

On-Time Advisory Committee Comment List

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Lower Cook Inlet Finfish | Seward, Dec. 10-13, 2019

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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.



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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1	Redefine the area the management plan encompasses to include all waters north of Bluff Point (ADF&G)		
Support	11	0	The Fish Subcommittee supports the Department's effort to clarify these regulations.
2	Align gear restrictions for lower Kenai Peninsula roadside streams in waters closed to salmon fishing (ADF&G)		
Support	11	0	The Fish Subcommittee supports the Department's effort to standardize these regulations that could aid enforcement.
3	Reduce the bag limit for the Seward Lagoon youth sport fishery to one fish (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Oppose	0	11	After background information from Jay Baumer, this AC was questioning why the Seward AC would want to reduce the total number of fish caught. Opposed because a decrease in the amount of fish coupled with a decrease in total number of fish caught reduces the youth option. Proposal 3 and 5 from the Seward AC contradict each other.
4	Define the boundaries for the Seward Lagoon youth sport fishery (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	8	3	Opposed, do not like to see biological reasons for this and would like to see data.
5	Extend the dates of the Seward Lagoon youth king and coho salmon fisheries (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
6	Close the Homer Marine Terminal barge basin to sport fishing (Homer Spit Properties LLC)		
Support	11	0	Proposal addresses important safety and trespassing concerns.
7	Redefine the area prohibited to snagging in Cook Inlet salt waters (ADF&G)		
Support	11	0	The Fish Subcommittee supports the Department's effort to clarify these regulations.
8	Reduce the sport fish bag limit to one king salmon south of Bluff Point (Andy Housh)		



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Oppose	0	9	<p>Reducing bag limit year-round from 2 to 1. Immature fish harvested in LCI are from outside LCI (per 5-year genetic sampling program). Allocation issues with harvesting from mixed stock fisheries.</p> <p>Fish Subcommittee opposes because this would limit the number of fish available for harvest.</p> <p>2 abstentions due to lack of information on the subject.</p>
9	Establish a seasonal limit of five king salmon in Cook Inlet from October 1—April 30 (Andy Housh)		
Support	11	0	Subcommittee supports the intent to effectively set an annual bag limit for king salmon conservation.
10	Redefine the boundary for the lower and upper Anchor River stream sections (ADF&G)		
Support	11	0	Subcommittee supports the Department’s necessary effort to redefine this boundary.
11	Allow two unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies and limit hook size in the Anchor River and Deep Creek (Phil Brna & Mike Brown)		
Oppose	0	11	Allowing 2 hooks in this fishery that is accessible on the road system, is not necessary and contrary to the conservation of stocks of concern.
12	Reduce the sport fishery bag limit for lingcod west of Gore Point to one fish (Andy Housh)		
Oppose	1	9	<p>Support because it is not likely to change the harvest substantially.</p> <p>Oppose because of 10-15% reduction in the harvest of lingcod and this is not a stock of concern (per the Department), however the Department is paying close attention to the species.</p> <p>1 abstention due to lack of information on the subject.</p>
13	Establish a seasonal limit of two lingcod in the North Gulf coast area (Andy Housh)		
Oppose	0	10	Opposed: Not a stock of concern (per the Department), however the Department is paying close attention to the species. Would impact the non-guided anglers; resident fishers



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			would be impacted the most. Enforcement issues because of various ports in the geographic region. 1 abstention due to lack of information on the subject.
14	Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	11	Subcommittee is concerned about safety if a child or elder is handed a rod with a powerful fish on; reg change could lead to abuse of bag limit intent.
15	Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	11	This would prohibit a third party to broker guide services. Brokering is a needed service that provides commerce for Alaskans.
16	Require a permit to participate in the China Poot Bay personal use dip net fishery (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
Support	11	0	Dipnet permits are required in other fisheries, and would assist ADFG in tracking use in this fishery.
17	Require that the permit holder be on site during the operation of personal use set gillnet gear (ADF&G)		
Support	11	0	Subcommittee supports this regulation clarification by the Department.
18	Extend the subsistence salmon fishery in Seldovia Bay through June 30 (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
19	Extend the boundary in Seldovia Bay where salmon are customarily and traditionally taken or used for subsistence (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
Support	10	1	Opposed, because fewer than a dozen subsistence use permits, however the area being proposed is larger and intersects with other use fisheries and can foresee a user conflict. Support because subsistence fishery is limited to a certain number of fish, the increase in area would result in inconsequential numbers. Increase in area would also help communities provide fish for elders.



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20	Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes within 300 feet of each other in the Cook Inlet Area (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
Support	9	2	Current regulations require 600 feet setbacks. Would affect Port Graham, Seldovia, Nanwalek and Tyonek. Subsistence fishery is catching a mix of hatchery and wild fish. There have been a few dozen hatchery king salmon caught in these gill nets (per the Department). Oppose: changing the standards of one area and not others creates complications for management.
21	Allow commercial harvest of aquatic plants in the Cook Inlet Area (Al Poindexter)		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated. Discussion - limited commercial harvest of kelp in Anchor Point for use in soil fertilizer. Kelp plays an important ecological role and if too much is taken, could be detrimental to the ecosystem. Department would like to codify the commercial harvest of aquatic plants (kelp) and the Department would be able to better monitor and regulate the harvest. Would allow to define a quantity, and area and a timeframe. 10 pounds of wet weight of aquatic plants allowed for harvest per day in the subsistence area (outside of the Anchorage non-subsistence area).
22	Limit the number of each salmon species harvested in cost recovery fisheries (Mike Frank)		
Oppose	0	11	Concern this could set a bad precedent. Certain 'failing' hatcheries may need review if not adequately producing. Could limit well-run hatcheries.
23	Suspend, revoke, or alter the Tutka Bay hatchery permit to reduce capacity (Jeffrey Lee)		
Oppose	0	11	There may be a different process to address this issue. Out of the Subcommittee's area of expertise.
24	Eliminate the Tutka Bay Lagoon Special Harvest Area (Jeffrey Lee)		
No Action	11	0	See comments for Proposal 23
25	Close waters of Tutka Bay southeast of 59 degrees 26.50' N. lat (Nancy Hillstrand)		
Support	11	0	Proposer addressed the Subcommittee. Proposal would potentially benefit all users and stocks, provide critical habitat.



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26	Close waters near the head of Tutka Bay to commercial salmon fishing (Mike Frank)		
No Action	11	0	Based on action on Proposal 25.
27	Eliminate the Halibut Cove Lagoon Special Harvest Area (Nancy Hillstrand)		
No Action	11	0	Proposer spoke at meeting; subcommittee not prepared to take any action.
28	Redefine the China Poot and Hazel Lake Special Harvest Area as two separate and discrete Special Harvest Areas (ADF&G)		
Support	11	0	Subcommittee supports separating these 2 SHAs that are currently managed separately.
29	Move the outer boundary line of the Rocky Bay subdistrict further from shore (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
No Action	--	--	The subcommittee lacks sufficient knowledge on this issue.
30	Allow the Kamishak Bay District commercial salmon fishery to be opened prior to June 1 by emergency order (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
No Action	--	--	The subcommittee lacks sufficient knowledge on this issue.
31	Allow commercial fishing along the beach outside of Ursus Cove Lagoon (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
No Action	--	--	The subcommittee lacks sufficient knowledge on this issue.
32	Repeal closed waters in China Poot Bay (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
No Action	--	--	The subcommittee lacks sufficient knowledge on this issue.
33	Close the area within a one-mile radius of the end of the Homer Spit to commercial salmon fishing (Cook Inlet Recreational Fishermen/Todd Jacobson)		
No Action	--	--	The subcommittee lacks sufficient knowledge on this issue.
34	Reduce the maximum length of seine gear in the Cook Inlet Area to 150 fathoms (Kristi McLean)		
Oppose	0	11	This proposal would pose a significant cost to fishermen and is allocative. All salmon fisheries intercept salmon.
35	Increase the maximum purse seine gear depth in the Cook Inlet Area from 325 to 335 meshes deep (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
Oppose	0	11	This change is not needed or warranted.
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	0	11	Seine fishermen generally don't pick through fish like set netters. Not a viable option.



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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): Niinihchik

DATE (of meeting): 10/8/19

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Glen Hallowell
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



Date: 10/8/19

Meeting Attendance Sign in Sheet

Name/Organization	Mailing Address City, Zip Code	Interests (optional - see below)	Email/Phone
Steve Vanek			
Glean Hollowell			
Jason Herremen ADFG			
Joe Simpson			
Dave Blossom			
Doug Blossom			
Gary Deiman			
John McCord			
Amid Martin			
Jim F. Byer			
Ron Presley			

Interest Groups: 1 - Trapping 2 - Sport Fishing 3 - Subsistence 4 - Hunting 5 - Commercial Fishing
 6 - Photography 7 - Guiding 8 - Processing 9 - Personal Use 10 - Outdoorsperson
 11 - Association/Corporation 12 - Conservationist

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LOCATION (town): Mirilchik

DATE (of meeting): 10/10/19

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Prestby, 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

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Central Pennsylvania

Fish & Game Advisory Council



Date: 10/10/19

Meeting Attendance Sign in Sheet

Name/Organization	Mailing Address City, Zip Code	Interests (optional - see below)	Email/Phone
Steve Vanek			
Andrew Mart			
Joe Simpson			
Dave Blosson			
Dan Presley			
John A Conley			
Gary Heimann			

Interest Groups: 1 - Trapping 2 - Sport Fishing 3 - Subsistence 4 - Hunting 5 - Commercial Fishing
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Central Peninsula AC
 Oct. 8th + 10th 2019



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1	Redefine the area the management plan encompasses to include all waters north of Bluff Point (ADF&G)		
SUPPORT	7	0	This was considered housekeeping
2	Align gear restrictions for lower Kenai Peninsula roadside streams in waters closed to salmon fishing (ADF&G)		
Support Support	7	0	we agreed with the Department
3 NO ACTION	Reduce the bag limit for the Seward Lagoon youth sport fishery to one fish (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		



<u>3</u> No Action			
4	Define the boundaries for the Seward Lagoon youth sport fishery (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
NO Action			
5	Extend the dates of the Seward Lagoon youth king and coho salmon fisheries (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
NO Action			
6	Close the Homer Marine Terminal barge basin to sport fishing (Homer Spit Properties LLC)		
Support	7	0	<p>This is all private property. Having it open encourages trespassing.</p> <p>There are many other areas open to fish.</p> <p>Safety issue also.</p>



