

On-Time Advisory Committee Comment List

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Kodiak Finfish | Kodiak, January 11-14, 2020

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Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday November 5, 2019
Cabela's Conference Room, 155 W. 104th Ave in Anchorage

1. Meeting was called to order by the Acting Chair at 6:06 pm.
(Advise Guests of Public Testimony signup sheet)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Prayer: Led by Tyler Loken.

4. Establish a Quorum: 11 present.

Members Present: Neil DeWitt, Tyler Loken, Martin Weiser (Vice-Chair), Matt Moore Kevin Taylor (Chair), Shawna Williams-Buchanan, Rick Rodgers, Jim Nabulsi, Willow Hetrick (Secretary), Ernie Weiss, Lynette Moreno Hinz.

Members Absent Excused: Joel Doner, Georgeanna Heaverly, JR Gates

Members Absent Unexcused: Bryce Eckroth, Phillip Calhoun

5. List of User groups present: None

6. Introduce Fish and Game staff present. Charity Lehman (Fish & Game Regulatory Program Assistant), Rick Green (Special Assistant to the Commissioner), Jay Baumer (Fishery Biologist III), Glen Hollowell (Fishery Biologist III), Mike Booz (Fishery Biologist III).

7. Public present: Art Jones (spoke to proposal 13)

8. Approve the Agenda: Matt Moore moved, Neil Dewitt seconded.

9. Approve Minutes of October 1, 2019 meeting: Neil Dewitt motioned to approve, Martin Weiser seconded.

10. Public testimony:

- Taken during discussions on the Lower Cook Inlet Proposals. Advised of 5 minute public testimony limit.

11. Committee Reports

Game Chair - Matt Moore: Went through proposals 1-43 (comments due January 3). Next meeting scheduled for November 14th at Rabbit Creek Rifle Range. Will go through proposals 44-94. ACR comments are due on November 20th.

Fish Chair- Martin Weiser: Subcommittee met on October 22nd. Subcommittee did not have a unanimous vote on Proposal 8, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 37, 38, and 43 before the full committee. Notes transitioned into Alaska Board of Fisheries: Lower Cook Inlet Proposal template.

11. Old Business

12. New Business

1. Prepare comments on Lower Cook Inlet Proposals 1-44.

2. Select an AC rep for the LCI meeting in Seward December 10-13: Shawna Williams-Buchanan.

13. Adjourn

The next regular Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, at the William Hernandez Fish Hatchery at 6:30 pm.



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Lower Cook Inlet Proposals

December 10-13, 2019 | Seward, Alaska

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
37	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
Oppose	1	10	Not enough information and difficult to determine what the repercussions of this proposal may be. Think that the Department would have trouble making this happen. Support because would like to see an attempt to regulate the Kodiak fishery.
38	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Upper and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
Oppose	1	10	See comments for Proposal 37
39	Exempt vessels using jig gear from exclusive and superexclusive groundfish registration restrictions (Gregory Gabriel)		
No Action	--	--	Not enough information given, and implications of the proposed regulations are unknown.
40	Add specific registration requirements for Cook Inlet Area groundfish fisheries (ADF&G)		
Support	11	0	The Subcommittee supports the Department effort to clarify the regulations.
41	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the state-managed sablefish fishery in the Cook Inlet Area (ADF&G)		
Support	11	0	The Subcommittee supports the Department effort to clarify the regulations.
42	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Cook Inlet Area (ADF&G)		
Support	11	0	The Subcommittee supports the Department effort to clarify the regulations.
43	Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet Area directed lingcod fishery (ADF&G)		
Oppose	1	10	Oppose: too restrictive on the fisherman. These department changes seem too onerous for fishermen. Would consider support if the language was advisory and less rigid. Support: support the monitoring of the fishery and they could save money with not have staff standing by.

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44			Amend the Kamishak Bay District Herring Management Plan by removing restrictions to the Shelikof Strait food and bait herring fishery (Sam Mutch)
No Action	--	--	Not in our region of expertise.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Martin Weiser (10/22/2019) and Willow Hetrick (11/5/2019)

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 11/21/2019



ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Niwilchik

DATE (of meeting): 12/3/19

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Martin, Steve Vanek
John McLamb, Madeline Thompson,
Ron Vanek, Gary Devman, Dave Blossom
Keith Pruley

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
Jeff Berger, A.J. Berger, Jo Simpson
~~Greg Erickson~~ Greg Encelowski, Dan Pruley
Doug Blossom

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: NONE

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 PM

Steve Vanek
Signature, Committee Secretary



MINUTES

December 3, 2019

1. Mike Schuster resigned from the Committee.
2. It was moved and seconded that Keith Prestley be appointed to fill out Schuster's term.

Passed unanimously.

3. It was moved and seconded that the Chairman or his designee will represent or AC at the Lower Cook Inlet and the Kodiak BoF Meetings.

Passed unanimously.

4. We then took up the Kodiak proposals.



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Kodiak Proposals

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37	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
	2	7	<i>See LCI Comments</i>
39	Exempt vessels using jig gear from exclusive and superexclusive groundfish registration restrictions (Gregory Gabriel)		
44	Amend the Kamishak Bay District Herring Management Plan by removing restrictions to the Shelikof Strait food and bait herring fishery (Sam Mutch)		
	0	9	<i>See LCI Comments</i>
45	Amend the boundaries of the Kodiak Road Zone salt waters (ADF&G)		
46	Establish a sport fishing season for king salmon in the Dog Salmon River (ADF&G)		
47	Modify the area closed to sport fishing in the Monashka Creek drainage (ADF&G)		
48	Establish a management plan for the Kodiak Area rockfish sport fishery and a guideline harvest range for the Kodiak Area commercial rockfish fishery (ADF&G)		
49	Create a Kodiak Area commercial sablefish season (Dia Kuzmin)		
50	Allow six lines per mechanical jigging machine and six machines per vessel to be operated in the Kodiak Area Pacific Cod fishery (Christian Trosvig)		
51	Amend Kodiak Area Pacific Cod state-waters guideline harvest level allocation to 40 percent jig gear and 60 percent pot gear, and amend the allocation annually based on harvest levels the previous year (Frank Miles)		



61	Amend the Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan to increase the minimum expected sockeye salmon harvest thresholds from 300,000 to 600,000 prior to July 8 and 600,000 to 1,000,000 fish after July 8, and from 600,000 to 1,000,000 fish in years when runs are as strong as expected (Axel Kopun)				
62	Require reporting prior to commercial fishing in the Cape Igvak Section and upon leaving the section (Axel Kopun)				
63	Create "seaward" and "shoreward" zones in the Kodiak Management Area and amend management plans to restrict the commercial seine fishery June 1-July 25 based on those zones (Dan Anderson)			The genetic study proved, what most people have known for decades, is that the majority of salmon caught by the Kodiak seiners in this time frame are non-local stocks of Cook Inlet and Chignik origine. We support Kodiak fishermen to harvest the local stocks and any local stocks can be harvested inside the large bays as they were traditionally harvested before the building of larger vessels and gear allowed them to fish the outer capes. The BOF fish first addressed this issue in 1989 by putting caps in the NW Afognak and SW Afognak areas and instructing the fishery not to explore	



			<p>into other areas that would lead to harvesting mainly non-local stocks. But that is exactly what happened. The Mixed Stock policy applies here. It is not fair that Cook Inlet and Chignik fishermen are highly restricted in time and area or closed to meet the escapement goals of their local systems whereas Kodiak fishermen are rarely restricted and even given more time and areas that are known to catch mainly non-local salmon stocks. The Cook Inlet and Chignik fishermen, communities, businesses and processors are and have been suffering undo harm. Many to the extent of going out of business. The salmon resource is also being negatively affected, some systems to the extent of unsustainability. Our AC also supports any RCs submitted that fine tunes this proposal to make it more effective at reducing the harvest of non-local salmon stocks.</p>
	8	0	



