.</p> <p>We have used rolling closures before on the Kuskokwim with little or no success as a way to conserve kings. Rolling closures are hard to make work on the Kuskokwim because unlike the Yukon, the Kuskokwim kings do not run in distinct pulses. Therefore there are not any distinct pulses to protect with a rolling closure. What appeared to happen with rolling closures in the past was that people just fished harder on the open days and still caught the same amount of fish. The same group of kings were fished on during each opening of the rolling openings/closures all the way up the river. That provided a severely depleted group of kings for fishermen up river.</p> <p>We see the use of 6"mesh combined with rolling closures as no conservation of kings at all.</p>
115	Allow subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish species in certain waters during times of king salmon conservation		
Oppose	0	6	<p>We opposed this proposal because it limits the flexibility of the manager to make decisions in season. Currently in the past several years of king salmon conservation the non-salmon tributaries have been handled in the way requested by this proposal. However if the situation changes we would like management to be able to make changes either more or less restrictive to meet the situation. It is best in a fast changing fishery to allow management the most flexibility to deal with changing situations and populations.</p>
116	Maintain open subsistence salmon fishing periods around the mouths of the Johnson, Kialiq, Kinak, Tagyaraq and Pailleq Rivers		



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Oppose	0	6	We oppose this because it would go against trying to conserve king salmon. Kings do rest and mill around in the mouths of non-salmon tributaries. To open these mouths to unrestricted fishing would defeat the purpose of the closures in place for the conservation of king salmon.
117	Allow subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish species in Pailleq Slough when the subsistence fishery for salmon is closed		
Oppose	0	6	Currently it is our understanding that this slough is open while ADF&G has jurisdiction of this area. But like so many of these non-salmon tributary proposals we oppose this because we do not wish to limit the managers ability to change time and area restrictions if conditions call for it.
118	Close sport fishing for king salmon in the Kuskokwim River drainage when other Kuskokwim River fisheries are closed to the taking of king salmon		
Oppose	0	6	<p>What the proposal is requesting is already happening by emergency order. Sportfish has done an excellent job during these years of king salmon conservation in putting out, early in the season, long before the kings arrive, emergency notices that the entire Kuskokwim drainage is closed to sport fishing for king salmon.</p> <p>We do not think that this needs to go into regulation, but perhaps the department needs to be more creative in how it gets the word out to subsistence users as well as sport fishermen concerning this closure.</p>
119	Close fishing for king salmon on Doestock Creek when other Kuskokwim River fisheries are closed to the taking of king salmon		
Oppose	0	6	<p>What the proposal is requesting is already happening by emergency order. Sportfish has done an excellent job during these years of king salmon conservation in putting out early in the season, long before the kings arrive, emergency notices that the entire Kuskokwim drainage is closed to sport fishing for king salmon.</p> <p>We do not think that this needs to go into regulation, but perhaps the department needs to be more creative in how it gets the word out to subsistence users as well as sport fishermen concerning this closure.</p>
120	Close sport fishing and rafting on the Kwethluk, Kasigluk, and Kisaralik Rivers from May 1 to October 31 in times of conservation for any species of salmon		

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Oppose	0	6	We oppose this proposal because it seems like a rather drastic and far reaching solution to the perceived problem. We are not denying that there may be a problem. We just think this solution is overkill.
121	Limit the number of days per week sport fishing guide services can be provided in the Aniak River drainage		
Oppose	0	6	<p>We oppose this proposal because we feel like we need more data that - the problem exists in order to back it. We realize that money and staff is always in short supply, but if this is a growing problem the department needs to stay on top of it and not just put it off because they haven't been able to gather the data that is needed. Quality of fishing experience matters for both subsistence and sport fisherman and this may be what is suffering most on the Aniak.</p> <p>In the meantime we would hope that creative solutions could be found between the Sportfish manager, sport-fishermen, both guided and unguided, and the subsistence fishing community to alleviate some of the conflict .</p>
122	Require parts of sport-caught salmon in the Kuskokwim-Goodnews Area to be retained or disposed of away from shore		
Oppose	0	6	<p>We oppose this proposal because it does not appear to be a workable solution to the problem. We agree that this problem exists, but is not just to be blamed on sport fishermen. We see plenty of fish waste on the beach in our area, where no sport fishing is occurring, that are undoubtedly the residue of subsistence fish cutting.</p> <p>This solution does not appear to be enforceable.</p> <p>Perhaps education concerning the problem and alternatives, like the suggestion of dog food use, as well as a place to dispose of fish waste by communities would be more workable.</p>

Adjournment: 5 pm, Dec. 7, 2018

Minutes Recorded By: Nissa Pilcher &amp; Barb Carlson

Minutes Approved By: Doug Carney

Date 12/15/2018



## **Tanana Rampart Manley Advisory Committee \*minutes not yet approved**

**12/14/2018**

**Tanana City Office**

- I. Call to Order: 11:15 am by Stan Zuray, Chairman
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present:  
Members Absent (Excused):  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Inclusion of a Road Committee Update and District 5 Committee Update
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved as written
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mark Nelson (DWC), Nissa Pilcher (BDS), Deena Jallen\* & Jeff Estensen\* (DCF)
- VI. Guests Present:
- VII. Old Business: N/A
- VIII. New Business:

### **Road Committee Update**

There hasn't been a new controlled use area created in a long time, and have heard the Board of Game state that they aren't really interested in creating one. Still would like to ask for one anyways. Maybe we can just keep asking and one day they will understand our concerns.