7. Support	4	3	opposed said leave it as is, it isn't that confusing.
8	Reduce the sport fish bag limit to one king salmon south of Bluff Point (Andy Housh)		
Support	4	3	Too many winter kings are being caught at 2 per day. Those opposed want to be able to catch 2 per day all winter
9	Establish a seasonal limit of five king salmon in Cook Inlet from October 1—April 30 (Andy Housh)		
oppose	1	6	Five winter kings is too small a number for all winter. supporters felt too many kings are taken now
10	Redefine the boundary for the lower and upper Anchor River stream sections (ADF&G)		
support	7	0	we felt this was housekeeping
11	Allow two unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies and limit hook size in the Anchor River and Deep Creek (Phil Brna & Mike Brown)		



11.	oppose	0	7	Two issues in one proposal, Only need to use one fly, Some talked about amending to have the single fly hook have a gap between Point and shank of 3/8 inch or less. This would reduce spagging. Didn't amend Leave up to Board to do.
12	Reduce the sport fishery bag limit for lingcod west of Gore Point to one fish (Andy Housh)			
	Support	7	0	Ling Cod are slow growers and the fishing pressure on them has increased dramatically in the last decade. Easy to deplete near shore stocks.
13	Establish a seasonal limit of two lingcod in the North Gulf coast area (Andy Housh)			
	oppose	0	7	Reduce the bag limit first and see how that works.
14	Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler (Mel Erickson)			
	oppose	0	7	Leave as is. Current practice involves the fisherman. That's how they learn to fish. Many times the people are not allowed to hook the fish because of a hurry to complete the charter.
15	Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides (Mel Erickson)			
	oppose	0	7	would monopolize the guiding booking to only guides, would exclude the people who book clients and provide a guide.
16	Require a permit to participate in the China Poot Bay personal use dip net fishery (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)			



16. support	6	1	this would give Dept. more data opposed person said it would require the Dept. do more work
17	Require that the permit holder be on site during the operation of personal use set gillnet gear (ADF&G)		
support	8	8 1	we now had 9 people in attendance 1 abstained - no opinion no felt it was to restrictive
18	Extend the subsistence salmon fishery in Seldovia Bay through June 30 (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
oppose	0	8	1 abstained - no opinion. opposed felt that other fish would be taken later
19	Extend the boundary in Seldovia Bay where salmon are customarily and traditionally taken or used for subsistence (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
opposed	0	8	1 abstained - no opinion opposed because participation in the fishery now was not that great
20	Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes within 300 feet of each other in the Cook Inlet Area (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
opposed	1	8	opposed. felt that it would become confusing if different than anywhere else. Supporter felt it would give more people an opportunity
21	Allow commercial harvest of aquatic plants in the Cook Inlet Area (Al Poindexter)		
support	9	0	it is unregulated now and should be defined as proposer suggests.
22	Limit the number of each salmon species harvested in cost recovery fisheries (Mike Frank)		



22 22 oppose	2 2	8 7	Hatcheries strive to have the bulk of salmon harvested in common property fisheries. But at start up of programs it is necessary to harvest a higher percentage until project is established. Poor returns will change the percentages of harvest. Egg take & cost recovery goal must be achieved to sustain the hatcheries. Cost recovery moneys are used for agriculture projects that increase and obstained had no opinion salmon production for all users.
23	Suspend, revoke, or alter the Tutka Bay hatchery permit to reduce capacity (Jeffrey Lee)		
oppose	1	7	The permitted egg capacity has not increased since the State built & ran the hatchery clear back in the 70's. This authors accusations are his theory and are unsubstantiated. When the Park was created hatchery fishing operations and commercial fishing were written in as park uses and compatible. One; obtained and one yes had no opinion given.
24	Eliminate the Tutka Bay Lagoon Special Harvest Area (Jeffrey Lee)		
oppose	0	8	This would prevent the hatchery from functioning. The Tutka Bay lagoon special harvest area is critical for the hatchery operations. Straying studies show very minimal straying. Cost recovery cleans up the lagoon and prevents a glut. 1st paragraph paragraph in the Reason is not true. One; obtained had no opinion
25	Close waters of Tutka Bay southeast of 59 degrees 26.50' N. lat (Nancy Hillstrand)		
oppose	0	9	ADF&G has defined the area open to fishing & identified the areas for closer to protect salmon for achieving the escapement goals. The Department has EO authority. No Conservation issue. Leave as is.
26	Close waters near the head of Tutka Bay to commercial salmon fishing (Mike Frank)		
oppose	0	9	The Department has EO authority. There are no conservation issues. The Departments job is to achieve escapement goals and harvest the surplus. Leave as is with EO authority.
27	Eliminate the Halibut Cove Lagoon Special Harvest Area (Nancy Hillstrand)		



27				<i>27</i>	<i>oppose</i>	0	9	<i>This area has been used off and on for hatchery releases that benefit all users. This can be continued into the future. Leaving the Special harvest area in place contributes nothing negative to the area. When the Park was created hatchery fishing operations and commercial fishing were written in as park uses and is compatible.</i>
28	Redefine the China Poot and Hazel Lake Special Harvest Area as two separate and discrete Special Harvest Areas (ADF&G)							
	<i>support</i>	9	0					<i>housekeeping. makes sense.</i>
29	Move the outer boundary line of the Rocky Bay subdistrict further from shore (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)							
	<i>oppose</i>	0	9					<i>Leave as is. The Department has EO authority to increase or reduce this area depending on salmon abundance and escapements. Could negatively impact Windy Bay stocks if they are weak.</i>
30	Allow the Kamishak Bay District commercial salmon fishery to be opened prior to June 1 by emergency order (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)							
	<i>Support</i>	9	0					<i>Makes sense. We support the Departments position for support.</i>
31	Allow commercial fishing along the beach outside of Ursus Cove Lagoon (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)							
	<i>oppose</i>	0	9					<i>The Department has EO authority to open this area based on abundance and escapement.</i>
32	Repeal closed waters in China Poot Bay (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)							
	<i>oppose</i>	0	9					<i>The Department has EO authority to open this area based on abundance and escapement.</i>
33	Close the area within a one-mile radius of the end of the Homer Spit to commercial salmon fishing (Cook Inlet Recreational Fishermen/Todd Jacobson)							



33. support	7	2	This is a high traffic area and is a safety concern. Not many seiners fish here anyway. Opposed said this was allocative.
34	Reduce the maximum length of seine gear in the Cook Inlet Area to 150 fathoms (Kristi McLean)		
opposes	0	9	This is allocative and not necessary
35	Increase the maximum purse seine gear depth in the Cook Inlet Area from 325 to 335 meshes deep (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
support	8	1	It does not make sense to have to cut a panel in half just to save 10 feet meshes. Opposed want to keep it as is.
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	2	7	Those in favor said commercial fishermen should not sell any kings Opposed. permits allow the sale of all salmon
37	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
oppose	2	7	Opposed agreed but by the time to implement it, it would be too late to do any good. Other solutions should be imposed soon. Those in favor believe that something needs to be done about Kodiak king salmon intercept.
38	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Upper and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		



38, oppose	0	8	I 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)		
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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



**Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Oct. 15, 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, Dennis Wade, Dan Anderson, Marvin Peters, Wes Humbyrd, Morgan Jones.
Members Absent: Lee Martin, Doug Malone, Joey Allred, Gary Sinnhuber. Matt Hakala, Malcolm Milne.
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: None

- III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Glen Hollowell, Jason Herreman

- IV. **Guests Present:** Beaver and Jessie Nelson, Bob Nathanson

- V. **Approval of Agenda** yes

- VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** NA

- VII. **Reports**
 - a. **Chair's report**
 - b. **ADF&G** Jason gave a preliminary review of this years GMU 15 hunts. It was a good season for moose hunting with 292 from 15C. Other reports for 15C are 30 brown bears, black bears were down perhaps because of forest fires, and only 3 sheep from the Peninsula. Sheep populations are struggling. Jason also talked about attending Federal Subsistence meeting.
 - c. **Others**

- VIII. **Public Comment** None

- IX. **Old Business** None

- X. **New Business** None

- XI. **Select representative(s) for board meeting**

- XII. **Set next meeting date** Tues. Nov. 13, 6:00 pm. Agenda is to review the LIC proposals we deferred, such as hatchery issues.



XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn 8:25

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
3	Reduce the bag limit for the Seward Lagoon youth sport fishery to one fish (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	10	0	The AC generally supports efforts that improve opportunity for sport fishing.
4	Define the boundaries for the Seward Lagoon youth sport fishery (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	10	0	The AC generally supports efforts that improve opportunity for sport fishing.
5	Extend the dates of the Seward Lagoon youth king and coho salmon fisheries (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	10	0	The AC generally supports efforts that improve opportunity for sport fishing.
6	Close the Homer Marine Terminal barge basin to sport fishing (Homer Spit Properties LLC)		
			Deferred
8	Reduce the sport fish bag limit to one king salmon south of Bluff Point (Andy Housh)		
Oppose	1	8-1	The AC prefers to maintain the status quo. The objection was based on concern with consistency in how we treat hatchery fish and wild stocks. Abstain for insufficient background on the issue.
9	Establish a seasonal limit of five king salmon in Cook Inlet from October 1—April 30 (Andy Housh)		
Support	5	4 - 1	The basic concern was how much is enough, particularly with a sensitive species like king salmon. Having no limits on the number of fish that can be taken encourages exploitation and catching more than is needed. It was felt that 5 fish per angler



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			is a reasonable limit. Abstain for insufficient background on the issue.
11	Allow two unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies and limit hook size in the Anchor River and Deep Creek (Phil Brna & Mike Brown)		
			Deferred.
12	Reduce the sport fishery bag limit for lingcod west of Gore Point to one fish (Andy Housh)		
Support	9	1	The AC expressed concern about recent excessive, nonsustainable sport fishing pressure on lingcod. It was mentioned that many charter boats are also concerned and tend to limit their customers to one lingcod per day.
13	Establish a seasonal limit of two lingcod in the North Gulf coast area (Andy Housh)		
Oppose	0	9 - 1	While the AC supported reducing the daily bag limit per day for lingcod, it was felt that having a seasonal limit is unnecessary and uncertain as to enforcement. There probably are only a few fishermen interested in multiple lingcod trips, so redefining total harvest would be minimal. Abstain for insufficient background on the issue.
14	Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler (Mel Erickson)		
Support	7	3	The AC believes this is a practice that is already widely used by many sport fishermen and adopting it as regulation won't change much. The opposition felt that there isn't sufficient reason to make things easier and that everyone should catch their own fish.
15	Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	10	The AC felt that the proposal is too vague and questioned whether this is a legitimate issue for Board of Fisheries action.
16	Require a permit to participate in the China Poot Bay personal use dip net fishery (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
Support	10	0	The AC agrees that the dip net fishery has become congested with boats, creating a safety factor in these tricky waters. Also, there may be an issue whether all dip netters are residents. It