64	Create "seaward" and "shoreward" zones in the Kodiak Management Area and amend management plans to restrict the commercial seine fishery June 28-July 25 based on those zones (Dan Anderson)		
8	0		<p>The genetic study proved, what most people have known for decades, is that the majority of salmon caught by the Kodiak seiners in this time frame are non-local stocks of Cook Inlet and Chignik origine. We support Kodiak fishermen to harvest the local stocks and any local stocks can be harvested inside the large bays as they were traditionally harvested before the building of larger vessels and gear allowed them to fish the outer capes. The BOF fish first addressed this issue in 1989 by putting caps in the NW Afognak and SW Afognak areas and instructing the fishery not to explore into other areas that would lead to harvesting mainly non-local stocks. But that is exactly what happened. The Mixed Stock policy applies here. It is not fair that Cook Inlet and Chignik fishermen are highly restricted in time and area or closed to meet the escapement goals of their local systems whereas Kodiak fishermen are rarely</p>



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65	Close the Katmai, Alinchak, and Cape Igvak Sections to commercial salmon fishing June 28–July 25 (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)				
	8	0	8 yes 0 no on the amendment 8 yes 0 no on the amended proposal.	We amended this proposal to say June 1 to July 31 . This more reflects the time when non-local stocks are harvested. We support the issue comments and our comments on 63 and 64.	
66	Create a Kodiak Area Salmon Management Plan (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)				
	8	0		Kodiak does not have an umbrella plan and needs one that instructs management to reduce and not target the harvest of non-local stocks. We also support any RCs that fine tunes	



			<p>this proposal to make it more effective at reducing the harvest of non-local salmon stocks. The genetic study proved, what most people have known for decades, is that the majority of salmon caught by the Kodiak seiners in this time frame are non-local stocks of Cook Inlet and Chignik origine. We support Kodiak fishermen to harvest the local stocks and any local stocks can be harvested inside the large bays as they were traditionally harvested before the building of larger vessels and gear allowed them to fish the outer capes. The BOF fish first addressed this issue in 1989 by putting caps in the NW Afognak and SW Afognak areas and instructing the fishery not to explore into other areas that would lead to harvesting mainly non-local stocks. But that is exactly what happened. The Mixed Stock policy applies here. It is not fair that Cook Inlet and Chignik fishermen are highly restricted in time and area or closed to meet the escapement goals of their local systems whereas Kodiak fishermen are rarely restricted and even given more time and areas that</p>	
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67			Allow the use of single filament mesh web in a set gillnet in the Kodiak Area (Northwest Setnetters Association)		
68			Repeal the sunset date for the use of commercial set gillnets in the Alitak district (Pete Hannah & Rick Metzger)		
69			Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to include even-year returns of pink salmon to the Karluk River in management of the Central and North Cape Sections (Chris Berns)		
70			Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to include returns of pink salmon to the Karluk River (Northwest Setnetters Association)		
71			Amend the Westside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan to close the Anton Larsen Bay, Sharatin Bay, Kizhuyak Bay, Terror Bay, Inner Uganik Bay, Spiridon Bay, Zachar Bay, and Uyak Bay Sections until escapement objectives are		



Excerpted for proposals 39 & 44

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Ninilchik

DATE (of meeting): 10/8/19

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Vanek, Dave Martin,
Gary Deirnan, Dave Blossom, Doug Bladom,
Joe Simpson, Jeff Berger, John McCombs
Dan Presley

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
Rion Vanek, Madeline Thompson,
Greg Encolewski, Aaron Berger,

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES X NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Glen Hollowell
Jason Herremann

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting ^{Recessed} Adjourned: 10 PM

Steve Vanek
Signature, Committee Secretary

Continuation of 10/5/19 mee
Lower Cook Inlet



ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Mirilchik

DATE (of meeting): 10/10/19

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Prestly, Joe Simpson
Steve Vanek, ~~Dave Martin~~, Dave Martin
John McCombs, Gary Deiman, Dave Blossom

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
Rion Vanek, Jeff Berger, Greg Encelowski
Madelive Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES X NO _____

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: None

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:10 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 PM

Steve Vanek
Signature, Committee Secretary



38, oppose	0	8	1 abstained - He doesn't understand the issue. opposed say paired restrictions don't work for the purpose proposed
39	Exempt vessels using jig gear from exclusive and superexclusive groundfish registration restrictions (Gregory Gabriel)		
No action			not familiar with situation
40	Add specific registration requirements for Cook Inlet Area groundfish fisheries (ADF&G)		
No action			no familiar with situation
41	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the state-managed sablefish fishery in the Cook Inlet Area (ADF&G)		
No action			not familiar with the situation.
42	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Cook Inlet Area (ADF&G)		
Support	9	0	Housekeeping - clarity
43	Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet Area directed lingcod fishery (ADF&G)		



43, oppose	0	9	leave as is - samples can be taken from the plant. Extra stock unnecessary burden on the fishermen.
44	Amend the Kamishak Bay District Herring Management Plan by removing restrictions to the Shelikof Strait food and bait herring fishery (Sam Mutch)		
oppose	0	9	These are the same stocks and should be similarly protected.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Vaneb

Minutes Approved By: David Mutch

Date: 10-20-19

Chignik Advisory Committee
December 13, 2019
Teleconference



- I. Call to Order: 1:07 p.m. by Jacob Shangin, AC Chairman

- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Jacob Shangin, Alfredo AbouEid, Patrick Kosbruk, Austin Shangin, Ben Allen, Gene Carlson, Edgar Shangin, Al Anderson, Raechel Allen, Brandon Daugherty (Alternate)

Members Absent (Excused): Boris Kosbruck Jr., Stephan Shangin, Marty Takak, Clinton Boskofsky, Taylor Lind, Rame AbouEid (Alternate), Nancy Mills (expressed resignation)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: Chignik Bay, Chignik Lagoon, Ivanof, Perryville
User Groups Absent: Chignik Lake

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Wadle, Fisheries Management; Ross Rennik, Chignik Area Management Biologist; James Jackson, Kodiak Area Management Biologist; Nissa Pilcher, Regulatory Program Assistant

- IV. Guests Present: Bruce Barrett, CRAA; Cody Larson, BBNA; Chuck McCallum, CRAA; George Anderson, Chignik Tribal Coalition

- V. Approval of Agenda: Gene Moved to Adopt, Alfredo seconded. Unanimously adopted.

- VI. Approval of 2/21-2/24 Meeting Minutes: Motion to Approve by Ben, Gene seconded. A grievance was expressed that the subcommittee to the Feb. 2019 Board of Fish meeting was not to adjust predetermined positions on Proposals. It was pointed out that a full quorum was present at the meeting. Unanimous approval given.

- VII. Elections for AC Alternatives: Brandon and Rame are unanimously re-elected.

- VIII. Elections for AC Officers: Jacob is unanimously re-elected as Chairman. Other nominations declined acceptance. Nominations for Vice Chair are accepted by Alfredo and Ben. The vote was 6-Ben, 4-Alfredo after Alfredo broke the tie by recasting his vote. Alfredo's commitment to the communities of Chignik was expressed and his time as Vice chair well appreciated. Raechel is unanimously re-elected Secretary.
The villages are counseled to hold elections for their expired or vacant seats for the next meeting.



- IX. Staff Updates: Ross introduces himself as the new Area Management Biologist. Congratulations given. Also, the preliminary Western Region forecast has been released. A poor Chignik sockeye return of 501k early run and 795k late run is estimated to leave 586k harvest in Chignik in 2020. Last years harvest was 15k from the early run and 623k from the late run. Ross responded to an inquiry of why there is no pink forecast for Chignik. Sockeye was the primary harvest focus in the past, but lately includes the other species. It is requested to see pinks and chums monitored so they are not under-utilized. Ross acknowledged that with the decline in sockeye, the focus needs to be on other species, too. A member noted that the appearance of minimal focus on pinks and chums has actually been primarily processor driven. One member intentionally switched to an outside buyer to sell more of other species.

Run totals similar to Chignik for Kodiak streams in the forecast was requested by the Jan. 2020 Board Meeting. It is felt the 40 separate stream totals in Kodiak creates a different view and perception than the Chignik presentation. Total harvest data in Kodiak and elsewhere would be appreciated.

- X. Comments: George clarifies with Ross that the 2019 first run escapement was not achieved. It was asked if a presentation on economic importance of the salmon fishery could be given for Chignik similar to the presentation given by the Department for Area M during the 2019 February meeting. It was not planned for 2020.