### **Action Item**

Draft BOG proposal to create a CUA around the new road to protect the traditional hunting areas of the residents of Manley and Tanana. When discussion on this road started between the state and us we had an MOU that stated that there would be no motorized use of vehicles on state land but there was no enforcement of this MOU and it has gone by the wayside. It was requested that the MOU be found in order to submit it to the BOG. CUA from Bolder Creek to the Yukon (last 12 miles are tribal land anyway and signage will be put up).

It was noted that there is a track of land by Clear Lake to Long Lake that the state is holding on to, but it is tribal land and the council is working on trying to get it back. Drones are also a concern in this area, but it was noted that it is not leagle to use drones for hunting.

The community is having issues with having people parking badly in the small parking lot by the Yukon Launch.

### **District 5 Committee Update**



Interest in moving the boundary between District 4 and 5 (it was noted that this last year would have been the time to do this as this is a BOF regulation). There are a few people that fish right on the boundary and regulations differ. Continued work on this to formulate a strong proposal before the next AYK BOF Meeting.





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86	Allow subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish with hook and line gear in District 4 of the Yukon Area		
Support as Amended			This was discussed at the Yukon Intertribal Fish Commission (YITFC) meeting, and they wanted to amend it to include the entire river. We do understand that revenue could be an issue for the license sales. It was noted that not all communities on the river have access to fishing licenses either.
87	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with drift gillnets in the entire Yukon River		
Support			<p>There was lengthy discussion on this proposal as the YITFC did not support it, nor did the EIRAC, and the reasons that those entities did not support were brought up.</p> <p>This committee submitted this proposal, for the second cycle in a row. The issue is not that we want to start drifting, in fact <b>our AC has been AGAINST drifting</b> for many years. It is that it is not equitable that others in the river can drift if they want to, but not everyone can and that it seems to be a piecemealed and politically motivated decision if certain areas can drift or not drift and NOT based on biologic concerns, per the departments reversal in if they support or oppose the increased drifting opportunities for the river.</p> <p>We are not denying that the entire river drifting is a scary thing for ensuring the continued presence of fish in the river since it is so good at catching fish. We are just saying that it isn't FAIR that some can do it and others can not. Everyone should either be able to do it or not, and if those that ARE drifting don't want us to do it because we could catch too many fish, maybe THEY shouldn't be doing it. If we are going to stop fighting the spread of drifting in the river then we should all be able to do it if we want to.</p> <p>Would support a sunset clause on the change so that the BOF could review drifting on the entire river on a 3 year basis. This could help elevate concerns with the more road accessible locations for drifting and overharvest.</p>



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88	Require fish wheels to be closely attended during times of conservation for any species		
Support			
89	Allow retention of king salmon for subsistence purposes, by emergency order, during times of king salmon conservation in the Yukon Area		
90	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of the commercial fishing season in Districts 1-3 and Subdistrict 4-A of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
Support as amended			Support an amendment to remove a specific hour and allow the department to have discretionary authority over the time between the openers
91	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of each commercial fishing period in Districts 1-3 of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
Oppose			The department can already do this
92	Restrict gillnet mesh size to a maximum of 6 inches in Districts 4, 5, and 6 subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries		
Support			Really would want this for the entire river but know that Districts 1, 2 & 3 would not support it. The intent of this is to ensure the large, fecund females can get to the spawning ground.  The question we have to ask ourselves is do we want to put something in place to ensure both king and chum runs come back? Do we want to be in the front of conservation?
93	Repeal the requirement to remove the tips of the tail fin of subsistence-taken salmon in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area		
Support as amended			Support with the amendment that was suggested by the department that would allow no clipping when there are years of no king sales.
94	Allow the taking of the first king salmon entering the Yukon River for religious and ceremonial use		
Support as amended			We have lost the ability to catch that first king, to thank God and share the fish with the elders. We support with the amendments made by the YITFC.
95	In the Yukon River between the marker at Waldron Creek and Hess Creek, require a minimum distance of 300 feet between units of set gillnet gear and limit the amount of net gear that may be deployed in an eddy to 350 feet		
Support as amended			We support the amendments made by the YITFC
96	Allow subsistence fishing for fall chum salmon in District 5 without time restrictions if commercial fishing for fall chum salmon is open in other Yukon River districts		