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			was agreed that requiring a permit is, as a minimum, needed. We also discussed adding an amendment that there should be a harvest limit for each permit that includes all Cook Inlet waters. The current harvest limit is generous and should provide household needs. Anything more by dip netting in multiple Cook Inlet waters essentially encourages illegal fishing, such as nonresidents and commercial harvest. However, we decided that just requiring a permit is probably what will be more acceptable for now.
17	Require that the permit holder be on site during the operation of personal use set gillnet gear (ADF&G)		
Support	9	1	The one vote against was based on the understanding that this already was a regulation.
21	Allow commercial harvest of aquatic plants in the Cook Inlet Area (Al Poindexter)		
	Deferred		
29	Move the outer boundary line of the Rocky Bay subdistrict further from shore (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
Support	10	0	Provides better access to fish this area.
30	Allow the Kamishak Bay District commercial salmon fishery to be opened prior to June 1 by emergency order (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
Support	6	1 - 3	To allow fishing for earlier runs. There was some uncertainty about the proposal by those not in support.
31	Allow commercial fishing along the beach outside of Ursus Cove Lagoon (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
	Deferred		
32	Repeal closed waters in China Poot Bay (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
	Deferred		
33	Close the area within a one-mile radius of the end of the Homer Spit to commercial salmon fishing (Cook Inlet Recreational Fishermen/Todd Jacobson)		
Opposed	0	10	It was questioned whether controlling boat traffic is within the purview of the Board of Fisheries.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz



Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon

Date: Oct. 17, 2019



**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



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<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>			
6	Close the Homer Marine Terminal barge basin to sport fishing (Homer Spit Properties LLC)		
Support	11	1 - 0	There was considerable discussion on this proposal. The AC generally agreed that the fisherman who fish in the Barge Basin are interfering and a hazard with workers and machines working on boats. Most of the problem is with fisherman on shore and in small boats those who snag at the nearby Dudiak Fishing Lagoon. Another issue was about the definition of navigability and whether Homer Spit Properties owns the “tidal lands and basin bottom” as stated in the proposal. ADF&G said that the basin waters are considered navigable. While most of the AC agreed that fishing should be closed in this area, they urged caution in terms of treading on navigability issues, which would be a bigger issue than fishing. Opposition noted that fishing does occur in places like the harbor that also have much activity.
9	Establish a seasonal limit of five king salmon in Cook Inlet from October 1—April 30 (Andy Housh)) – Reconsideration Vote		
Oppose	1	8 - 3	This proposal was amended to change the opening dates from Oct. 1- Apr. 30 to Sept. 1 – Mar. 30. The amendment passed. There was considerable discussion about the origin of the fish being targeted. Those that abstained felt that there is a lack of science to decide either way. Tom asked for a roll call. So, here are the individual votes. Support; Morgan. Oppose; Gary, Tom, Malcolm, Matt, Joey, Dave, Dan. Abstain; Michael, Tom, George.
21	Allow commercial harvest of aquatic plants in the Cook Inlet Area (Al Poindexter)		
Support	12	0 - 0	There now is a small, commercial harvest of kelp at Anchor Point that requires a permit from the ADF&G Commissioner, but the permitting conditions are ambiguous. This proposal



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			clarifies matters. After this we discussed #241 (below) which is a related proposal.
23	Suspend, revoke, or alter the Tutka Bay hatchery permit to reduce capacity (Jeffrey Lee)		
Oppose	0	5 - 7	Reasons presented include that there is lack of scientific data to either oppose or support the proposal. Also, that the BOF is not the appropriate body for making this decision. Concern was expressed about the number of fish exceeding the carrying capacity of Tutka Bay Lagoon which is impacting areas of Tutka Bay which does not comply with laws that protect Kachemak Bay State Park.
24	Eliminate the Tutka Bay Lagoon Special Harvest Area (Jeffrey Lee)		
Oppose	3	3 - 6	Votes for the proposal were based on not allowing incompatible uses in Kachemak Bay State Park. Votes against stated that if the hatchery is going to continue it needs to a Special Harvest Area to fulfill its purpose. Abstain for insufficient background on the issue.
25	Close waters of Tutka Bay southeast of 59 degrees 26.50' N. lat (Nancy Hillstrand)		
Oppose	0	10 – 2	There was an issue about where the boundary line for this proposal is drawn. The concern was that it went further out in the bay to accomplish the objective of protecting the head of the bay. Abstain for insufficient background on the issue.
26	Close waters near the head of Tutka Bay to commercial salmon fishing (Mike Frank)		
Oppose	2	8 - 1	This proposal was considered a more modest attempt to accomplish the same as #26. However, ADF&G said that the area described is already restricted. This led to some uncertainty about what the proposal accomplished that wasn't already in place. Abstain for insufficient background on the issue.
27	Eliminate the Halibut Cove Lagoon Special Harvest Area (Nancy Hillstrand)		
Oppose	2	4 – 6	Most of the AC members did not seem familiar enough with the details to support or oppose. There was question as to how relevant this proposal is given current fishing activity.



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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



**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
November 19, 2019
Kachemak Bay NERRS Bldg.**

- I. Call to Order: 6:04 PM by Dave Lyon
- II. Roll Call
Members Present:
Tom Young (vice chair), Joey Allred, Michael Craig, Gary Sinnhuber, Thomas Hagberg, Dave Lyon (chair), Dan Anderson, Doug Malone, Wes Humbyrd
Members Absent (Excused):
Lee Martin, Dennis Wade, Marvin Peters, Morgan Jones, Matt Hakala, Malcolm Milne, George Matz
Members Absent (Unexcused): None
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Elisa Russ, Jan Rumble, Mike Booz
- IV. Guests Present: None
- V. Approval of Agenda: Yes
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes; Yes
- VII. Reports: ADF&G Elisa Russ presented clarifications on Proposals 41 and 42 as requested by the AC. Information on the harvest of lingcod was also presented as it pertained to the previously passed Proposals 12 and 13.
- VIII. Public Comment: No public comment was given.
- IX. Old Business: Evaluation and recommendations on remaining Lower Cook Inlet Proposals.
- X. New Business: Proposed changing next year's meetings to consecutive Tuesdays until all proposals have been evaluated and voted on. This item tabled to next meeting.
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Dan Anderson was appointed as the AC representative to the upcoming Lower Cook Inlet Board of Fish Meeting.
- XII. Set next meeting date: Next meeting is set for the 3rd Tuesday of December, 12/17/19.



XIII. Other: No other items discussed.

XIV. Adjourned at 7:45 PM



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1	Redefine the area the management plan encompasses to include all waters north of Bluff Point (ADF&G)		
	9	0	
2	Align gear restrictions for lower Kenai Peninsula roadside streams in waters closed to salmon fishing (ADF&G)		
	9	0	
3	Reduce the bag limit for the Seward Lagoon youth sport fishery to one fish (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
4	Define the boundaries for the Seward Lagoon youth sport fishery (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
5	Extend the dates of the Seward Lagoon youth king and coho salmon fisheries (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
6	Close the Homer Marine Terminal barge basin to sport fishing (Homer Spit Properties LLC)		
7	Redefine the area prohibited to snagging in Cook Inlet salt waters (ADF&G)		
	9	0	
8	Reduce the sport fish bag limit to one king salmon south of Bluff Point (Andy Housh)		
9	Establish a seasonal limit of five king salmon in Cook Inlet from October 1—April 30 (Andy Housh)		
10	Redefine the boundary for the lower and upper Anchor River stream sections (ADF&G)		
	9	0	
11	Allow two unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies and limit hook size in the Anchor River and Deep Creek (Phil Brna & Mike Brown)		



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	0	9	
12	Reduce the sport fishery bag limit for lingcod west of Gore Point to one fish (Andy Housh)		
13	Establish a seasonal limit of two lingcod in the North Gulf coast area (Andy Housh)		
14	Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler (Mel Erickson)		
	3	6	This Proposal previously voted on. Opened for reconsideration. This is a statewide proposal and inappropriate for this meeting. It would lead to potential increased harvest from stocks that are already stressed.
15	Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides (Mel Erickson)		
16	Require a permit to participate in the China Poot Bay personal use dip net fishery (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
17	Require that the permit holder be on site during the operation of personal use set gillnet gear (ADF&G)		
18	Extend the subsistence salmon fishery in Seldovia Bay through June 30 (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
19	Extend the boundary in Seldovia Bay where salmon are customarily and traditionally taken or used for subsistence (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
20	Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes within 300 feet of each other in the Cook Inlet Area (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
21	Allow commercial harvest of aquatic plants in the Cook Inlet Area (Al Poindexter)		
22	Limit the number of each salmon species harvested in cost recovery fisheries (Mike Frank)		



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23			Suspend, revoke, or alter the Tutka Bay hatchery permit to reduce capacity (Jeffrey Lee)
24			Eliminate the Tutka Bay Lagoon Special Harvest Area (Jeffrey Lee)
25			Close waters of Tutka Bay southeast of 59 degrees 26.50' N. lat (Nancy Hillstrand)
26			Close waters near the head of Tutka Bay to commercial salmon fishing (Mike Frank)
27			Eliminate the Halibut Cove Lagoon Special Harvest Area (Nancy Hillstrand)
28			Redefine the China Poot and Hazel Lake Special Harvest Area as two separate and discrete Special Harvest Areas (ADF&G)
29			Move the outer boundary line of the Rocky Bay subdistrict further from shore (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)
30			Allow the Kamishak Bay District commercial salmon fishery to be opened prior to June 1 by emergency order (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)
31			Allow commercial fishing along the beach outside of Ursus Cove Lagoon (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)
32			Repeal closed waters in China Poot Bay (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)
33			Close the area within a one-mile radius of the end of the Homer Spit to commercial salmon fishing (Cook Inlet Recreational Fishermen/Todd Jacobson)
34			Reduce the maximum length of seine gear in the Cook Inlet Area to 150 fathoms (Kristi McLean)



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35	Increase the maximum purse seine gear depth in the Cook Inlet Area from 325 to 335 meshes deep (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
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)		
37	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
38	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Upper and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
39	Exempt vessels using jig gear from exclusive and superexclusive groundfish registration restrictions (Gregory Gabriel)		
40	Add specific registration requirements for Cook Inlet Area groundfish fisheries (ADF&G)		
41	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the state-managed sablefish fishery in the Cook Inlet Area (ADF&G)		
	9	0	Language to be modified by ADF&G to reflect gear deployment in state waters, not travel through.
42	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Cook Inlet Area (ADF&G)		
	9	0	Language to be modified by ADF&G to reflect gear deployment in state waters, not travel through.
43	Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet Area directed lingcod fishery (ADF&G)		
	9	0	ADF&G recognized that methods other than telephone communication may be appropriate on a case by case basis.
44	Amend the Kamishak Bay District Herring Management Plan by removing restrictions to the Shelikof Strait food and bait herring fishery (Sam Mutch)		

Adjournment:



Minutes Recorded By: Michael Craig

Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon

Date: 11/20/19



**Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Oct. 29, 2019**

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair]

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap	x		
Andrew	Carmichael		x	
Mike	Crawford - Chair	x		
Dick	Dykema			x
Chris	Hanna			x
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		
Mindy	Payne	x		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:7

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

IV. Guests Present:

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

a. Chair’s report

b. ADF&G



c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

Chris Hanna is going to resign as he is now a sport fishing guide.