Alfredo is concerned that there is no federal cod fishery and likely a smaller state cod fishery and would like the Department to acknowledge that economic stress at the 2020 Igvak meeting.

The plan/approach for 2020 salmon management in Chignik is sought in light of the recent hardships and poor runs. The Department's plan is to continue to manage as in the past, but are looking into the possibility of more research and studies such as smolt projects to determine fresh water issues vs. ocean conditions. A member note weather conditions (lack of rain) caused a closure in Perryville but the fish enter the streams on the tides. With allocation plans on Chignik stocks, it was thought that the Department should consider including funding for economic data pertaining to Chignik.

A member feels that if changes aren't made to protect the Chignik escapements and fishery, then unfortunately it is time to make a new Chignik Management Plan that affords us the same ability to fish as neighboring areas such as automatically opening in early June. This would be to the detriment of stock health but it is felt the burden of conservation is unfairly shared by Chignik fishers. Another member agrees that not fishing in June while neighboring areas are fishing is getting old and would like to see at least a couple open fishing days in June. Another member recommends that the different Area fisheries should be more coordinated together especially when one is faltering while being intercepted.

- XI. Review Kodiak Finfish Proposals:
- Igvak Proposals actions and discussion entered in form below.
 - 259 and 260 will be discussed in the next meeting prior to the 2/21 comment deadline.
- XII. Approval of Minutes: Ben makes a motion to have Jacob approve the minutes for on time comment submission on 12/27. Alfredo seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
- XIII. Representation at Kodiak Finfish Meeting: Ben will attend. Alfredo will attend. Jacob seeks an alternate if he is not available. Gene makes a motion for Ben to read the minutes if an alternate is needed. Edgar seconded. The motion is unanimously approved. If any other AC member would like to attend the meeting, contact Chuck.
- XIV. Set next meeting date: January 6, 2020 at 1 p.m.



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58	Close the Cape Igvak commercial salmon fishery prior to July 8 (Chignik Intertribal Coalition)		
Support as amended	8	0	<p>Ben moved to adopt. Alfredo seconds. The Department was questioned about its approach concerning protecting the stocks. A member thinks the department has been prioritizing compliance with regs until something is actively wrong rather than being precautionous and protective. Taking the 15% allocation from primarily the first run is seen negatively especially since the first run has failed the last two years. This proposal would shift the burden later in the year. It may increase interception of other stocks. Members feels the allocation should be 0% because historically the allocation was given when Kodiak was struggling economically. Now Chignik is struggling. It becomes very inefficient harvesting sockeye in Chignik after Igvak harvests the allocation, often rapidly in June. Opening Igvak after July 8th would alleviate inefficiency for Chignik and would possibly increase days of harvest for Igvak. At this point Al moved to table 58 and adopt 60. Gene seconded. 58 is unanimously tabled. After supporting 60, Ben moved to readopt 58. Seconded. The intent is to get Kodiak/Igvak pressure off the first run. Gene made a motion to amend 15% to 5% allocation. Alfredo seconded. Amendment passed unanimously. Question called. 58 as amended passes unanimously.</p>



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59	Modify the definition of the total Chignik sockeye salmon catch used to determine allocation percentages in the Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan (George Anderson)		
Support	8	0	Ben moves to adopt. Gene seconded. Igvak presently is rewarded more for catching more. This alleviates this incentive.
60	Reduce the Cape Igvak Section allocation from 15 percent to five percent of the total Chignik Area sockeye salmon catch (George Anderson)		
Support	8	0	<p>AI moved to table 58 and adopt 60. Gene seconded. AI moved to amend 5% to 0%. Alfredo seconded. Chignik is in bad shape and needs economic relief after not fishing in 2018 and the first half of 2019. Residents are having to refinance after debt incurred from the last few years. Chignik sockeye returns in 2020 will likely be weak and may not support a fishery until late July. Kodiak does not need the allocation. Even while Kodiak has not fished Igvak in 3 of the last 10 years, they have still average 2.29 million sockeye catch. The department agrees they can manage the allocation at 5%. CRAA reported that Kodiak seiners harvest 8% more than Chignik seiners over the last 10 yrs. with minimal Igvak involvement. Kodiak has many robust stocks. 0% allocation while Chignik recovers would afford Chignik a more rapid economic recovery from the devastating last few years, but 5% is a reasonable and moderate approach. Chignik's economic base is dependent on primarily its salmon fishery with no other industry to turn to.</p> <p>Two members excused themselves prior to the vote. Motion to amend failed 5-2, Jacob abstained by Chairmen privilege. It is noted that while the AC members would like the allocation at 0% to rebuild the economy, it was thought 5% would be more palatable. Decision to support passed unanimously.</p>



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61	Amend the Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan to increase the minimum expected sockeye salmon harvest thresholds from 300,000 to 600,000 prior to July 8 and 600,000 to 1,000,000 fish after July 8, and from 600,000 to 1,000,000 fish in years when runs are as strong as expected (Axel Kopun)		
Support	8	0	<p>Ben moves to adopt. Alfredo seconds. Verbiage “within” would be better as “until after”. The 600,000-harvest preference was never enough of a reasonable minimum and not enough to recover economically and culturally (families still are relocating from financial hardship) from weak seasons. Members again express that the Chignik fishery is not healthy and all the communities and fishers need recovery economically and it won’t happen fast enough with status quo. If/when Chignik run strength improves, what was considered excess is entirely needed by Chignik to recover economically. The Kodiak fishery doesn’t need these fish, having ample runs and hatcheries. It was again expressed that the departments approach is compliancy with regs and the regs favor interception when terminal harvest fisheries struggle as Chignik is and so we are dependent on the Board for protection. Membership wants it understood that it consistently supports 5% for the allocation and by supporting 61, it should not be interpreted as support for a 15% allocation but rather support for increasing the harvest preference.</p>



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62	Require reporting prior to commercial fishing in the Cape Igvak Section and upon leaving the section (Axel Kopun)		
Support	4	3	Ben moves to adopt. Gene 2nds. While it is believed that the incentive to misreport exists, this proposal doesn't directly address that. It is typical for processors to require delivery before crossing the Shelikoff. Department reported boats being checked for compliance with king regs as having empty holds when leaving area. A delivery requirement would be more appropriate. Boats are more seaworthy now and it would be easier to travel and misreport. It is thought that this gives a guideline to monitor how much activity is happening. One abstention- not wanting to accuse Igvak fisherman of wrong doing without proof and not wanting to encourage over-monitoring around the state.
63	Create "seaward" and "shoreward" zones in the Kodiak Management Area and amend management plans to restrict the commercial seine fishery June 1-July 25 based on those zones (Dan Anderson)		
No Action	8	0	Ben moves to adopt. Gene seconds. A non-retention of large Chinook reg exists and an issue with Chignik Chinook hasn't been identified. Ben moves to take no action. Gene seconds.
64	Create "seaward" and "shoreward" zones in the Kodiak Management Area and amend management plans to restrict the commercial seine fishery June 28-July 25 based on those zones (Dan Anderson)		
No Action	8	0	Ben moves to adopt. Gene seconds. Members believe it would be protective of stocks transiting the area. Ben moves to take no action. Gene seconded.



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65	Close the Katmai, Alinchak, and Cape Igvak Sections to commercial salmon fishing June 28–July 25 (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
No Action	7	0	<p>Ben moves to adopt. Gene seconds. Members thought the term “foregone harvest” described in Department comments was misleading and that redistributed was a more accurate description. Much discussion was heard about how to implement the proposal with the Igvak allocation in effect. The Department does not see this proposed plan as superseding the Igvak allocation and 15% could be difficult to manage for. The dates of the plans could be modified. If the Igvak allocation was changed to 5% it would reduce interception of Cook Inlet stocks as well.</p> <p>Gene moves to take no action, considering our intent is to adopt a 5% allocation in the Igvak Management Plan as proposed for 58 and 60. Ben seconded. One member abstained because they believe that the Igvak fishery should be curtailed and is in support of this proposal if the Igvak allocation was 5%.</p>

Adjournment: 5:23 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Raechel Allen
 Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]*
 Date: 12.23.19

**Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Dec. 26, 2019
Kachemak Bay NERRS Bldg.**

I. Call to Order: 6:01 pm by Dave Lyon, chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), George Matz (secretary), Michael Craig, Thomas Hagberg, Dan Anderson, Gary Sinnhuber, Matt Hakala, Malcolm Milne, Lee Martin, Morgan Jones, Joey Allred.