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Support			This is a conservation tool. When we are only allowed to fish certain days, and if we fish and the weather isn't good for putting up fish then you end up having to go back out because all of your fish turned. If commercial fishing is allowed we should be able to get fish.
97	Divide District 2 of the Yukon Area into two subdistricts		
98	Decrease gillnet depth in Districts 4 – 6 of the Yukon Area		
Oppose			Maybe the proposer does not know how rivers work and how many fish are diverted into other rivers before they get to the upper portion of the river?
99	Allow use of beach seine gear to harvest salmon during open commercial fishing periods in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area		
Oppose			We asked to use other types of gear up here and were told no. Either the entire river can use the same gear or we won't support it.
100	Adopt maximum size and depth restrictions for fish wheel baskets		
Oppose			We don't want their summer chum!
101	Open and close the commercial fishery for fall chum and coho salmon in the Yukon Area by emergency order		
Support			Makes sense.
102	Include the Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers in District 1 of the Yukon Area		
103	Repeal closed waters within 500 yards of the mouth of Pastolik River and Pastoliak River		
104	Repeal closed waters in the lower three miles of the Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers		
178	Allow chum salmon to be taken by drift gillnets after August 2 in Yukon River Subdistrict 4-A downstream from the mouth of Stink Creek		
Oppose			We oppose the expansion of drifting in bits and pieces of the river. We only support a drifting proposal if it benefits the people of this district. We have made enough concessions.



## Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish Proposals

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
161	Require weekly reporting of salmon harvest by all permit or license holders		
Oppose			We have enough reporting issues in our lives already
162	Require biweekly reporting of all sport, personal use, and subsistence king salmon catch		
Oppose			We have enough reporting issues in our lives already
163	Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of subsistence-caught fish		
Oppose			Concern over the blanket statement, there are pike fishing derbies in Manley and they eat a lot of salmon fry and birds and muskrats.  If you are catching fish you should be bringing your catch home
164	Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of sheefish		
Support			You shouldn't be wasting sheefish

Brook Woods noted that some of the TRM's proposals had Fairbanks AC's name on them and the YITFC had issues with that. Stan noted that the Fairbanks AC, notably Virgil Umphenour, is one of the leaders in conservation of fish on the river and people that don't know that might need to pay more attention. They are one of the ACs that fought for windows and started sounding the alarm that there was an issue with the Kings, and Virgil goes to the BOF meetings and fights for conservation on the river.

It was also noted that there needs to be better communication between the committee, the tribal council and the city office. During the YITFC meeting, someone from the council office was contacted and stated they were against several of the TRM ACs proposals, but the council itself was not notified of this and the entire council was not notified of the TRM's proposals. It was noted that there is a seat on the committee for the councils Natural Resource Director, and the director that was on the AC during the last meeting was no longer with the office a month longer. Communication needs to improve.

Stand Zuray was nominated to attend the AYK BOF Meeting in Anchorage in January.

#### Game/Board of Game issues

The current regulations for the caribou around her were drafted in the 1970s and 80s when the herd around here was small. It is considerably larger and it would be nice to be able to utilize this herd when we aren't able to get moose. Would like to make a 2 caribou bag limit, but only

one of which can be harvested in the fall, and open a new wither season with a one caribou bag limit.

Manley is concerned with the cow hunt being conducted in the flats. No one is seeing moose anymore near the flats. These concerns are to be brought up with the Minto Nenana AC at their next meeting.

Adjournment: 4:15 pm

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Excerpt from Upper Lynn Canal AC November 30 & December 2018 meeting minutes for Board of Fisheries AYK meeting



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## Upper Lynn Canal ADF&G Advisory Committee 30 November 2018 Haines, Alaska

**Call to Order** at 5:00 pm by Tim McDonough

### Roll Call:

Members	Present/ Absent/ Teleconference
Tim McDonough (TM) - Chair	P
Ryan Cook (RC) - Vice Chair	P
Derek Poinsette (DP) - Secretary	P
Darren Belisle (DB) - Skagway	T
Stuart DeWitt (SdW) - Haines	A
Shannon Donahue (SD) - Haines	P
Daniel Hotch (DH) - Klukwan	A
Kip Kermoian (KK) - Haines	T
Will Prisciandaro (WP) - Haines	P
Luke Rauscher (LR) - Skagway	T
Marie Rose (MR) - Haines	P

Members Present: 9

Members Absent: 2

Number Needed for Quorum: 6

Quorum Present: Yes

### Fish and Game Staff Present

Commercial Fish:

Sport Fish: Rich Chapell (RCh)

Wildlife: Carl Koch (CK) (Telephone)

### Others Present

Trent Chwialkowski (TC), Wildlife Trooper

Jenna Kunze, Chilkat Valley News

Henry Leasia, KHNS



the discussion of this issue. LR: This really limits trapping opportunities in Skagway. CK: If this proposal fails, Skagway will still be in violation of fish and game management rules. DB: This was passed at an assembly meeting with very little discussion. It passed unanimously. DP: I am uncomfortable opposing the will of an elected body. KK: I agree. TM: I think it is appropriate for the AC to express opposition to the actions of elected officials. WP: This proposal is the Skagway Assembly's attempt to make their trapping ordinance legal. This is them trying to make things right.