Mindy Payne – Her husband Chris has drift gillnet permit. Has been leasing it for the past 5 seasons. Last season he leased it for \$2500. This does not provide a significant income from the lease of the permit.

Todd Smith – is now a registered guide, license was free. He is not currently actively pursuing any guiding activities and makes no money from his guide license.

Motion to table issue till next meeting, 11 support tabling till next meeting.

Vice Chair Paul went to board of fish work session, reported that the venue for the Board of Fish meetings will be in Anchorage. Chair Reed Morisky was re-elected as chair. Lower Cook Inlet fin fish meeting is December 10th. Written comments are due by November 25th.

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

Board of Fish Meetings

Upper Cook Inlet – Paul & Mike

Lower Cook Inlet – Mike & Paul

Kodiak – Paul

Board of Game

Western Region – Mike

Arctic Region – Mike

XII. Set next meeting date

Next Meeting will be November 5th at Cook Inlet Aquaculture.

By-Laws review will take place on November 18th

Election Meeting will be held on November 19th to fill current vacant seats. Board of Game Proposals

Both will be at Cook Inlet Aquaculture

XIII. Other



XIV. Adjourn
Meeting is adjourned @ 10:00pm



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1	Redefine the area the management plan encompasses to include all waters north of Bluff Point (ADF&G)		
			Motion to table proposal, support to table 9 for
2	Align gear restrictions for lower Kenai Peninsula roadside streams in waters closed to salmon fishing (ADF&G)		
	9	0	This will simplify the rules for anglers and make fishing much easier. Two seats are not voting due to conflict of interest with current AC Bylaws.
3	Reduce the bag limit for the Seward Lagoon youth sport fishery to one fish (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
4	Define the boundaries for the Seward Lagoon youth sport fishery (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
5	Extend the dates of the Seward Lagoon youth king and coho salmon fisheries (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
6	Close the Homer Marine Terminal barge basin to sport fishing (Homer Spit Properties LLC)		
Supported as amended	8	1	<p>We are in support of closing this to sport fishing for the sake of safety. But the language to close salt water outside of the basin bring up concern.</p> <p>Amendment: Close the barge basin but not the marine water outside of the barge basin. 8 support amendment, 1 opposed.</p> <p>Opposed vote has concerns as to actual ownership of land and sub-marine water.</p>
7	Redefine the area prohibited to snagging in Cook Inlet salt waters (ADF&G)		



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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
Supported.	7	2	Arbitrary line, why bluff point and why not allow snagging north of the line. Also clarification for fin fish versus ground fish need to be addressed. The proposal passed as it does bring demarcation line snagging to bluff point like other upper cook inlet regulations.
8	Reduce the sport fish bag limit to one king salmon south of Bluff Point (Andy Housh)		
opposed	2	6	Fishery is not currently a conservation issue and the department has the ability to manage this through Emergency Order as is. Restriction have been consistent on upper cook inlet and there have been king salmon restrictions year after year. The perception of a 2-king salmon limit below bluff point shows a lack of concern for king salmon stock as it is a mixed stock fishery. 1 abstention – no vote as he was conflicted on the topic
9	Establish a seasonal limit of five king salmon in Cook Inlet from October 1—April 30 (Andy Housh)		
10	Redefine the boundary for the lower and upper Anchor River stream sections (ADF&G)		
Support	9	0	Support for markers as they are valid and easily identifiable.
11	Allow two unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies and limit hook size in the Anchor River and Deep Creek (Phil Brna & Mike Brown)		
Opposed	0	9	Allowing this would set precedence for other lower peninsula streams. The hook size restriction does not actually prohibit snagging. Fishery is stable and fish are already being caught with a single hook.
12	Reduce the sport fishery bag limit for lingcod west of Gore Point to one fish (Andy Housh)		
Supported	8	1	Opposed: Would like to see population estimate and have better data to support a decrease in bag limit. The proposal is supported as there has been a decrease in sport fishing stock. This also brings regulation in conjunction with the rest of the gulf coast east of gore point.



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13	Establish a seasonal limit of two lingcod in the North Gulf coast area (Andy Housh)		
Supported	0	8	There should be more data to support a seasonal bag limit. One abstention due the lack of data.
14	Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler (Mel Erickson)		
Opposed	0	9	Current rule in place works well, this would induce more party fishing and allow for less participation in any guided fishing activity.
15	Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides (Mel Erickson)		
Opposed	2	7	There is a long standing relationship between
16	Require a permit to participate in the China Poot Bay personal use dip net fishery (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
Support	9	0	The need for a permit is to gather data on the fishery. This is needed to see how much the PU fishery is being used and to have some accountability.
17	Require that the permit holder be on site during the operation of personal use set gillnet gear (ADF&G)		
Support	8	0	This only supports that the permit holder be present in a fishery they want to participate in.
18	Extend the subsistence salmon fishery in Seldovia Bay through June 30 (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
No Action			
19	Extend the boundary in Seldovia Bay where salmon are customarily and traditionally taken or used for subsistence (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
No Action			
20	Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes within 300 feet of each other in the Cook Inlet Area (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
No Action			
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24			Eliminate the Tutka Bay Lagoon Special Harvest Area (Jeffrey Lee)
25			Close waters of Tutka Bay southeast of 59 degrees 26.50' N. lat (Nancy Hillstrand)
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37			Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)
38			Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Upper and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)
39			Exempt vessels using jig gear from exclusive and superexclusive groundfish registration restrictions (Gregory Gabriel)
40			Add specific registration requirements for Cook Inlet Area groundfish fisheries (ADF&G)
41			Clarify possession and landing requirements for the state-managed sablefish fishery in the Cook Inlet Area (ADF&G)
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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)

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____



Date: _____



**Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Nov. 5, 2019**

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair]

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap	@7:00X		
Andrew	Carmichael	X		
Mike	Crawford - Chair		X	
Dick	Dykema		X	
Chris	Hanna		X	
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		
Mindy	Payne	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Yes. Todd and Mindy abstaining.

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Ethan Ford ADFG Homer

IV. Guests Present: Dean Day, ED for CIAA. Ryan Wagner, CIAA Hatchery Operations Manager. Also Gary Fandri

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

VII. Reports

a. Chair’s report

b. ADF&G



c. Others

Paul talked about his role on CIRCAC board and their reaction to the State's push to review disaster plans in Cook Inlet. Appears to be industry driven. Does not appear to be local industry driven in his opinion. Does not appear to be science based.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn



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	5	2	ADFG is actively researching this issue. Seems like a conversation about it is in order. 2 abstentions
22	Limit the number of each salmon species harvested in cost recovery fisheries (Mike Frank)		
	0	8	2 abstentions We encourage the department to continue taking odolith/dna from returning pinks. Folks are worried about what



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			the top end of production is, and how that affects other ecosystems.
23	Suspend, revoke, or alter the Tutka Bay hatchery permit to reduce capacity (Jeffrey Lee)		
	0	8	2 Abstentions. Don't think this is within the board's purview.
24	Eliminate the Tutka Bay Lagoon Special Harvest Area (Jeffrey Lee)		
	0	8	2 abstentions.
25	Close waters of Tutka Bay southeast of 59 degrees 26.50' N. lat (Nancy Hillstrand)		
	3	5	2 Abstentions.
26	Close waters near the head of Tutka Bay to commercial salmon fishing (Mike Frank)		
	1	7	2 Abstentions. Supporting vote is comment - residents obviously have issues with what is going on down there.
27	Eliminate the Halibut Cove Lagoon Special Harvest Area (Nancy Hillstrand)		
	1	6	3 Abstentions
28	Redefine the China Poot and Hazel Lake Special Harvest Area as two separate and discrete Special Harvest Areas (ADF&G)		
	8	0	2 Abstentions.
29	Move the outer boundary line of the Rocky Bay subdistrict further from shore (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
			No Action
30	Allow the Kamishak Bay District commercial salmon fishery to be opened prior to June 1 by emergency order (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
			No Action
31	Allow commercial fishing along the beach outside of Ursus Cove Lagoon (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
			No Action
32	Repeal closed waters in China Poot Bay (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
	0	8	2 Abstentions
33	Close the area within a one-mile radius of the end of the Homer Spit to commercial salmon fishing (Cook Inlet Recreational Fishermen/Todd Jacobson)		
	8	0	2 Abstentions. Probably no conservation issue, but it's a valid safety and user group issue. 1 mi is a kind of big buffer but some buffer from the spit is probably appropriate.