Members Absent: Dennis Wade, Tom Young (vice chair), Marvin Peters, Doug Malone, Wes Humbyrd.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: None

IV. Guests Present: Joseph Sonoilov, Joe Martishev, Dia Kuzmin, Mia Alexson, Pete Alwxson, Bob Natheson, Alexander Reytov.

V. Approval of Agenda: Yes

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Yes, as amended; see addition to Proposal #63 which now includes a statement from a previous AC meeting.

VII. Reports: None

VIII. Old Business: Approval of letter by Dave Lyons to ADF&G regarding comments of the Homer AC on repealing the ban on jet skis in Fox River Flats and Kachemak Bay CHA's, which we discussed last week. Dave read the letter and it was approved 11 in support, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

IX. New Business: Discussed upcoming election and AC members whose term expires.

Name	Expiration
Dave Lyon (Alternate)	06/19
Tom Young	06/19
George Matz	06/19
Marvin Peters	06/19
Gary Sinnhuber	06/19
Wesley Humbyrd (Alternate)	06/19
Lee Martin	06/19

- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting:** No Homer representation at Kodiak BOF meeting
- XI. Set next meeting date:** Jan 6, 2020 at 6:00 at KBRR Bldg.
- XII. Other**
- XIII. Adjourn 7:30**

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Kodiak Proposals January 11-14, 2020 Kodiak, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
44	Amend the Kamishak Bay District Herring Management Plan by removing restrictions to the Shelikof Strait food and bait herring fishery (Sam Mutch)		
Oppose	0	11 - 0	This proposal would increase harvest of herring on a stock that for many years has been below the threshold needed to open a fishery where these herring spawn.
49	Create a Kodiak Area commercial sablefish season (Dia Kuzmin)		
Support	11	0 - 0	The Homer AC supports this proposal which will open a new sablefish fishery in Kodiak state waters. We note that the forecast for sablefish is increased numbers of juvenile fish, so additional harvest should be sustainable.
55	Open the Kodiak Area sac roe herring fishery April 1 (Sam Mutch; Malcolm Jamie Ross)		
Support	11	0 - 0	It appears that herring are spawning earlier in the Kodiak area. This proposal adjusts the sac roe herring fishery opening date accordingly.
56	Establish guideline harvest levels for the Kodiak Area food and bait herring fishery (Sam Mutch)		
Oppose	0	11 - 0	This is essentially the same proposal as #44.
60	Reduce the Cape Igvak Section allocation from 15 percent to five percent of the total Chignik Area sockeye salmon catch (George Anderson)		



Oppose	1	6 - O 4 - A	There appears to be a lack of definitive information on the need to reduce the allocation, particularly when Kodiak seiners are allowed to fish. The abstaining votes were based on it not being clear that there is a problem that needs to be corrected.
62	Require reporting prior to commercial fishing in the Cape Igvak Section and upon leaving the section (Axel Kopun)		
Oppose	1	10 - 0	This proposal alleges that there is underreporting of sockeye harvest. However, ADF&G disagrees.
63	Create "seaward" and "shoreward" zones in the Kodiak Management Area and amend management plans to restrict the commercial seine fishery June 1-July 25 based on those zones (Dan Anderson)		
Oppose	1	5 - O 7 - A	<p>There was considerable discussion with emphasis on the data and its adequacy. One issue discussed is that there is no actual trend data because data from different stocks is typically not gathered within similar time frames. It was also suggested that all chinook caught as bycatch should be retained. This received some support. Reasons are that retention could provide incentive to more diligently avoid catching chinook and the retained fish could help resolve some of the data inadequacy problems. The abstentions were mostly based on reluctance to decide because the data set isn't complete enough to support anything definitive. One member said that we have been discussing this issue for two years and nothing seems to have changed.</p> <p>One member felt that the minutes to our meeting on Feb. 7, 2017 articulated what should apply to this proposal as well. The minutes said: The prescriptive approach limits flexibility to adjust to changing circumstances. In order to better achieve escapement goals and to allow the harvest of more surplus salmon, opening decisions should utilize a science-based adaptive management approach that gives local biologists more authority to manage the harvest using real time observations of stock size and location. This approach should benefit sustainability by avoiding incidents of over-escapement, which can damage the carrying capacity of spawning and rearing habitat, thereby resulting in a less abundant fishery in the future. Being able to more reliably harvest more surplus fish will improve the livelihood of local fisherman and their support businesses.</p>



64	Create “seaward” and “shoreward” zones in the Kodiak Management Area and amend management plans to restrict the commercial seine fishery June 28-July 25 based on those zones (Dan Anderson)		
Take No Action	11	2 - 0	Like #63, this proposal also generated considerable discussion with a repeat of many of the same issues. Since it appeared obvious that there wouldn’t be any resolution, a motion was made to table discussion, which passed.
65	Close the Katmai, Alinchak, and Cape Igvak Sections to commercial salmon fishing June 28–July 25 (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
No Action			We deferred taking any position at our last meeting. This meeting there was a motion to adopt, but no second.
66	Create a Kodiak Area Salmon Management Plan (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Oppose	1	7- O 3 - A	<p>We discussed this proposal at our last meeting but could not come to any decision. Although the intent of the proposal was good, the AC felt that information available at this time was inadequate and doesn’t support definitive action. This meeting we initially considered a Take No Action position, but this was opposed by one member who felt we needed to provide a more explanatory record.</p> <p>There were different points of view. A guest who fishes out of Kodiak said that this proposal would do the opposite of what he believed is needed. He said this proposal shuts down his fishery when there are big runs of reds in the Kodiak area. Instead, he felt that Kodiak fisherman should be allowed to catch more fish.</p> <p>On the other hand, Cook Inlet fisherman contend that this would be intercepting their fish. Loss of these fish exasperates an already marginal situation for Cook Inlet drift fisherman who have faced reductions in openings over the years as well as reductions in areas to fish. The consensus of the AC members was that the various fisheries involved here need to work cooperatively. Stakeholders need to review the data, including the latest genetic studies, and develop a plan that benefits the fish as well as the fisherman. As one member said, “If the fish don’t win, we all lose.”</p>
67	Allow the use of single filament mesh web in a set gillnet in the Kodiak Area (Northwest Setnetters Association)		
Support	9	1 - 1	Monofilament line is used in Cook Inlet.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz
Minutes Approved By: _____
Date: _____

Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Nov. 12, 2019
Kachemak Bay NERRS Bldg.

I. Call to Order: 6:01 pm by Dave Lyon, chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), George Matz (secretary), Tom Young (vice chair), Michael Craig, Thomas Hagberg, Dan Anderson, Wes Humbyrd, Morgan Jones, Joey Allred, Gary Sinnhuber. Matt Hakala, Malcolm Milne.

Members Absent: Lee Martin, Marvin Peters, Doug Malone, Dennis Wade.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Glen Hollowell, Holly Dickson, Mike Booz, Elisa Russ, Ethan Ford

IV. Guests Present: Beaver and Jessie Nelson, Nancy Hillstrand, Tim Blackman, Louise Segvek, Bob Natheson, Dean Day, Ryan Wagner, Jim Herbert, Matt Hockear, Matt Alward, Gus Cotton, Brooke Poirot, Tim Moore, Conrad Hagen, Paul Roth, plus several more who didn't sign-in.

V. Approval of Agenda yes

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes yes

VII. Reports

VIII. Public Comment Cook Inlet Aquaculture stated that they oppose proposals 22,23,24, 25,26, and 27. They support 28.

IX. Old Business None

X. New Business None

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date Tues. Nov. 19, 6:00 pm. Agenda is to continue review of LIC proposals.