Vote: Yes 8, No 1 (DP). AC opposes 32.

Must submit by December 28.

### **Travel to BOG Meeting. January in Petersburg.**

SD will attend.

### **BOF Proposals**

177. WP reads proposal. RC moves to support. DP 2<sup>nd</sup>.

WP: This will clarify the regulations and allow gillnet gear in Crawfish Inlet. MR: What do trollers think about this? WP: Trollers have priority areas, but they aren't capable of cleaning up after big returns like 2018. NSRAA already has more cost recovery than they need. NSRAA board will still manage the fishery so that all gear types get their allocation. Vote: Unanimous.

Must submit by January 2.

176. TM reads. RC: Brian Elliott supports. Tabled until next meeting.

### **Recreational Gold Dredging in Anadromous Waters**

KK: Had a long conversation with Director of Habitat. How do we get a permit modified? He suggested we send a letter to him asking for a change in administrative code. He will tell us what we need to do. RC: The DNR page classifies this as recreational.

### **F&G Habitat Communications (Jackie Timothy)**

TM: Talked to Jackie Timothy personally after she sent her email response. Jackie said that the F&G AC's do not have the right to give input to F&G Habitat or to comment on Habitat permits. DP/KK/SD/others: That is not true!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Tim McDonough  
Chair ULC AC

Yes to Lena: the ULCAC will send a representative to the Joint BOF/BOG meeting in March.

WP: 2018 Lynn Canal gillnet fishery: \$6.8 million. 288 boats. 2-3 marked Chilkat kings = ~100 Chilkat kings caught. Chilkat and Chilkoot projected to be average returns next year.

WP: Townsite no-shooting boundaries may be an upcoming issue.

**Next Meeting 20 DEC. 500PM. ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS.**

Adjournment: 630pm

Minutes Recorded By: DP  
Minutes Approved By: ULCAC  
Date: DEC 20, 2018



**Upper Lynn Canal ADF&G Advisory Committee  
20 December 2018  
Haines, Alaska**

**Call to Order** at 5:00 pm by Ryan Cook

**Roll Call:**

Members	Present/ Absent/ Teleconference
Tim McDonough (TM) - Chair	A
Ryan Cook (RC) - Vice Chair	P
Derek Poinsette (DP) - Secretary	P
Darren Belisle (DB) - Skagway	A
Stuart DeWitt (SdW) - Haines	A
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Kip Kermoian (KK) - Haines	P
Will Prisciandaro (WP) - Haines	P
Luke Rauscher (LR) - Skagway	A
Marie Rose (MR) - Haines	P

Members Present: 6

Members Absent: 5

Number Needed for Quorum: 6

Quorum Present: Yes

**Fish and Game Staff Present**

Commercial Fish:

Sport Fish: Rich Chapell (RCh)

Wildlife:

**Others Present**

Bill Thomas, former state legislator

## Previous Meeting Minutes

DP moves to add Jackie Timothy emails to NOV 30 minutes. WP 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

## Agenda

Approved.

## Agency Reports

None.

KK moves that we send an email to every AC member before each meeting. WP 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

## BOF Hatchery Committee letter from Chris Guggenbicker

Email to Tim McDonough:

From: Chris Guggenbickler <[ccgugg@gci.net](mailto:ccgugg@gci.net)>

Date: Monday, December 17, 2018

Subject: Hatchery Resolution

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Cc: Susan Doherty <[sdoherty@ssraa.org](mailto:sdoherty@ssraa.org)>

All,

I would like to reach out to all the advisory committees in SE Alaska in hopes of reaching a cooperative consensus for a resolution in support of our hatchery programs.

Hatchery programs in SE Alaska contributed over \$65 million dollars to commercial fleets in 2018 alone. Furthermore hatchery programs benefit heavily to sport, charter and personal use fisheries in king and coho salmon opportunity throughout SE.

Recently attempts have been made through the Board of Fish to significantly negatively impact the hatchery program. One proposal this fall would have reduced our hatchery production by 25% of the 2000 level of releases, which would include the last 18 years of growth. This would have curtailed SE hatcheries to the



point of not making their cost recovery goals. It is likely king and coho programs would have had to be cut if this proposal passed.

As a board member of SSRAA and a representative on the Regional Planning Team (RPT). I have been involved in the planning and permitting process for hatchery releases and understand the stringent criteria for these releases. This public process allows stakeholders the opportunity to comment and many times compromises are made or permits are just denied. We follow the SE comprehensive salmon plan which has guidelines for these permitting processes.

I have been in contact with John Scoblic and Sue Doherty of the Ketchikan AC. They are present at many hatchery and RPT meetings and understand this process very well.