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			No Action
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)		
	7	1	2 abstentions. Worried that Kings have a low likelihood of surviving this encounter, and that the fish dumped over are not accounted for or studied.
37	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
	7	1	We would like to see more King salmon interception data coming out of Kodiak. Last meeting the data came out late with significant gaps. Step it up boys.
38	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Upper and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
			No Action
39	Exempt vessels using jig gear from exclusive and superexclusive groundfish registration restrictions (Gregory Gabriel)		
			39-44 Would like to get ADFG input on 39-44 before taking any action
40	Add specific registration requirements for Cook Inlet Area groundfish fisheries (ADF&G)		
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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)		

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____Todd Smith_____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____11/5/19_____



**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:



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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
October 21, 2019
ADF&G Kodiak Office**

I. Call to Order: 5:03p by Paul Chervenak, Chairman

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Members Present: 12

Paul Chervenak, Chair	Oliver Holm
Julie Kavanaugh, Vice Chair	Roland Ruoss
Jason Bunch, Secretary	Theresa Peterson
Conrad Peterson	Melissa Berns
Ron Kavanaugh	Nathan Rose
Kevin (Kip) Thomet	Kevin Adkins

Members Absent: 5

Tyler Scmeil	Randall Swain
Andrew Finke	Patrick O'Donnell
Danny Clarion	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

Big Game/Guide	Small Boat Herring/Salmon/Crab
Southend Set Net	Westside GillNet
Transporter/Sport Fish	Old Harbor
Port Lions	Concerned Citizen

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

Tyler Polum, Biologist	James Jackson, Biologist
Geoff Spalinger, Biologist	Nick Sagalkin, Regional Director

IV. **Guests Present:** Linda Kozak

V. **Approval of Agenda**

Move to Approve:

12-0 Approved



VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**
Approved by the chair, to meet deadline for on time comments

VII. **Reports**

- a) Chair's report: Next meeting will be the annual election meeting and will discuss Kodiak Finfish issues
- b) ADF&G: NA
- c) Others: NA

VIII. **Public Comment:**

NA

IX. **Old Business**

X. **New Business:** Lower Cook Inlet proposals

XI. **Select representative(s) for board meeting**

Moved to select Julie Kavanaugh to attend the LCI meeting (Kip Thomet)

Second (Oliver Holm)

Vote : 11-0 approved

XII. **Set next meeting date**

Next meeting Nov 18; 5pm at the ADFG BLDG to continue on Tuesday the 19th as needed.

Agenda to include: Annual elections, proposals tabled at this meeting, and the Kodiak proposals scheduled for the January Board of Fish meeting; and other items as needed.

XIII. **Other:** request for advertising budget for next meeting.

XIV. **Adjourn**

Move to Adjourn Oliver Holm

Second Kip Thomet



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14	Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler (Mel Erickson)		
Adopt	0	12	<p>*Seeks to allow an individual to set the hook for youth, disabled, or others that are unable to do so without assistance.</p> <p>*No one from enforcement to comment on the ability to enforce this proposal if adopted</p> <p>*Not currently legal to hand off a rod- could help those that can't remove rod from a holder/ youth that are very young.</p> <p>*Could encourage "party fishing". An illegal practice where anglers with a full limit continue to fish and hand off their rods. This also could impact the halibut "one fish" limit. Anglers never have to put their rod away and can fish catch & release or for other species. Thus making this vaguely written proposal difficult to regulate.</p> <p>The scope is too broad and too vague.</p>
15	Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides (Mel Erickson)		
Tabled	12	0	<p>Tabled to the Nov 18/19 2019 Kodiak AC meeting.</p> <p>Appears to prohibit booking companies from reselling guided sportfishing trips to licensed guides. Some larger businesses, lodges and guiding services have the capacity and need this service.</p>
16	Require a permit to participate in the China Poot Bay personal use dip net fishery (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		



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21			Allow commercial harvest of aquatic plants in the Cook Inlet Area (Al Poindexter)
22			Limit the number of each salmon species harvested in cost recovery fisheries (Mike Frank)
Adopt	0	12	<p>Problematic to have the Board of Fish adopt numbers of each salmon species harvested by a cost recovery. This is decided annually by each Hatchery Association. The numbers are determined by forecast, actual cost and budgets; as well as other local considerations.</p> <p>Kodiak has had the flexibility to for go cost recovery during a year when wild stocks were fore cast low to improve common property catches and mitigate economic hardships due to poor returns. Then recoup those foregone recovery funds when wild stocks are strong.</p> <p>Necessitates the Board of fish to review each Hatchery's numbers if eventually adopted statewide.</p>



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			The proposer references Tutka Bay Hatchery and problem seems to be regional with out consideration for other locality's issues.
23	Suspend, revoke, or alter the Tutka Bay hatchery permit to reduce capacity (Jeffrey Lee)		
Adopt	0	11	<p>The local regional hatchery associations are the correct venue to set capacity. The use of best science is well documented. Public meetings are held in the localities.</p> <p>This is an attempt to change the way hatcheries are managed. It politicizes a method that shouldn't be.</p> <p>Used as a road map to undermine Hatcheries statewide.</p>
24	Eliminate the Tutka Bay Lagoon Special Harvest Area (Jeffrey Lee)		
Adopt	0	11	<p>Eliminate Tutka Bay Lagoon.</p> <p>Regional Aqua Associations are better suited to move or change special harvest areas. Board of Fish is not a good venue for this.</p> <p>ADFG would seem to have been a more likely proposer if this action was warranted.</p> <p>Regional planning team gives ample time for public input and concern.</p> <p>Other areas IE southeast had people trying to change harvest areas when they built homes in areas where recovery efforts bothered new residents of the area.</p>
25	Close waters of Tutka Bay southeast of 59 degrees 26.50' N. lat (Nancy Hillstrand)		
No Action	10	1	<p>Staff was not aware of habitat concerns for crustaceans or larval fishes.</p> <p>If necessary, ADFG Staff would've been the proposer.</p> <p>Undue attack on Hatchery.</p> <p>Best addressed by ADFG Staff and local informed groups.</p> <p>This proposal seems to be correct in a process light.</p>



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			Minority- much concern on the validity of the proposal and potential intentional harm to Hatcheries overall.
26	Close waters near the head of Tutka Bay to commercial salmon fishing (Mike Frank)		
No Action	11	0	
27	Eliminate the Halibut Cove Lagoon Special Harvest Area (Nancy Hillstrand)		
Adopt	0	11	<p>Eliminate Tutka Special Harvest Area You eliminate the special harvest area, you've defunded the Hatchery and essentially eliminated the operation. Long standing, State permitted</p> <p>Boar of Fish has modified special harvest areas for other reasons.</p> <p>All marine species are valuable. Pink salmon make up significant income for salmon fishers in subsistence, sport and commercial uses.</p>
28	Redefine the China Poot and Hazel Lake Special Harvest Area as two separate and discrete Special Harvest Areas (ADF&G)		
29	Move the outer boundary line of the Rocky Bay subdistrict further from shore (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
30	Allow the Kamishak Bay District commercial salmon fishery to be opened prior to June 1 by emergency order (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
31	Allow commercial fishing along the beach outside of Ursus Cove Lagoon (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
32	Repeal closed waters in China Poot Bay (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
33	Close the area within a one-mile radius of the end of the Homer Spit to commercial salmon fishing (Cook Inlet Recreational Fishermen/Todd Jacobson)		



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34	Reduce the maximum length of seine gear in the Cook Inlet Area to 150 fathoms (Kristi McLean)		
35	Increase the maximum purse seine gear depth in the Cook Inlet Area from 325 to 335 meshes deep (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
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)		
Adopt	0	11	<p>No conservation concern or reason. As stated in proposal this is a purely allocative action. Kodiak's regulation has precipitously reduced the number of King Salmon catch delivered, but no real data on the success of the practice.</p> <p>Approximately 35% mortality in Terminal Fish 50% in traveling fish And 70% in feeder fish- fish specifically mentioned in the proposal</p> <p>King Salmon should remain a common use property. Other areas use restrictions for conservation not for allocation.</p>
37	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
38	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Upper and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
39	Exempt vessels using jig gear from exclusive and superexclusive groundfish registration restrictions (Gregory Gabriel)		
Tabled	11	0	Tabled to Nov 18/19 2019 Kodiak AC to get more stakeholder input.
40	Add specific registration requirements for Cook Inlet Area groundfish fisheries (ADF&G)		



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41	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the state-managed sablefish fishery in the Cook Inlet Area (ADF&G)		
42	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Cook Inlet Area (ADF&G)		
Tabled	11	0	Moved to the Nov 18/19 meeting
43	Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet Area directed lingcod fishery (ADF&G)		
44	Amend the Kamishak Bay District Herring Management Plan by removing restrictions to the Shelikof Strait food and bait herring fishery (Sam Mutch)		
Tabled	11	0	Moved to the Nov 18/19 2019 meeting

ACR 6 "Close waters in the western Aleutian Islands to non-pelagic trawl vessels.

Adopt 11 0

Due to the changing behavior of large trawl vessels in the AI, this proposal seeks to prohibit large trawl vessels from fishing inside state waters specific to area identified in ACR.

With cod stocks moving and adapting to warmer ocean conditions, harvesters are "hunting fish". They are fishing in areas other wise not utilized often. They are turning off their AIS and communications with them not possible. Gear conflicts have increased, interference with survey vessel gear... The proposal targets large trawl vessels due to the rock jumper gear that is detrimental to critical habitat. Smaller trawl vessels don't use this gear and fish primarily cod.

The ACR seems to meet the criteria for an unforeseen problem and conservation.

The vacation of A113, lead to increased trawl activity.

A proposal was not submitted by the deadline, because the behavior did not occur until after the deadline. (unforeseen problem)



The change in fishing activity, using rock hopper gear in this area that is critical habitat for for golden king crab.

Present letter in support of ACR at Board of Fish Work session.

ACR 7 “Make the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict exclusive for cod”

Adopt 11 0

After amendment 113 was vacated, removing the 5,000 mt set-aside, the Aleutian Islands communities were left uncertain about their dependence on cod coming to local communities.

AI is one of 2 areas out of Alaska that do not have an exclusive or super exclusive designation. Now that a larger cod fleet has developed in Area O and a race for fish has increased due to NPFMC discussion on BS rationalization for federal fisheries- The AI subdistrict is vulnerable to additional boats harvesting cod and delivering to floating processors and tenders.

This activity is most likely to establish history for participation and quota. It does not seem to be based on an economic benefit.

When Area O quota was increased, there was no idea that A113 would be vacated, what the impacts to AI would be.

Table 7.1 in staff comments show that an additional 6 boats crossed over to AI in 2019. Whereas before an average of 1 vessel would fish both areas.

Local trip limit of 150,000 lbs prevents AI harvesters from increasing their pace thus mitigating the issue. Trip limit increases quality and price.