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn 9:20



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Lower Cook Inlet 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
31	Allow commercial fishing along the beach outside of Ursus Cove Lagoon (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
Support	9	3 - 0	The topography of the area makes it hard to catch fish. Allowing fishing along the beach would remedy this problem. Those opposed felt that ADF&G already has the authority to allow this if it were suitable.
32	Repeal closed waters in China Poot Bay (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
Support	7	5 - 0	Support was based on providing more fishing opportunity. Opposition was based on the conflict that would be created by adding commercial fishing to this area already heavily personal use fisherman.
34	Reduce the maximum length of seine gear in the Cook Inlet Area to 150 fathoms (Kristi McLean)		
Oppose	0	12 - 0	
35	Increase the maximum purse seine gear depth in the Cook Inlet Area from 325 to 335 meshes deep (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
Support	12	0 - 0	Allows adjustments to net construction.
36	Prohibit the retention of king salmon over 28" in length in the commercial purse seine fishery in the Southern District (Cook Inlet Recreational Fishermen/Todd Jacobson)		
Oppose	1	10 - 1	Opposition was based on not wasting fish by throwing them back bycatch. It was pointed out that most of the king salmon caught are not in good shape once brought aboard and any still alive were likely to get caught again, increasing the chance of mortality. Abstain for insufficient background on the issue.
39	Exempt vessels using jig gear from exclusive and superexclusive groundfish registration restrictions (Gregory Gabriel)		
Support	10	0 - 1	Abstain for insufficient background on the issue.
40	Add specific registration requirements for Cook Inlet Area groundfish fisheries (ADF&G)		
Support	12	0 - 0	Support for Department proposal.
41	Establish provisions for the personal use of aquatic plants in the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area (Eliza Eller)		

Support	11	0 - 1	While the AC agrees with the purpose of the proposal, we did not agree with the possession limit of 10 pounds. That is not a realistic amount, nor does it make sense to measure by weight. We amended the proposal by deleting 10 pounds and adding a possession limit of one 32 gallon garbage can. Abstain for insufficient background on the issue.
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Adjournment: 9:20

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz

Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon

Date: Nov. 13, 2019

**Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
11-19-19
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

- I. Call to Order: 6:35 by Mike Crawford, Chair
- II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap	X		
Andrew	Carmichael		x	
Mike	Crawford - Chair	X		
Chris	Hanna			
Will	Lee – Secretary	X		
Monte	Roberts	X		
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	X		
Todd	Smith	X		
Jerry	Strieby	X		
Joe	Thomas			x
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jon	Essert	X		
John	Ellanbass	X		
Eli	House	X		
Dick	Dykema	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present:

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Selinger
- IV. Guests Present: 6
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve the minutes with corrections.
 - Unanimous consent to approve the minutes as amended.
- VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report
- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

Motion to approve the minutes with corrections.

Unanimous consent to approve the minutes as amended.

Nomination for Fishing Guide Seat

Jerry Streiby → Jerry Streiby

Guide Alternate Seat

Chris Hanna → Chris Hanna

Hunting Seat

Scott Miller → 8 Votes

Cody Rutter → 9 Votes → Cody Rutter

At Large Seat

Scott Miller → Scott Miller

At Large Alternate

Eli House → Eli House

Elections are closed

ADFG Biologist Jeff Selinger came to give us data on moose population and harvest on the peninsula. He also spoke on predator management as it was asked by a committee member.

Brown bear harvest on the peninsula numbers were presented.

39 total harvest & 6 additional non-hunting for a total harvest of 45

Sheep numbers are down and goat numbers are healthy, moose is possibly around, but there has been some possible issues with testing from past samples.

No real sheep data on the Kenai and no studies have been done on the Kenai Sheep.

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Break @ 8:20pm

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
- XII. Set next meeting date
Next meeting is on 11/26 at Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association starting at 6:30pm
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn:



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Lower Cook Inlet 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
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
40	Add specific registration requirements for Cook Inlet Area groundfish fisheries (ADF&G)		
Support	12	0	Helps eliminate confusion in parallel fishery by requiring registration
41	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the state-managed sablefish fishery in the Cook Inlet Area (ADF&G)		
Support	12	0	Clarifying federal vs state water fishery
42	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Cook Inlet Area (ADF&G)		
Support	12	0	to help eliminate fishing in two areas on the same trip
43	Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet Area directed lingcod fishery (ADF&G)		
Support	12	0	would like to see better data and this would help facilitate it.
44	Amend the Kamishak Bay District Herring Management Plan by removing restrictions to the Shelikof Strait food and bait herring fishery (Sam Mutch)		
Opposed	0	12	There is a biological concern and the current management plan is adequate for the fishery. When Herring stocks are declining there is no reason to split out North Shelikof Straight area.

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 9:10pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee_____

Minutes Approved By: Mike Crawford by phone.

Date: 11-19-19_____

**Kodiak Advisory Committee
November 18, 2019
ADF&G Building**

I. Call to Order: 5:00pm by Paul Chervenak, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Paul Chervenak, Chair	Conrad Peterson (phone)
Julie Kavanaugh, Vice Chair	Melissa Berns
Andrew Finke	Ronald Kavanaugh
Kevin 'Kip' Thomet (phone)	Patrick O'Donnell
Theresa Peterson	Nathan Rose
Oliver Holm	Rolan Ruoss

Members Absent (Excused):

Randy Swain
Jason Bunch

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Kevin Adkins
Albert Scmeil
Danny Clarion
George Weaver

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

Big Game/guide	Concerned Citizen
Southend Setnet	Small Boat/Herring/Crab
Westside Setnet	Subsistence
Transporter/Sport Fish	Old Harbor

Fish and Game Staff Present:

Tyler Pollum, Biologist	Natura Richardson, Biologist
Todd Anderson, Biologist	Nat Nichols, Biologist
Mark Stichert, Biologist	James Jackson, Biologist
Jeff Spalinger, Biologist	

III. **Guests Present:**

Sarah Lapidus	Darius Kasprzak
Oliver Holm	Matt VanDaele
Len Carpenter	Anita Carpenter
Leigh Thomet	Virginia Adams
Aaron Ellsworth	Duncan Fields
Larry VanDaele	Chris Berns
Wendy Beck	Mitch Keplinger
Susan Payne	Don Dumm
Shane Nicolsen	

Elections:

Chair: Paul Chervenak

Theresa Peterson nominated, Oliver Holm 2nd (vote 13/0 approve)

Vice Chair: Julie Kavanaugh

Theresa Peterson nominated, Paul Chervenak 2nd (vote 13/0 approve)

Secretary: Theresa Peterson

Nathan Rose nominated, Alexis Kwachka 2nd (vote 13/0 approve)

Subsistence: Andrew Finke

Small boat/Herring/Crab: Ronald Kavanaugh

South End Set Net: Theresa Peterson

Concerned Citizen: Melissa Berns

Alternate: Nathan Rose

Alternate: Alexis Kwachka

Kwachka seated, 13 members voting

IV. **Approval of Agenda**

Move to approve: Oliver Holm, 2nd Andrew Finke (vote 13/0)

Move to amend: Julie Kavanaugh, 2nd Theresa Peterson (vote 13/0)

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. Move to approve: Oliver Holm, 2nd Theresa Peterson

V. **Reports**

- a. Chair's report – Thank you to outgoing Secretary Jason Bunch for his service and wonderful job as secretary.
- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VI. **Public Comment**

a. N/A

VII. Old Business

**Move to amend agenda: Julie Kavanaugh, 2nd Theresa Peterson
Vote 13/0 Support**

**-approve the minutes of the 10/21/2019 meeting
-report on ACR's 6 & 7**

VIII. New Business

Proposal 15

**Move to adopt: Theresa Peterson, 2nd Roland Ruoss
Vote 0/13 opposed**

Department opposes.

Applies only to one region, Cook Inlet and North Gulf Coast, and will be difficult to enforce.

Proposal will be deferred to Department of Law to determine authority.

Proposal 39

**Move to adopt: Roland Ruoss, 2nd Ronald Kavanaugh
Vote 12/1 support**

Department neutral -Statewide proposal.

As written, Chignik will stay super exclusive.
Exclusivity initially established to suit local needs.