The Ketchikan AC has been working on a draft resolution of support for the SE hatchery program. It is our hope we can find resolution language we can all agree on.

Attached is the draft language. If you are unable to open it please let me know and I will try another format. If you have any questions please call my

Cell at 907-305-0531. I may be out of service at times but leave a message and I will get back to you.

**DRAFT RESOLUTION**  
**Southeast Alaska Advisory Committees**  
**A Resolution in Support of the Alaska Salmon Hatchery Program**

WHEREAS, Southeast communities benefit greatly from the State of Alaska Salmon Hatchery Program; and  
WHEREAS, the Advisory committees are to promote and protect the common interest of Alaska's fishery resource, as a vital component of Alaska's social and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committees represent the voice of \_\_\_\_\_ coastal communities throughout Southeast Alaska;

WHEREAS, Alaska's salmon hatchery program has operated for 45 years and supplements wild salmon harvests throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's salmon hatchery program is an example of sustainable economic development that directly benefits subsistence fishermen, personal use fishermen, sport fishermen, charter fishermen, commercial fishermen, seafood processors, as well as state and local governments, which receive raw fish tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's salmon hatchery program employs strong scientific methodology and is built upon precautionary principles and sustainable fisheries policies to protect wild salmon populations; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Department of Fish and Game regulates hatchery operations, production, and permitting through a transparent public process and multi-stakeholder development of annual management plans; and

WHEREAS, returns of hatchery and wild salmon stocks follow similar survival trends over time and the largest returns of both hatchery and wild salmon stocks have largely occurred since hatchery returns began in about 1980; and

WHEREAS, there are no stocks of concern where most hatchery production occurs, indicating



that adequate escapements to wild stock systems are being met in these areas over time; and  
WHEREAS, Alaska hatcheries contributed an annual average of nearly 67 million fish to Alaska's commercial fisheries in the past decade; and  
WHEREAS, Alaska hatcheries accounted for 22% of the total common property commercial catch in Alaska; and  
WHEREAS, Alaska's salmon hatchery program has proven to be significant and vital to Alaska's seafood and sportfish industries and the state of Alaska by creating employment and economic opportunities throughout the state and in particular in rural coastal communities; and  
WHEREAS, Alaska's salmon hatchery program is non-profit and self-funded through cost recovery and enhancement taxes on the resource and is a model partnership between private and public entities; and  
WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has significantly invested in Alaska's salmon hatchery program and associated research to provide for stable salmon harvests and to bolster the economies of coastal communities while maintaining a wild stock escapement priority; and  
WHEREAS, Alaska salmon fisheries, including the hatchery program, continue to be certified as sustainable by two separate programs, Responsible Fisheries Management (RFM) and Marine Stewardship Council (MSC);  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the joint Advisory Committees in Southeast Alaska affirms its support for Alaska's salmon hatchery programs; and  
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the joint Advisory Committees supports unbiased and scientific methods to assess the interaction of Alaska's salmon hatchery programs with natural salmon stocks, such as the Alaska Hatchery-Wild Salmon Interaction Study which began in 2011 and is scheduled to conclude in 2023; and  
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the joint Advisory Committees calls on the Alaska Board of Fisheries to work with the hatchery community, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and industry leaders to further its understanding of the importance of the Alaska salmon hatchery program to all Alaskans

WP: NSRAA board would like to wait until final study is complete before reducing hatchery releases.

WP moves to support the resolution. RC 2<sup>nd</sup>.

KK: Is there opposition to this resolution. WP: There are always anti-hatchery people out there. DP: There are a number of statements in that resolution that I don't believe are true, and I can't support. WP tables the motion.

### **BOF Proposal 176**

Rich Chapell: New index for Chinook abundance, SE winter troll fishery. Provides a more accurate index than what we have been doing. Brian Elliott also supports. Will result in slightly fewer fish in the sport allocation.

WP moves to support. KK 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous. (6 for, 0 against)



With countless numbers of streams available for dredging in the Upper Lynn Canal, operating in the spawning substrate of a Stock of Concern defies reason.

We hope you will be able to direct us in the appropriate process to achieve our intended goal.

Thank you for this consideration, and again, welcome, we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Tim McDonough  
Chair

On behalf of the ULCAC

WP moves to send. DP 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous.