Move to approve of a letter in support of ACR 6&7 after review by Paul Chervenak- as written by Julie Kavanaugh: Theresa Peterson

Second Oliver Holm

Vote: 11-0

Adjournment: 7:48p

Minutes Recorded By: Julie Kavanaugh

Minutes Approved By: Paul Chervenak, Chair

Date: 11-25-2019



**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee
November 19, 2019
Screaming Eagle Archery, Wasilla**

- I. Call to Order: 7:10pm by Mel Grove
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Mel Grove, Andy Couch, Birch Yuknis, Neal DeWitt, Casey Dinkel, Aaron Bloomquist, Danny Lewis, Austin Manelick, Dan Montgomery arrived at 7:10

Members Absent: Chris Alderman, Don Dygert, Chad Lipse, Herb Mansavage, Dom Nickles, Chad Schierman, Nick Reeves
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 9
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: None
- IV. Guests Present: Scottie Jaynes 907-414-6799 (would like to be called — concerning meeting times?)
- V. Approval of Agenda. Motion to approve agenda made by Neal DeWitt. 2nd by Birch Yuknis
- VI. Meeting Minutes. Andy Couch moved that Mel Grove approve Advisory Committee minutes from this meeting for submission (because there was insufficient time before the lower cook Inlet meeting. 2nd by Neil DeWitt. approved with no objections.
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Add proposal #15 as proposals to be reviewed for lower cook inlet.
 - b. It was also requested that the committee set up a game subcommittee and a fisheries subcommittee. Suggested to have Charity send out meeting notices to AC members as we schedule the meetings. Motion approved without objection.
 - c. Lower Cook Inlet Fisheries Proposals
- IX. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Herb may have to find an Advisory Committee representative for Lower Cook Inlet.
- X. Other
 - a. Neil having knee replacement on December 9 may not be attending for a while afterwards



- b. Mel appointed Andy Couch to be temporary subcommittee of a fisheries group working on Upper Cook Inlet proposals — Danny Lewis, Aaron Bloomquist and Neal DeWitt, Birch Yuknis with Dan Montgomery offering to participate if we were short of AC members on a particular date. Andy will check with Wasilla Library concerning a possible meeting time and place.
 - c. Possible participants in a game subcommittee are Mel, Neal, Danny, Aaron, Birch, Casey, more could be added.
- XI. Set next meeting date: December 4 at Screaming Eagle Archery in Wasilla starting at 7pm.
- XII. Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm



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1	Redefine the area the management plan encompasses to include all waters north of Bluff Point (ADF&G)		
2	Align gear restrictions for lower Kenai Peninsula roadside streams in waters closed to salmon fishing (ADF&G)		
3	Reduce the bag limit for the Seward Lagoon youth sport fishery to one fish (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
4	Define the boundaries for the Seward Lagoon youth sport fishery (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
5	Extend the dates of the Seward Lagoon youth king and coho salmon fisheries (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
6	Close the Homer Marine Terminal barge basin to sport fishing (Homer Spit Properties LLC)		
Oppose	0	9	Birch did not want to see an area closed to sport fishing — boaters can go into area and fish. Area is close to where smolts are released and where adults are to return. There is public access below the high-water mark and through use of boats
7	Redefine the area prohibited to snagging in Cook Inlet salt waters (ADF&G)		
8	Reduce the sport fish bag limit to one king salmon south of Bluff Point (Andy Housh)		
Oppose	1	8	Would reduce the Lower Cook Inlet sport king salmon limit to one fish daily. Lots of these king salmon are from other areas, however king salmon from other areas have been experiencing declines similar to those in Upper Cook Inlet. A higher percentage of Northern Cook Inlet king salmon are caught in the summer fishery north of Bluff Point. In 2018 more king



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			salmon were harvested during the winter than during the summer.
9	Establish a seasonal limit of five king salmon in Cook Inlet from October 1—April 30 (Andy Housh)		
Support	9	0	Would create a 5 fish season king salmon limit from October 1 — April 30 in lower Cook Inlet. This would keep the fishery closer to the guideline harvest — while still allowing each participant to harvest 5 king salmon during the winter. There would also still be more harvest added on during the summer. Comment from a public individual — things have already been restricted around the side of the inlet above Bluff Point.
10	Redefine the boundary for the lower and upper Anchor River stream sections (ADF&G)		
11	Allow two unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies and limit hook size in the Anchor River and Deep Creek (Phil Brna & Mike Brown)		
Oppose	0	9	No need to change. Steelhead in these fisheries are already being caught and released multiple times.
12	Reduce the sport fishery bag limit for lingcod west of Gore Point to one fish (Andy Housh)		
Oppose	2	7	ADF&G says Ling Cod stocks seem to presently be stable with the two fish ling cod limit. This area is a long drive and difficult to access. Commercial harvests have risen over time — so if harvest reductions are necessary they should apply to both user groups. Birch likes the option to harvest two ling cod when he makes the trip all the way to this area with his own boat. Mel mentioned that with restrictions on halibut more charter operators have gone to ling cod in the Valdez area and ling cod stocks over there have gone down. Mel likes to idea of one ling cod and one good-sized halibut per trip.
13	Establish a seasonal limit of two lingcod in the North Gulf coast area (Andy Housh)		



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Oppose	0	9	Annual limit of ling cod of 2 per year. Would put a large restriction on the people who utilize the fishery more --- locals, Alaskans
14	Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler (Mel Erickson)		
Support	6	3	In this situation some people have difficulty catching fish and this would help them. This could help young kids or people be successful, but it also would create the situation where some people would not experience the opportunity of hooking their own fish.
15	Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	9	Would only allow registered guides or guide businesses to book fishing charters. Would create unnecessary paperwork — as everyone who wanted to book trips would only need to fill out the guide business paperwork.
16	Require a permit to participate in the China Poot Bay personal use dip net fishery (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
Oppose	0	9	This is a small use and small harvest fishery --- and requiring people to permit for this fishery and be excluded from other fisheries might would take local people out of the fishery. Currently no problems and no need for a permit and extra paperwork.
17	Require that the permit holder be on site during the operation of personal use set gillnet gear (ADF&G)		
Support	9	0	Like this proposal. seals may eat fish in unattended nets
18	Extend the subsistence salmon fishery in Seldovia Bay through June 30 (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
19	Extend the boundary in Seldovia Bay where salmon are customarily and traditionally taken or used for subsistence (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
20	Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes within 300 feet of each other in the Cook Inlet Area (Seldovia Village Tribe)		



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21	Allow commercial harvest of aquatic plants in the Cook Inlet Area (Al Poindexter)		
Support	9	0	Support some harvest with stipulations that would maintain plant populations.
22	Limit the number of each salmon species harvested in cost recovery fisheries (Mike Frank)		
Oppose	1	8	Cost recovery limits to salmon harvested. One member mentioned he liked the concept and did not believe in hatcheries pumping out so many pink salmon.
23	Suspend, revoke, or alter the Tutka Bay hatchery permit to reduce capacity (Jeffrey Lee)		
24	Eliminate the Tutka Bay Lagoon Special Harvest Area (Jeffrey Lee)		
25	Close waters of Tutka Bay southeast of 59 degrees 26.50' N. lat (Nancy Hillstrand)		
Support	9	0	500 yards around a stream mouth is not a sufficient sanctuary area when a special harvest fishery is harvesting an extremely high percentage of the returning salmon. WE need more protection of wild salmon stocks. This area is also a young crab area and should be protected for them as well.
26	Close waters near the head of Tutka Bay to commercial salmon fishing (Mike Frank)		
No Action			AC prefers proposal 25.
27	Eliminate the Halibut Cove Lagoon Special Harvest Area (Nancy Hillstrand)		
28	Redefine the China Poot and Hazel Lake Special Harvest Area as two separate and discrete Special Harvest Areas (ADF&G)		
29	Move the outer boundary line of the Rocky Bay subdistrict further from shore (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
Oppose	0	9	This would increase harvests on other salmon stocks.
30	Allow the Kamishak Bay District commercial salmon fishery to be opened prior to June 1 by emergency order (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		



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Oppose	0	9	Would affect bear population by reducing sockeye salmon returns. There is already a commercial fishery that starts on June 1. This opening date was originally created for a reason
31	Allow commercial fishing along the beach outside of Ursus Cove Lagoon (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
Oppose	0	9	Want to support Department's concern for conservation.
32	Repeal closed waters in China Poot Bay (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
Oppose	0	9	Would change allocation by taken from those who harvest less and giving to those who already harvest most. Department has conservation concerns as well.
33	Close the area within a one-mile radius of the end of the Homer Spit to commercial salmon fishing (Cook Inlet Recreational Fishermen/Todd Jacobson)		
Support	9	0	Sport hatchery releases in this area should not be targeted by the commercial fishery. Provide for more harvest opportunity for more people, while still maintaining a large commercial harvest area on other side of the Bay.
34	Reduce the maximum length of seine gear in the Cook Inlet Area to 150 fathoms (Kristi McLean)		
Support	5	3-1	Aaron believes the lower cook inlet seiners are not targeting Upper Cook Inlet stocks and that the boats would likely only fish longer to catch the same amount of fish. Other committee members know seines can harvest huge amounts of fish. Abstain: unfamiliar with seining.
35	Increase the maximum purse seine gear depth in the Cook Inlet Area from 325 to 335 meshes deep (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
Oppose	0	9	Increasing seine depth would likely increase harvests. The current regulation has worked since 1989. Birch had concerns with deeper nets harvesting more king salmon.
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)		
Support	9	0	King salmon are in short supply and a similar regulation is already in the Kodiak Area. We currently have king salmon shortages throughout Alaska.