Currently Kodiak exclusive registration and department cannot remove/relax until June 10th
Proposal may provide more flexibility for jig gear and interests to move between areas.

Few jig boats now and proposal would provide opportunity to follow cod, alleviate struggle to decide where to register, provide relief for entry level diminished fleet, may help areas without processors and provide ability for maximum production when travelling between areas.

Should the proposal move forward, important to recognize value of entry level opportunity, action should not serve as allocative measure in the future.

Opposing vote noted generally supportive of proposal but believes it would be better addressed during a Statewide Finfish discussion with all user groups present.

Proposal 44

Move to adopt: Oliver Holm, 2nd Julie Kavanaugh

Move to table until later: Julie Kavanaugh, 2nd Melissa Berns

Vote 13/0 support

Proposal 42

Move to adopt: Theresa Peterson, 2nd Melissa Berns

Move to take No Action: Oliver Holm, 2nd Roland Ruoss

Vote: 13/0 support of taking no action

Proposal 45

Move to adopt: Melissa Berns, 2nd Theresa Peterson

Vote: 13/0 support

Proposal will help clarify boundaries with the ability to use local landmarks rather than 1 mile range based on an irregular shoreline.

Boundary change will reduce harvest pressure near salmon streams and increase opportunity away from river mouths.

Proposal 46

Move to adopt: Theresa, 2nd Melissa Berns

Vote 13/0 support

Area has been closed since the 1980's and looking to build run. Action would support a slight opportunity with ability to catch and release Chinook with no bait.

Proposal 47

Move to adopt: Theresa Peterson, 2nd Julie Kavanaugh

Vote: 13/0 support

Action will provide more room and additional angler opportunity and will relieve angler pressure in small area, particularly during high tides.

Proposal 48

Move to adopt: Theresa Peterson, 2nd Ron Kavanaugh

Vote: 13/0 support

Action would create a new management plan for rockfish in the sport fishery.

Current bag limits would remain, and plan would include a list of 5 additional restrictions that may be implemented if needed.

Board of Fish may choose to prioritize restriction recommendations listed as currently no preferred or prioritized order in the 1-5 listing in the proposal.

It would be in the best interest of the overall long-term management of the fishery, which is currently working well, to develop a management plan to benefit all user groups.

Sport fishery has harvest has increased 5-fold in the last 5 year.

Members of the commercial jig fleet expressed concern with sport harvest in regions of Chiniak and Marmot Bay and recommended considerations of expanding current boundaries to include the edge and outside of Chiniak.

Support for improved management between sectors, recognition of the reporting requirements for the commercial jig sector and value of blackrock fish to the commercial jig sector.

Proposal 49

Move to adopt: Roland Ruoss, 2nd Oliver Holm

Vote: 0/13 Fails

Central GOA Sablefish IFQ holders harvest full total allowable catch (TAC) each year, fully allocated resource.

Ability to harvest 1% of TAC inside 3 miles around Kodiak Island unknown, uncertain about the viability of the fishery.

Concern with bycatch of halibut and Pacific cod.

Currently no data and no observer program in State managed fisheries.

General support for State managed fisheries, State rights and entry level opportunity but may be better explored through a commissioner permit prior to the development of a management plan.

Proposal 50

Move to adopt: Theresa Peterson 2nd, Julie Kavanaugh

Vote: 13/0 support

Action provides opportunity for jig vessels who employ 2 crew members the ability to work 2 machines.

Current regulations allow 5 machines and a 6th machine would allow one person to work 2 machines when 3 people onboard.

Action may help reduce stranded cod in jig sector.

Important to clarify this action would apply to rockfish as well as cod.

Proposal 51

Move to adopt: Theresa Peterson, 2nd Ron Kavanaugh

Move to table until proposals 52, 53, 54 discussed Ron Kavanaugh, 2nd Alexis Kwachka

Vote: 13/0 support to table

Department neutral, allocative proposal

Comments in support:

Pot sector continually harvest GHL, willing and able to harvest state managed cod fishery which is important to the economy of the Kodiak community.

Important not to leave stranded cod.

Needs to be enough quota to be viable to the pot sector.

As structured, the jig sector could regain allocation back up to current 50/50 split.

Comments opposed:

With current status of Gulf of Alaska pacific cod stocks this is not the time to make allocative decisions.

Status quo works with rollover provisions currently in place.

Jig is an important entry level fishery and serves as a step up into other fisheries, valuable opportunity for new entrants.

Jig sector does not want to see a reallocation and concern that it will take too long to step back up once cod are back and jig fleet able to harvest again.

Jig fishery important to help make it through bad salmon years.

Proposal 52

Move to adopt: Theresa Peterson 2nd Melissa Berns

Move to table until proposals 53, 54 discussed Alexis Kwachka, 2nd Melissa Berns

Action would result in a 82% increase to the pot sector and a 2% reduction to the jig sector if pull 5% of quota at of the federal total allowable catch (TAC) and allocate only to the pot sector.

5% reduction of the federal quota would be spread out through the federal sectors and may result in unmanageable smaller TACs under current pacific cod conditions.

Stock currently at 17.6 % of biomass, 17.5 % triggers Overfishing Limit.

Currently have a collapse of Pacific cod stocks, not enough to go around and this is not a time to reallocate.

Important to focus contributing factors to decline and support additional surveys and data.

Some AC members voiced support for State managed fisheries and States rights to the cod but not at this time.

Proposal 53

Move to adopt: Melissa Berns, 2nd Ron Kavanaugh

Move to table until 54 discussed Roland Ruoss, 2nd Alexis Kwachka

Department supports State water harvest.

As structured, may trigger Stellar Sea Lion Consultation.

Proposal 54

Move to adopt: Julie Kavanaugh, 2nd Roland Ruoss

Move to table Julie Kavanaugh, 2nd Alexis Kwachka

No reallocation, action provides access to jig allocation by pot sector if it is determined by State managers that the jig sector is unlikely to harvest cod GHL.

Action may provide immediate harvest opportunity on an annual basis to pot sector without a reallocation.

May need to adjust recommended date to make the action more palatable to both sectors.

Timing problematic for pot sector in that the State managed fishery for the pot sector would be closed. Gear stored and cost of gearing up again would make the rollover an unviable option for many operations.

Rollover may support small pot cod operations.

Move to adopt proposals 51, 52, 53, 54 Julie Kavanaugh, 2nd Theresa Peterson

Vote opposed to all proposals 0/13

Due to the current status of the Pacific cod stocks in the Gulf of Alaska it is not responsible to undergo any management changes.

Proposal 55**Move to adopt: Julie Kavanaugh, 2nd Melissa Berns****Vote: 0/13 opposed**

Have seen early spawn, the first week in April, and action may provide additional harvest opportunity.

Togiak has been opening earlier.

Earlier date may result in increased effort. No compelling reason to change the date other than convenience, allocative. May result in harvest at a time when no markets.

No biological concerns.

Proposal 44**Move to adopt: Melissa Berns, 2nd Julie Kavanaugh****Vote 13/0 support**

Department can support with language to support inside Kamishak area.

Proposal 56**Move to adopt: Julie Kavanaugh, 2nd Oliver Holm****Vote 13/0 Support with restrictive language to come from the department to restrict openings in the actual Shelikof Straights**

Sac roe fisheries have marketable roe quality standards which allow openings as determined by ADF&G, thus may not open to sac roe but still may open to 10% to bait and food.

Need mechanism to restrict openings in Shelikof Straights.

Important to consider biological reason for sac roe closure and implications for bait openings.

Biomass set conservatively, 10% of the estimated biomass, thus 10% of GHJ for food and bait would equal 1%.

Proposal 57**Move to adopt: Theresa Peterson, 2nd Melissa Berns****Vote: 0/13 opposed**

May provide opportunity.

Has been done before under current management with large GHL's.