**Next Meeting 13 FEB. 500PM. ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS.**

Adjournment: 615pm

Minutes Recorded By: DP

Minutes Approved By: RC

Date: DEC 29, 2018



**Wrangell Fish & Game Advisory Committee**  
**Notes for Meetings**  
**December 3, 2018**  
**Wrangell, Alaska**

- I. Call to Order: 6:30 PM by Chris Guggenbickler, Chair
- I. Roll Call:  
Members Present: (11) Chris Guggenbickler, Brennon Eagle, David Rak, Marlin Benedict, John Yeager, Brian Merritt, Otto Florschutz, Robert Rooney, Winston Davies, Janis Churchill, Brett Stillwaugh  
Members Absent: (5) Tom Sims, Mike Bauer, Jason Rooney, Alan Reeves, Scott McAuliffe  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: eight (8)  
List of User Groups Present: NA
- II. Approval of Agenda: Elections and Board of Game SE Proposals
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA
- IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tom Kowalske (Wrangell), Steve Bethune (Sitka)
- Guests Present: Jim Nelson (FS-LEO), Dave Brown, Bill Knecht, Einar Haaseth, Austin Obrien, Tony Guggenbickler, Mike Lockabey, KSTK Radio
- V. Old Business: NA
- VI. New Business: Elections, Reports, and Board of Game SE Proposals, BOF Additional Finfish Proposals

**ELECTIONS**

Motion to nominate by Brian Merritt, Second by John Yeager

<i>Nominations</i>	<i>Number of votes</i>
David Rak	18
Winston Davies	17
Robert Rooney	16
John Yeager	16
Mike Bauer	12
Brett Stillwaugh	9
Janice Churchill	6



Nomination of current officers: Motion to nominate by Brian Merritt, Second by Robert Rooney: Chris Guggenbickler, Chair; Brennon Eagle Vice -Chair; David Rak Secretary. All members agreed by voice to continue with current officers.

Actions of the Chair: Brett Stillwaugh and Janice Churchill will serve as Alternate Members to the Wrangell AC for one year. Bill Knecht was appointed to fill the seat he vacated a year ago. Dave Brown was appointed to fill the seat vacated by Scott McAuliffe who has moved away from Wrangell for employment with AST.

## **REPORTS**

Steve Bethune (ADF&G Sitka) addressed the AC from Sitka via teleconference.

John Yeager reported on proposals to the Federal Subsistence Rural Advisory Committee (RAC) at the fall meeting October in Sitka. Meeting in Wrangell February 4-6, 2019 concerning wildlife proposals. Also included comments on Federal Roadless Rule and Federal issued on Prince of Wales Island.

Mike Lockabey reported on Sea Otter issues.

Brennon Eagle reported on US-Canada Salmon Treaty progress.

Einar Haaseth reported on low flying airplanes used to spot moose in the Stikine River valley during the 2018 moose season. Janice Churchill and Dave Brown shared the concern and added to the discussion.

Brennon Eagle reported on SSRAA involvement in salmon treaty mitigation activities; developing a new release area at Canoe Pass; and the recent RPT meeting in Petersburg.

(Excerpted for relevance)



## Alaska Board of Fisheries: Additional Finfish Proposals

March 8-11, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
175	5 AAC 47.090. George Inlet superexclusive guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery.; 5 AAC 47.091. Nakwasina Sound superexclusive guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery.; 5 AAC 75.075. Sport fishing services and sport fishing guide services; salt water license and fresh water registration requirements; regulation of activities.; 5 AAC 75.076. Sport fishing guide and operator reporting requirements.; 5 AAC 75.085. Guided sport ecotourism requirements.; and 5 AAC 75.995.		
<b>No Action</b>			
176	Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan.		
<b>No Action</b>			Discussed and considered proposal but no action taken. Proposed action is considered not a permanent solution. It would be OK to try for a few years, and then change to something better.
177	Crawfish Inlet Terminal Harvest Area Management Plan.		
<b>Support</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	This aligns original proposal with NSRAA boards initial intent of the proposal heard in the spring of 2018. AC agrees that NSRAA should have all the tools they need to manage the terminal fishery rather than use a loophole to allow seine opportunity and exclude gillnet access.
178	Lawful gear and gear specification.		
<b>No Action</b>			
179	Golden king crab harvest strategy		
<b>No Action</b>			
180	King and Tanner crab fishery west of 170 longitude		
<b>No Action</b>			
181	North Kalifornsky Beach area set gillnet openings/closures		
<b>No Action</b>			

Adjournment: 9:15 PM

Minutes Recorded By: \_David Rak\_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_Chris Guggenbickler\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_12/28/2018 \_\_\_\_\_



**Yukon Flats Advisory Committee  
December 4, 2018  
Hampton Inn, Fairbanks**

- I. Call to Order: 2:25 pm by Vice Chairman Andrew Firmin
- II. Roll Call: Randy Mayo, Stevens Village  
Charles John, Circle  
Richard James Sr. Birch Creek  
Edward Wiehl, Beaver  
Darcy Peters called in via teleconference but was unable to hear to participate  
Andrew Firmin, Walter Peters, David Frances, Fort Yukon  
Members Absent (Excused): 1 vacant Stevens Village seat  
1 vacant Circle seat  
2 vacant Arctic Village Seat  
2 vacant Chalkyitsik Seats  
Larry Williams & Bobby Tritt Jr (Venetie) were unable to attend due to travel issues with the earlier earthquake in Anchorage and the BIA Providers conference

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

- III. Approval of Agenda: as provided  
IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: As read  
V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Beth Lenart Jason Caikoski Doren Parker McNeill Jeff Gross DWC; Deena Jallen & Christy Gleason DCF; Brooke McDavid SUBS; Nissa Pilcher BDS  
VI. Guests Present: Darrell Hilderbrant DPS Vince Mathews FWS Myra Thumma (Venetie)\*, Lyle Becker\*  
\*Via teleconference  
VII. Old Business:  
VIII. New Business:

Update on the Fortymile Caribou Herd was given by Jeff Gross as there are typically some questions about that herd from Circle and Fort Yukon.