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37	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
Support	9	0	We want to support this concept. King salmon are in short supply throughout Alaska and all users should share in the conservation burden.
38	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Upper and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
Support	9	0	We want to support king salmon conservation. There is an additional proposal for Upper Cook Inlet fisheries that could be used as a basis if approved by the board.
39	Exempt vessels using jig gear from exclusive and superexclusive groundfish registration restrictions (Gregory Gabriel)		
40	Add specific registration requirements for Cook Inlet Area groundfish fisheries (ADF&G)		
41	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the state-managed sablefish fishery in the Cook Inlet Area (ADF&G)		
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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)		

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Andy Couch

Minutes Approved By: _____



Date: _____



**Seldovia Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of November 15th, 2019
Seldovia Multi-Purpose Room**

- I. Call to Order: 1800 by Michael Opheim, Chairperson
- II. Members Present: Michael Opheim, Keith Swick, Alvin Swick, Walt Sonen, Jordan Cameron, Stephen Payton, Brian Chartier
Members Absent: Keith Gain

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

List of User Groups Present: none
- III. Approval of Agenda: Michael Opheim
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Michael Opheim
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Glenn Hollowell
- VI. Guests Present: Jevon Chartier, Jake Corwin, Sandy Murray, Jerry Murray
- VII. Old Business: none
- VIII. New Business: Discussion of Proposals

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Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG, BOF or JB	Proposa I Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	18	Extend the subsistence salmon fishery in Seldovia Bay through June 30	
Oppose	0	5	With some concern over subsistence salmon being introduced into commercial fish tickets the Committee chose to oppose this proposal. The Chair had to recuse himself from these votes as he was part of the team who wrote the proposal.
BOF	19	Extend the boundary in Seldovia Bay where salmon are customarily and traditionally taken or used for subsistence	



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BOG, BOF or JB	Proposa I Number	Proposal Description	
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Oppose	0	5	Due to some foul up in language in the proposal in the book and what the proposers intended the Committee couldn't support this proposal. The Chair had to recuse himself from these votes as he was part of the team who wrote the proposal.
BOF	20	Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes with 300 feet of in the Cook Inlet area	
Oppose	0	5	Committee thought that maybe there should be more people involved in the fishery before a proposal of reducing the distance be proposed. Committee was also curious about distances of nets in other areas. Glenn Hollowell gave examples of areas where the net distances were 300 feet or less. This would not be a unique situation for Seldovia alone. The Chair had to recuse himself from these votes as he was part of the team who wrote the proposal.
BOF	140	Allow a dual permit vessel to have 200 fathoms of gear onboard while in Chinitna Bay subdistrict, but fish with no more than 150 fathoms of gear in the subdistrict at any time	
Oppose	0	6	Committee thought that there would be too much temptation to have that extra shackle of gear on board and use it. Committee thought that fishermen could leave that extra shackle on the dock or on a tender that might be in the area.
BOF	141	Allow a vessel to carry more than a legal complement of gillnet gear in the Cook Inlet area	
Oppose	0	6	Committee felt that allowing vessels to carry more than their legal complement would be too tempting to fish that extra gear. Committee thought that extra gear should be left on the dock or on a tender.
BOF	150	Require retention of sockeye salmon caught in the Kenai River	
Support	6	0	Committee feels there is a high mortality rate with catch and release and that people should keep what they catch and go home with that catch and not stay fishing all day doing catch and release.



Next meeting December 14.

Adjournment: 1930

Minutes Recorded By: Stephen Payton
Minutes Approved By: _____
Date: _____



**Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee
October 10, 2019
Seward Fire Department**

- I. Call to Order: by Jim McCracken at 7:00 PM

- II. Roll Call
Members Present: James McCracken, presiding
Dianne Dubuc Andrew Bacon
Kenn Carpenter W C Casey
Mark Clemens Arne Hatch
Nathan Smith Bob White
Comprising a quorum of the Committee, and
Members Absent (Excused): Trent Foldager, Jim Hubbard
Members Absent (Unexcused): None
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
List of User Groups Present: 1-7, 9-12

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Jeff Selinger Jay Baumer
Cyndi Wardlow Jason Herreman

- IV. Guests Present:
Trooper Seth Kollman, AWT
Kristin Bates, CIAA

- V. Approval of Agenda

- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
Approval of April 4, 2019 meeting minutes is postponed until next meeting

- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report- none
 - b. ADF&G – **Jay Baumer** gave an overview of the 2019 Coho Salmon run in Seward, including his department's annual in-stream count and 2020 projected stocking program numbers. Baumer identified the streams surveyed, and reported 1,159 adult Cohos in stream. Baumer reported that Bear Creek/Salmon Creek had higher numbers of Coho and attributed that to the decision to allocate 75% of the 2018 hatchery reared smolt to that system. Baumer reported that the ADF&G now includes season summaries with all of this information. In response to **Dubuc**, baumer stated that the Department has no plans for genetic research on Cohos, beyond that which was done in the last decade.



Kristin Bates, manager of Trail Lake Hatchery, reported on 2019 Salmon enhancement, providing a breakdown of release and return numbers for the season for both Sockeye and Coho. Hatchery staff was in the process of doing Coho egg takes, and reported that they will make their brood stock target this year- harvesting enough Coho eggs for both Trail Lake Hatchery and the William Jack Hernandez Hatchery. Bates stated that due to lower sockeye fry numbers at TLH, there would be no net pens in the water in spring of 2020. All available sockeye will be released in the Bear Creek system. **Dubuc** asked about the hatchery cost recovery breakdown for Resurrection Bay Sockeye. Bates summarized this years cost recovery fishery and stated that Resurrection Bay sockeye continue to be a major contributor to funding hatchery operations. In response to **Bacon**, Bates said the net pen would be back in the water the following year, presuming there are enough available sockeye. Bates introduced fellow hatchery staff in attendance.

Committee took up further discussion with **Baumer** regarding local fisheries information. In response to questions about low Coho releases and returns this year, Baumer stated that he was pleased with the run overall, given the low number of released Coho. Further, Baumer reiterated that the number of returning adult Coho this year to Bear Lake Wier was sufficient to meet goals. Baumer had been concerned that a biennial cycle of low hatchery releases and returns may occur given the low releases of 2018, and now no longer believes that will be the case. Baumer reported the youth King fishery was a success, while the Coho youth fishery was a bust, which was expected. Beach fishing for Cohos was also slow. Baumer and **White** discussed issues surrounding modifying the Coho stocking plan. **Smith** asked Baumer if there was a local creek system that could be enhanced rather than stocking as they do now: habitat enhancement vs. straight stocking discussion. Baumer discussed our limited surplus habitat and pointed out that Seward has varying substrates and dynamic channels/stream flows. Baumer stated that if we want to maintain the fishery we have, we're stuck with stocking.

Jeff Selinger, ADF&G Wildlife Biologist, introduced colleagues Jason Herreman Cindy Wardlow. Selinger stated that the Department was looking for a new Kenai Area Wildlife Biologist to fill his position when he retires.

Herreman reported on game harvest numbers for 2019. There were 12 moose harvested in Unit 7. Herreman stated that the liberalization of antler restriction from 4 to 3 brow tines likely accounted for the uptick in harvest. Unit 15 A & B were consistent with last year, and low, perhaps due to the reduced opportunity as a result of the Swan Lake fire. Unit 15C saw an uptick in harvest at 292 animals, an increase of 100 from last year. Herreman stated that we likely won't see the same harvest levels next year in 15C due to the 3 tine bulls becoming available and being harvested. Likely a few years before smaller animals will grow to harvestable size. **McCracken** asked about sub legal animals harvested. Herreman reported one sub legal bull harvested in Unit 7. General discussion followed over illegal harvest and theories of what accounted for variability in illegal harvest from this year to last year. **Salinger** stated that Kenai is unique in having antler restrictions and sealing requirements, and that this is a good source of data for wildlife managers. Herreman reported a decrease in harvest of brown bears this year in Unit 7: 9 in 2019 vs 20 in 2018.



Black bear harvest in unit 7 was down as well: harvest was lower in spring 2019, but fall harvest was consistent with 2018. In response to **Smith**, Herreman reported that no bears were killed as a result of DLP in unit 7, and only 2 DLPs on the Kenai Peninsula.

Seth Kollman, Alaska Wildlife Trooper, was asked by **McCracken** to outline enforcement activities this summer. Kollman reported that he arrived at the Seward post in June, and reported instances in which he cited anglers snagging in fresh water, using multiple lines in salt water, using nets in lagoon, and snagging in lagoon.

At the conclusion of Fish and Game reports, there was general discussion with Department staff regarding hunting licensing, usage of e-bikes in pursuit of game on non-motorized trails, and finalizing antlerless reauthorization. All topics were advised to discuss further and consider bringing forward proposals during appropriate Board cycles. E-bike restrictions on trails in the Chugach, whether year-round or just during hunting season, should be addressed with the USDA Forest Service.

VIII. Public Comment - None

IX. Old Business

Kids Fishing Day report:

Carpenter reported that Kids Fishing Day was a great success. Carpenter thanked Marc Clemens/Fish House for donations, reported lots of angler success, a good bite early on in the event with multiple hookups common. The event coinciding with Mermaid Festival is making it really popular. Many prizes were available and lots of kids took home prizes. The event needs additional rods for participants. The event takes place the 3rd Saturday in May every year, when fish and game drops off 500 catchable Rainbow Trout. Kids fishing day is a joint effort with the Seward AC, City of Seward and ADF&G. Roughly 150 kids attended this years event.

X. New Business

LCI proposals: **Baumer** reported that there will be no Department comments during the Advisory Committee's review of proposals. Baumer stated the Department comment deadline of November 25th, and that he cannot provide any comment on tonight's proposals because his draft comments have not been approved by all divisions. Seward AC Discussion on proposals provided below.