Move to adjourn Julie Kavanaugh, 2nd Andy Finke 11:27

Select representative(s) for board meeting

IX. Set next meeting date

X. Other

XI. Adjourn 11:27 pm

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Theresa Peterson

Minutes Approved By: Paul Chervenak

Date: December 20, 2019

**Kodiak Advisory Committee
November 19, 2019
ADF&G Building**

I. Call to Order: 5:00pm by Paul Chervenak, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present:	Conrad Peterson (phone)
Paul Chervenak, Chair	Melissa Berns
Julie Kavanaugh, Vice Chair	Ronald Kavanaugh
Andrew Finke	Patrick O'Donnell
Kevin 'Kip' Thomet (phone)	Nathan Rose
Theresa Peterson, Secretary	Rolan Ruoss
Oliver Holm	Danny Clarion (phone)

Members Absent (Excused):

Randy Swain
Jason Bunch

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Kevin Adkins
Albert Smeil
George Weaver

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

Big Game/guide	Concerned Citizen
Southend Setnet	Small Boat/Herring/Crab
Westside Setnet	Subsistence
Transporter/Sport Fish	Old Harbor

Fish and Game Staff Present:

James Jackson, Biologist
Tyler Pollum, Biologist
Todd Anderson, Biologist
Jeff Spalinger, Biologist

III. **Guests Present:**

IV. **Approval of Agenda**

Move to approve: 13-0

V. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

None

VI. **Reports**

VII. Public Comment

a. N/A

VIII. Old Business

a. N/A

IX. New Business

Proposals 58, 59, 60, 61

Move to adopt: Julie Kavanaugh, 2nd Alexis Kwachka

Vote 0/13 opposed

No written staff comments for any of the proposals

Department neutral on proposals as all allocative.

Proposal 58 changes time to fish Cape Igvak, no commercial fishing prior to July 8th. Result no early season harvest.

Proposal 59 reduces from 15% Cape Igvak allocation.

Proposal 60 changes 15% to less than 5%, resulting in less fishing time, at least 75% reduction with an unknown loss to Kodiak.

Proposal 61 multistep amendments to Cape Igvak management Plan to restrict Cape Igvak fishing.

Comments from AC members and the public:

No biological implications as safeguards with escapements found in the current management plan as only allows harvest at Cape Igvak after 300,000 fish escapement in Chignik. This is both equitable and meets escapement needs, curtailing Cape Igvak will not save Chignik runs.

(58) While Chignik has been down so has Kodiak seining for reds in June. Karluk is a scratch fishery and when have a poor run Kodiak fleet doesn't fish.

Built in protections for Chignik, very long-established management plan which doesn't allow any fishing on Cape Igvak when low returns, as Chignik experiencing.

Conservation plan built into Cape Igvak fishery and there are no conservation concerns with current plan. The Kodiak plan was designed to facilitate reaching Chignik escapement.

Without the ability to fish the early run, it is unlikely Kodiak will hit 15% allocation, odds are will not be able to catch fish in July. Historical average is 12% of Chignik fish.

Nothing in proposals puts fish more fish in river systems, does not affect escapement and purely allocative.

This is a mixed stock management plan. A change in any or all the proposals will not change outcomes of 2018 as it was a biological issue and Kodiak did not fish at Cape Igvak.

This is not a new or expanding fishery, fishery is managed to a percentage regardless of the number of boats. The history of the plan shows a lot of success, Cape Igvak does not open in times of low abundance and Kodiak has a high percentage of the burden. All allocative in nature.

Kodiak has four times the number of permits than Chignik.

There has been a long history of Chignik stability, outliers such as 2018 should not result in management plan change. There is a tool in management plan with Igvak closure.

There is equal importance of fish to remote processors and to maintain viability of plants.

Proposal 62

Move to adopt: Julie Kavanaugh, 2nd Theresa Peterson

Vote 0/13 opposed

Check in check out process to fish Cape Igvak.

Staff has never had concerns, no indication of misreporting, no prior enforcement concerns.

Proposal would require F&G staff to be on hand as fishery opens at 12:01. Difficult for department to manage.

Challenge with reliable equipment for fishermen to call in. May preclude ability to anchor if unable to reach Fish and Game.

Proposal is subjective and disrespectful in calling fishermen dishonest, burdensome for a slanderous insinuation.

Proposal 63 and 64

Move to adopt: Julie Kavanaugh, 2nd Melissa Berns

Vote 0/13 opposed

Similar number of participants, not new and expanding fishery.

Beginning in 2014, no retention of chinook prior to July 6.

Between 2014-16 the genetic study showed very small number of fish bound for Cook Inlet. Of those retained predominantly West coast or British Columbia fish.

Outer cape closures that are part of mainland zone are very restrictive already. No information to show seaward zone closure reduces chinook harvest, cannot distinguish between inside and outside zones.

Mixed stock policy, burden of conservation, must be managed close to area of concern.

Significant loss to Kodiak fishermen of pinks and chum harvest opportunity and economic impacts.

Experience shows kings dive out in deep waters, Assumption to say catch more kings off capes.

Only difference in proposals is date range; #63 will severely restrict and #64 intent seems to address concerns with sockeye interception which Kodiak is not managed for.

Proposals need more science-based information to base decisions; to base decisions and to understand unknown unintended consequences.

In Western region have restrictions to get chinook somewhere else, no restrictions to get chinook salmon from one region to another.

Proposal 65

Move to adopt: Melissa Berns, 2nd Oliver Holm

Vote 0/13 opposed

Close the latter half of Cape Igvak management plan. Would be very restrictive and difficult to control allocation and pink and chum escapements.

Seeks to address genetic study which was not comprehensive, does not show significance of pink and chum fisheries.

Genetics is best available technique, but studies short time series and not intended for large management decisions. Only have 18 months of information, very limited data with unknown anomalies.

Board should remain consistent with mixed stock policy, board of fish provided increased time in an area for Chignik fishermen on non-local stocks.

Rational for proposal focused on sockeye and substantial harvest of other species of salmon caught in the region, Kodiak trying to maintain economic interests with current mainland restrictions conserving fish.

The late 2016 southbound fish off Igvak an anomaly, very rare occurrence.

Department tries to target harvest in June to reach 15% allocation.

Harvest variable and influenced by wind, tide and currents

Bias in the way the genetics conducted in 3 regions: East of WASAP, West of Wasap and Kodiak region. Proposal cherry picks from genetics, very limited data and very difficult to factor in ocean conditions.

Proposal 66

Move to adopt: Julie Kavanagh, 2nd Theresa Peterson

Vote 0/13 opposed

New management plan based on caps.

Assumes can force in bays to avoid over escapement.

Kodiak run largest in western region and based on abundance, unable to use CPUE if close arbitrarily.

Decreasing areas would result in longer openings inside bays. Would have to open terminal areas resulting in less quality. May create gear conflicts with pulling seiners off capes into setnet areas.

Westside would allocate from setnet to seine, Alitak would allocate from seine to setnet.

Focus on incidental harvest of non-local stocks of sockeye and overlaid on pink and chum harvest time; genetic study only focused on sockeye but proposed period closures curtail pink and chum harvest.

Kodiak shares burden of conservation with current plans, very difficult to assume management measures taken 400 miles away will result in increased escapement in said region.

Proposal has no fishing perspective; numbers may sound larger than actual percentage when factor in overall harvest.

In Alitak area have a sockeye cap during a sockeye fishery.

Fishing patterns have been in place for decades.

Not a conservation measure, solely allocative, no conservation benefits.

Alaska benefits from local stock management, an important reason of why we have fish, plan would make it hard for local stock management.

Common property right to share fish statewide. Equal rights under constitution, have historical harvest, it has been well known for a long time there have been harvest of Cook Inlet stocks.

In June, a few sockeye and important fishery to seine fleet, critical to profit margin and economic viability.

No guarantee will result in increase to Cook Inlet returns but guarantee big impact on Kodiak harvesters and over escapements.

Cook Inlet over escaped for many years, important for Cook Inlet to deal with these issues.

Proposal 67

Move to adopt: Julie Kavanaugh, 2nd Theresa Peterson

Vote 12/1 Support

Department neutral, may change CPUE if approved but not likely to change management.

2017/2018 setnetters on the westside experienced carpets of slime, damaging gear, requiring hourly cleaning and loss of fishing.

Monofilament illegal for gear in Kodiak but allowed in Cook Inlet, part of concern drop out and ghost nets.