- Concern with rumors of wanton waste and flock shooting and how there are those in the highway and driving around town with antlers displayed but no meat to be seen and stories about meat winding up at transfer station.
- Vince Mathews noted that the EIRAC is working on and Ethics Forum to work with this subject



- DPS noted that there are regulation that is directed at education and at discretionary permit requirements that could be addressed through the regulatory process. Noted that the troopers do their best but the number of hunters far outnumber the enforcement officers and that if no one lets the troopers know there is good chance that the troopers are not aware of specific cases so please let DPS know when you see things occurring that shouldn't be.

Forty Yukon; Andrew noted that it was a good year for fishing and that there seemed to be a fair number of moose harvested close to Fort Yukon which is odd. Odd behaviour of cows noted where they were bunched up by the river in large numbers with no bulls. Seemed like a lot of people were successful this winter so maybe there will be less participation in the winter hunts and less sharing this winter of meat.

Beaver; Ed noted that they had good success this year too but also saw a good number of wolves

Circle; Charles stated that there was a lot of harvest this year even on the road

No one is trapping yet even though it is December it is still too warm to be on the river

Election Update; Fort Yukon Tribal Council endorsed Walter and Andrew again but didn't act on it further so those seats are still expired. Nissa will continue to work with Walter and Andrew to get Fort Yukon elections up to date.

#### Board of Game/Game Update

Jason Caikoski gave an biological update and preliminary moose survey results for a portion of the flats near Beaver; which indicated what the members were observing of more moose.

#### Board of Fisheries/Fish Update

Deena Jallen gave an update on the summer season; Canadian escapement was met but not by any great numbers

Christy Gleason gave an update on the fall season; above average run for an even year for chums as well as for other salmon. There was a weak fall chum run in the Porcupine where there is an boarder goal and fishing was closed there on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Randy noted that there seemed to be better communication this year on windows and net restrictions that helped people get out and fish compliantly easier. It is expensive to have two different sized nets that need to be kept in working order for the season. Ed expressed concern that there were restrictions and didn't like it.



## Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim Proposals

January 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
86	Allow subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish with hook and line gear in District 4 of the Yukon Area		
TNA			Would be interested to see this in the upper river
87	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with drift gillnets in the entire Yukon River		
Oppose	0	7	<p>Fairness is an issue since most of the river can drift but we can't and we see the authors logic.</p> <p>The Lower river also has a lot of fishing restrictions that we don't see and if we were allowed to use this gear type we could see them. Concern about ghost fishing occurring, that a lot of the river in this area is unsuitable for drifting; common sense would need to be used to establish drift areas.</p> <p>There was someone who drove up to Circle and was drifting at night illegally. It was rumored they got a lot of fish and people in Circle weren't very happy about it. Concern that others will do this since there are several road accessible locations in the upper river.</p> <p>We are currently getting enough fish to meet our needs and we want to look to the future to ensure this continues this is a conservation issue. We believe this proposal was submitted out of frustration of the current regulations and all of our concerns for why we shouldn't drift up here are good reasons why there shouldn't be drifting in the lower river either.</p>
88	Require fish wheels to be closely attended during times of conservation for any species		
Support	7	0	Generally the fish in our area don't run mixed and don't think this affects us too much as we don't know of anyone that even uses a live box. We would like to support the AC in this and it is a good conservation effort.
89	Allow retention of king salmon for subsistence purposes, by emergency order, during times of king salmon conservation in the Yukon Area		
Oppose	0	7	Those that fish in the lower river should have to eat the fish that our district get for a year and then maybe they would be happy with their summer chum. This is taking a commercial conservation method and turning it into the ability to keep more kings and the whole reason that this gear type was put into place was for conservation of those kings; those fishermen used to not even want to fish this way because it was too hard.





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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
90	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of the commercial fishing season in Districts 1-3 and Subdistrict 4-A of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
TNA			Sounds like this is taking tools away from DCF
91	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of each commercial fishing period in Districts 1-3 of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
TNA			Sounds like this is taking tools away from DCF
92	Restrict gillnet mesh size to a maximum of 6 inches in Districts 4, 5, and 6 subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries		
Support	4	3	<p>Oppose</p> <p>Large meshed nets downriver affect what we get in our nets In times of conservation this is already happening This would impact our ability to get fish other than salmon Smaller nets damage a lot more fish with roll outs Very difficult to fish with a 6" net</p> <p>Support:</p> <p>We fought so long to go down to a 7 ½" there are no more large fish We only take what we need Support EIRAC's support of this</p>
93	Repeal the requirement to remove the tips of the tail fin of subsistence-taken salmon in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area		
Oppose	0	7	If there is a chance they are still selling kings down there they should probably leave this on the books, even a few bad apples pile up.
94	Allow the taking of the first king salmon entering the Yukon River for religious and ceremonial use		
Oppose	5	0	<p>2 abstain</p> <p>For law enforcement this would be hard. We depend on these tricklers and there are already avenues available to allow for religious reasons. There are 30,000 to 40,000 people on the river- what happens when we all need that first fish?</p>
95	In the Yukon River between the marker at Waldron Creek and Hess Creek, require a minimum distance of 300 feet between units of set gillnet gear and limit the amount of net gear that may be deployed in an eddy to 350 feet		
Support	7	0	Confirmation of current regulation; noted that there is a lot of easy access to this area and a lot of competition. Current regulation allowing 900 feet of net per eddy is too much.
*** Randy Mayo (Stevens Village) had to leave; quorum retained but vote will now be a count of 6***			



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
96	Allow subsistence fishing for fall chum salmon in District 5 without time restrictions if commercial fishing for fall chum salmon is open in other Yukon River districts		
Oppose	0	6	Committee concerned over balance the department currently has with the schedules; chum crash of the 90's discussed.  Don't like the removal of the windows at this time but do understand the concerns of the authoring AC.
97	Divide District 2 of the Yukon Area into two subdistricts		
TNA			Had heard the author's wish to withdraw. Would have supported it if it remained.
98	Decrease gillnet depth in Districts 4 – 6 of the Yukon Area		
Oppose	0	6	Understand this is for commercial nets but we don't want to cut our subsistence nets and if we commercial fished we wouldn't want to carry two sets.
99	Allow use of beach seine gear to harvest salmon during open commercial fishing periods in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area		
Oppose	0	5	1 abstain This sounds confusing for enforcement and management and like people want to double dip. Commercial operations should not be subsistence operations.
100	Adopt maximum size and depth restrictions for fish wheel baskets		
Oppose	0	6	Maybe the proposer hasn't worked on a fish when if he thinks they are easy to use. We can't drift and they can, we can't commercial fish and they can.
101	Open and close the commercial fishery for fall chum and coho salmon in the Yukon Area by emergency order		
TNA			Sounds like a good proposal but since we don't commercial fish we will let those that do weigh in
102	Include the Pastolik and Pastoliak Rivers in District 1 of the Yukon Area		
Oppose	0	6	Terminal rivers, no weirs, no arial counts, already open to subsistence fishing. You would think they would want to know if it was sustainable to open a commercial opener in there before it was opened. We oppose this until they know what the harvestable surplus is for these rivers.
103	Repeal closed waters within 500 yards of the mouth of Pastolik River and Pastoliak River		
Oppose	0	6	See comments on Proposal 102
104	Repeal closed waters in the lower three miles of the Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers		
Oppose	0	6	See comments on Proposal 102



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish Proposals			
March 8-11, 2019   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
161	Require weekly reporting of salmon harvest by all permit or license holders		
Oppose	0	6	Understand the merit but not practical
162	Require biweekly reporting of all sport, personal use, and subsistence king salmon catch		
Oppose	0	6	Understand the merit but not practical
163	Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of subsistence-caught fish		
Support	6	0	Don't waste your FISH! If they waste fish they shouldn't be fishing for them!
164	Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of sheefish		
Support	6	0	Don't waste your FISH! If they waste fish they shouldn't be fishing for them!

### Federal Fisheries Proposals

FP19-05; Oppose

If kings are still being sold in the lower river at all then this regulation should be left on the books; even one bad apple is a big deal

FP19-06;

Would like to support this for the entire river but we understand it would only be for the federal portions.

Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries & Game Proposals			
March 21-25, 2019   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
28	Allow advisory committee representatives to be at the board table during deliberations for those proposals the advisory committee authored		



## Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries & Game Proposals

March 21-25, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
TNA			We like this idea but it sounds like a bit much; the representative from the AC should already be in the room. Members of this committee have gone up to the table at the request of the board to answer questions and there is nothing to say this practice can't continue
29	Allow advisory committee representatives a seat at the board table during deliberations on proposals affecting their region		
TNA			We like this idea but it sounds like a bit much; the representative from the AC should already be in the room. Members of this committee have gone up to the table at the request of the board to answer questions and there is nothing to say this practice can't continue
37	Repeal the boards' Subsistence Proposal Policy		
Oppose	0	6	This doesn't sound like a good idea. It is our understanding that this policy was recently used when no other policy would work. It should stay.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Walter Peter  
Minutes Approved By: Andrew Firmin  
Date: 12/28/2018