Some concern with allocation if gear more efficient. Challenge with knowing efficiency with multi/monofilament strand. However, Cook Inlet is legal but only ½ fleet uses.

Seine fleet can adapt and move, setnet stuck and attempting to find a tool with monofilament if slime occurs again.

If see allocation change and dropouts can address at another cycle.

Opposed vote noted concern with more efficient gear type.

Proposal 68

Move to adopt: Theresa Peterson, 2nd Julie Kavanaugh

Vote 13/0 Support

Represents a small opportunity, important to maintain with current regulatory lines, no setnet fishery on Alitak beach.

Proposal 69

Move to adopt: Theresa Peterson, 2nd Roland Ruoss

Vote 13/0 Support of proposal as amended

Karluk pink run on even year; largest pink run in the Gulf of Alaska, only time would influence 1.6 escapement but would help NW fish.

Important to provide harvest opportunity to preclude over escapement, foregone harvest.

When NW areas open and have reached escapements, still don't have authority to open, Gives the department the ability to make a move. Have confidence will not impacts NW streams, department will address those concerns.

May need to keep inner bays closed to control areas so may impact seiners.

From biological perspective, basically have what have in NW district and no concern with impacts on NW streams.

Provides fair access to Karluk run pinks.

July fishing time would not occur as managing for NW streams, bulk of Karluk run comes in August.

Motion to amend, Oliver Holm, 2nd Nate Rose

Added language underlined "After July 31st may" (strike or) **on even year-year cycles based on pink salmon returning to the Karluk systems**

Proposal 70

Move to adopt: Theresa Peterson, 2nd Melissa Berns

Vote take no action 13/0

Unlikely would use in odd years, very large difference, may pass but will never use as Karluk has maintained even year dominance since 1920's.

Action taken during previous board cycle.

Proposal 71

Move to adopt: Julie Kavanaugh, 2nd Melissa Berns

Vote 0/13 opposed

Current plan allows Fish and Game to manage for sockeye, pink and chum.

Harvest in inner bays important for management.

Important to provide harvest opportunity in July in inner bay areas to avoid over escapements.

Traditional seine areas, relatively small.

Setnet concern with harvest when working to meet escapements and allow seine fleet in inner bays.

Would be difficult to meet mid-point on all escapements in small tributaries; data show harvest in inner bays in weak years neglectable. Proposal will hamstring department with all small systems.

Concern with over escapements as written, may also bring a lot of boats out to the capes and relocate fleet.

Inner bays important for small seiners, could be dangerous in pushing people out.

If conservation concern can address.

Proposal 72

Move to adopt: Melissa Berns, 2nd Julie Kavanaugh

Vote 0/13 opposed

6 of 9 years no inner Ayakulik opening, minimal Ayakulik openings under current management. Escapements have gone down without any inner Ayakulik openings.

Would be challenging to manage, very few chinook in the area and proposal doesn't support chinook savings.

May result in increased chinook harvests in other regions.

Department aware of concerns.

Proposal 73

Move to adopt: Theresa Peterson, 2nd Melissa Berns

Vote 0/13 opposed

Standard closures, 37 hours minimum.

Seems flawed as it is not structured to pulse as intended. Not bycatch, incidental

Proposal 74

Move to adopt: Theresa Peterson, 2nd Roland Ruoss

Vote 0/13 opposed

Department neutral.

Ayakulik terminus area, may result in additional fishing time to reduce over escapement.

Would lengthen other areas fishing time.

Difficult to fish if close area, complicates department ability to manage fishery.

Area difficult to enforce, difficult to have closed water, better to shorten openings.

Proposal 75

Move to adopt: Theresa Peterson, 2nd Roland Ruoss

Vote 0/13 opposed

Refer to comments on proposal 74, same thing with coordinates.

Proposal 76

Move to adopt: Theresa Peterson, 2nd Melissa Berns

Vote 0/13 opposed

There may be times, rare occurrences, that have inner openings for seining. Rarely open inner Karuk, once a decade.

Proposal 77

Move to adopt: Theresa Peterson, 2nd Melissa Berns

Vote 0/13 opposed

Fish and Game has a conservative approach with lack of data, hasn't opened for a commercial fishery in 14 years.

Hypothetical proposal, department has a conservative approach once the weir is pulled.

Difficult to apply a straight line for management and enforcement.

Steelhead most likely not schooling in front.

Insinuating management problem with the proposal, will fix when fishery hasn't opened in 14 years.

Community Comments:

Funding for weirs; Fish and Game budget, need money for research and to understand climate change.

Fund surveys for cod and biological assessments.

Need real time data to keep fisheries open.

Surveys critical for management of federal and State fisheries.

Important to keep Kodiak whole and support research.

Availability of staff comments prior to AC meetings – need to get out sooner-need to improve public process.

Kodiak management plans complex due to nature of the fisheries. Have problems with fish size, had lethal stream temperatures, telluride fish small, a lot of uncertainty on the economic return of fishery, not due to mismanagement.

Motion to send letter to the board of Fish which will be circulated to AC prior to submission**Theresa Peterson, 2nd Julie Kavanaugh****Vote 0/13 Support**

Select representative(s) for board meeting

- X. Set next meeting date

- XI. Other
 - Move to allow Chair to approve minutes
 - Theresa Peterson, 2nd Alexis Kwachka
 - Vote 13/0 Support

- XII. Adjourn
 - Move to adjourn Oliver Holm, 2nd Nate Rose
 - Adjourn 10:45

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Theresa Peterson

Minutes Approved By: Paul Chervenak

Date: 12/21/19

**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee
12-18-19
Mel Grove's Hanger**

- I. Call to Order: 7:05pm by Herb Mansavage
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Austin Manelick, Birch Yuknis, Dan Montgomery, Danny Lewis, Herb Mansavage, Mel Grove, Chad Schierman and Don Dygert
Members Absent (Excused): Andy Couch, Chad Lipse, Chris Alderman, Casey Dinkel, Aaron Bloomquist and Neil Dewitt
Members Absent (Unexcused): Dom Nickles and Nick Reeves
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: 8
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: N/A
- IV. Guests Present: N/A
- V. Approval of Agenda:
 - a. Agenda amended to reflect only BOF proposals 63-66. Motioned by Birch, seconded by Danny. No objections.
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Motion to Accept Agenda by Birch, seconded by Danny. No objections to previous meetings agenda.
- VII. Public Comment: N/A
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. Danny Lewis was voted in as Sergeant in Arms. Birch made the motion, Dan Montgomery seconded. There were no objections to nominating Danny Lewis as Sergeant in arms.
 - b. We concluded that all proposals for UCI BOF will be done within the Fish Subcommittee and arranged dates to allow for three meetings to provide comment and one meeting to allow regular attendance committee to deliberate and approve minutes and comments from previous meetings done by sub-committee.
- IX. Set next meeting date: January 2nd, 2019
- X. Other

Adjourn



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Kodiak Proposals			
January 11-14, 2020 Kodiak, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/Support as amended/Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<p><i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i></p>			
63	Create “seaward” and “shoreward” zones in the Kodiak Management Area and amend management plans to restrict the commercial seine fishery June 1-July 25 based on those zones (Dan Anderson)		
Abstain	0	0	Our Committee has chosen to abstain unanimously for proposals #63-66. Our reasoning falls between not having any department comments to review to make a just decision and our lack of local understanding may be considered null due to no solid knowledge surrounding the direct industry. Although, this is very important to us as these fish in question, are fish that greatly effect the Northern District of the Cook Inlet. We are in support of any decision that leads to more salmon reaching the Northern District of Cook Inlet.
64	Create “seaward” and “shoreward” zones in the Kodiak Management Area and amend management plans to restrict the commercial seine fishery June 28-July 25 based on those zones (Dan Anderson)		
Abstain	0	0	Please see comments for #63.
65	Close the Katmai, Alinchak, and Cape Igvak Sections to commercial salmon fishing June 28–July 25 (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Abstain	0	0	Please see comments for #63.
66	Create a Kodiak Area Salmon Management Plan (United Cook Inlet Drift Association)		
Abstain	0	0	Please see comments for #63.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Herb Mansavage
 Minutes Approved By: Committee
 Date: 12/18/2019