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting – no action taken

XII. Set next meeting date- **Committee set a meeting to take place on December 5, 2019**

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn 9:53 PM



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No Action			
2	Align gear restrictions for lower Kenai Peninsula roadside streams in waters closed to salmon fishing (ADF&G)		
No Action			
3	Reduce the bag limit for the Seward Lagoon youth sport fishery to one fish (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	9	0	(Dubuc/Casey) Dubuc discussed intent of regulation, stated that this is part one of a suite of three proposals that are intended to reduce the bag limit while increasing the amount of time and opportunity for youth to harvest Salmon in Seward Lagoon , etc... 1:35 minute mark
4	Define the boundaries for the Seward Lagoon youth sport fishery (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	9	0	(Dubuc/White) Dubuc discussed intent of regulation
5	Extend the dates of the Seward Lagoon youth king and coho salmon fisheries (Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	9	0	(Dubuc/White) Dubuc discussed intent of regulation, stated that the reason for bringing forward three individual proposals is to bring forward one regulatory change at a time, per recommended guidelines from the Board of Fish.
6	Close the Homer Marine Terminal barge basin to sport fishing (Homer Spit Properties LLC)		
No Action			
7	Redefine the area prohibited to snagging in Cook Inlet salt waters (ADF&G)		



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No Action			
8	Reduce the sport fish bag limit to one king salmon south of Bluff Point (Andy Housh)		
Oppose	0	9	(Dubuc/Clemens) Dubuc disagrees with the wording stating that King salmon stocks are depleted, citing lack of evidence to support the claim. Dubuc stated that our area already had one fish per day in the winter, and the proposal was too broad. Bacon stated that the regulations on King salmon in Resurrection Bay were written because Resurrection Bay is a terminal harvest area for Kings and we have hatchery enhancement, therefore did not agree with changing the regulation to reduce the bag limit in Resurrection Bay. McCracken stated that there was not a problem of overharvest of King salmon in our area, and that the current regulation: allowing 2 per day in summer, 1 per day in winter, and no annual limit worked well for our area.
9	Establish a seasonal limit of five king salmon in Cook Inlet from October 1—April 30 (Andy Housh)		
Oppose	0	9	(Dubuc/Clemens) <i>The Seward AC considered both proposals 8 and 9 in their discussion on King salmon regulations. A motion was made on each proposal and the AC voted on each proposal separately.</i>
10	Redefine the boundary for the lower and upper Anchor River stream sections (ADF&G)		
No Action			
11	Allow two unbaited, single-hook, artificial flies and limit hook size in the Anchor River and Deep Creek (Phil Brna & Mike Brown)		
No Action			
12	Reduce the sport fishery bag limit for lingcod west of Gore Point to one fish (Andy Housh)		
No Action			



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13	Establish a seasonal limit of two lingcod in the North Gulf coast area (Andy Housh)		
Oppose	0	9	(Dubuc/Clemens) Dubuc does not believe there is a biological imperative for adopting this regulation. Clemens stated that the Seward AC just supported the reduction in bag limit in PWS waters, and wanted to see the effect before further reducing catch limits. Smith stated that the commercial catch was down, and commercial boats had to fish further and further from port to find lingcod, and they were deeper.
14	Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	9	(Dubuc/Bacon) Dubuc stated that this proposal is a slippery slope to party fishing, and guided anglers are paying to hook the fish themselves. Dubuc supports the law as it is written now. McCracken asked how this would be enforced. Bacon stated that enforcement would be difficult either way. Bacon stated that people need help reeling fish, not hooking them. Smith suggests that adopting this proposal may improve the experience for youths, but this already happens in real life and we don't need a rule change.
15	Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	9	(Dubuc/Clemens) Dubuc stated that she gets referrals from lodging operators and is concerned this may impact people referring business her way. Smith interprets it to require the person taking the money as needing the license. Clemens concerned that his store brokering fishing trips might be impacted.
16	Require a permit to participate in the China Poot Bay personal use dip net fishery (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
No Action			



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17	Require that the permit holder be on site during the operation of personal use set gillnet gear (ADF&G)		
No Action			
18	Extend the subsistence salmon fishery in Seldovia Bay through June 30 (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
No Action			
19	Extend the boundary in Seldovia Bay where salmon are customarily and traditionally taken or used for subsistence (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
No Action			
20	Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes within 300 feet of each other in the Cook Inlet Area (Seldovia Village Tribe)		
No Action			
21	Allow commercial harvest of aquatic plants in the Cook Inlet Area (Al Poindexter)		
Support	9	0	(Casy/Dubuc) Casey thought the proposal was written clearly, and noted that it only involved kelp washed up on the beach. McCracken spoke about the possible uses of detached kelp, and compared it to the negative impact of harvesting attached kelp. Collecting detached kelp doesn't hurt anything.
22	Limit the number of each salmon species harvested in cost recovery fisheries (Mike Frank)		
No Action			
23	Suspend, revoke, or alter the Tutka Bay hatchery permit to reduce capacity (Jeffrey Lee)		
No Action			
24	Eliminate the Tutka Bay Lagoon Special Harvest Area (Jeffrey Lee)		
No Action			
25	Close waters of Tutka Bay southeast of 59 degrees 26.50' N. lat (Nancy Hillstrand)		
No Action			
26	Close waters near the head of Tutka Bay to commercial salmon fishing (Mike Frank)		
No Action			



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27	Eliminate the Halibut Cove Lagoon Special Harvest Area (Nancy Hillstrand)		
No Action			
28	Redefine the China Poot and Hazel Lake Special Harvest Area as two separate and discrete Special Harvest Areas (ADF&G)		
No Action			
29	Move the outer boundary line of the Rocky Bay subdistrict further from shore (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
No Action			
30	Allow the Kamishak Bay District commercial salmon fishery to be opened prior to June 1 by emergency order (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
No Action			
31	Allow commercial fishing along the beach outside of Ursus Cove Lagoon (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
No Action			
32	Repeal closed waters in China Poot Bay (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
No Action			
33	Close the area within a one-mile radius of the end of the Homer Spit to commercial salmon fishing (Cook Inlet Recreational Fishermen/Todd Jacobson)		
No Action			
34	Reduce the maximum length of seine gear in the Cook Inlet Area to 150 fathoms (Kristi McLean)		
Oppose	0	9	(Hatch/Clemens) Hatch stated this proposal involves trying to put cap of 150 fathom on net length, which is presently set at 250. Hatch used to fish there, and said that it's hard enough to catch fish in the outer district. Clemens stated he fished there as well, and it's a difficult area. Hatch acknowledged that the issue this was attempting to address is intercept of Sockeye, but did not think the intercept was impactful enough to justify the reduction in net length. Smith thought area closures may be a better alternative.
35	Increase the maximum purse seine gear depth in the Cook Inlet Area from 325 to 335 meshes deep (Cook Inlet Seiners Association)		
No Action			



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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)		
No Action			
37	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
No Action			
38	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Upper and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
No Action			
39	Exempt vessels using jig gear from exclusive and superexclusive groundfish registration restrictions (Gregory Gabriel)		
No Action			
40	Add specific registration requirements for Cook Inlet Area groundfish fisheries (ADF&G)		
No Action			
41	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the state-managed sablefish fishery in the Cook Inlet Area (ADF&G)		
No Action			
42	Clarify possession and landing requirements for the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Cook Inlet Area (ADF&G)		
No Action			
43	Add a 6-hour prior notice of landing requirement for the Cook Inlet Area directed lingcod fishery (ADF&G)		
No Action			
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			

Adjournment: 9:53 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Andrew Bacon

Minutes Approved By: _____



Date: _____



SITKA FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-1

A DECLARATION FOR CLIMATE CHANGE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN SITKA AREA

WHEREAS, the Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee (SFGAC) are 17 publicly elected representatives of Fish, Wildlife, Conservation, and Subsistence interests in the Sitka area; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility of the SFGAC is to recognize and comment on issues affecting the conservation, sustainability, and sharing of wildlife resources in the Sitka Area; and

WHEREAS, members of the SFGAC and the constituents they represent are noticing dramatic changes in the Sitka environment, including but not limited to, melting of local ice fields, much warmer ocean water temperatures, ocean acidification, disappearance of fish such as sand lance and capelin, sea star wasting disease, depleted sea bird populations, pink salmon collapse in much of northern SE Alaska, and greatly increased hungry brown bear activity in Sitka; severe weather events from droughts, floods, intensive storms, landslides, and generally more severe weather patterns which cause impacts to our local wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the SFGAC is aware of climate science reports, recent Alaska Federation of Natives declaration of "a state of emergency on climate change", and our responsibility to advise the Board of Fisheries (BOF) and Board of Game (BOG), Sitka, and others on our perspective; and

WHEREAS, the SFGAC has a long history of leadership in recognizing local problems and providing leadership in proposing solutions that often are adopted regionally and statewide; and

WHEREAS, the traditional, experiential, and scientific information and observations already presented to the SFGAC over the past year clearly tell the story of unprecedented ecological problems associated with climate change; and

WHEREAS, the SFGAC recognizes its responsibility to share its learning with the BOF and BOG, our community, and local, state, and national leaders and ask them to take action; and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Edgecumbe and Sitka High Environmental Clubs, who represent over 15 communities and at least 4 different tribal groups across the State of Alaska who are facing hardships directly correlated with Climate Change, such as changing ocean conditions and precipitation patterns that adversely impacts the fisheries and ecosystems for which they rely on for culture, subsistence and economy, our ability to generate hydroelectricity, the occurrence of algae blooms and paralytic shellfish poisoning, coastal erosion, the integrity of our infrastructure, and the health and safety of our people have asked the SFGAC to support their resolution declaring a climate change emergency (attached).



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SFGAC declares a "CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY" in the Sitka area and requests the Sitka Assembly, Sitka Tribe of Alaska, local, regional, state, and national groups, the BOF and BOG, the Alaska Legislature, Governor Dunleavy, and our congressional delegation to join us to recognize and to take effective action needed to address this emergency.

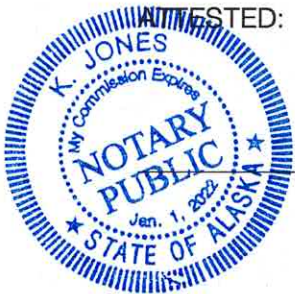
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PASSED and APPROVED by the Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee this 13th day of November, 2019.



Jon Martin, Chair, Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee 16-Nov-2019
Date

ATTESTED:





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Date



SITKA FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-2

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2001 ROADLESS RULE / IN SUPPORT OF
ALTERNATIVE 1 IN THE ALASKA ROADLESS RULE-MAKING PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the local Advisory Committees were established to promote and protect the common interest of Alaska's fishery and wildlife resources, which is a vital component of Alaska's social, economic, and ecological well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Sitka Advisory Committee represents the voices of fish and wildlife users based in Sitka and is made up of representatives from the following stakeholder groups: hand trollers, subsistence resource users, hunting, seining, longliners, power trollers, conservation, trapping, charter guides, resident sport fishermen, processors, hunting guides, and shellfish fishermen; and

WHEREAS, the inventoried Roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest conserve natural diversity, serve as a bulwark against the spread of invasive species, protect healthy watersheds, provide climate change resilience, and help ensure the continued production of native species of fish and wildlife that rural communities and tribal citizens rely on for food, economic livelihood, and cultural identity; and

WHEREAS, the community of Sitka and the various stakeholder groups on the Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee benefit greatly from fish and wildlife populations that are supported by the inventoried Roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest; and

WHEREAS, many Sitka residents obtain their livelihoods from economic activities including tourism and commercial fishing, which are highly dependent on a pristine and productive natural setting; and

WHEREAS, the local use area of Sitkans for fish and wildlife harvesting and guiding include the inventoried Roadless areas of Middle Kruzof Island, Chichagof Island lands bordering Hoonah Sound, Poison Cove and Ushk Bay, Salmon Lake, Kizuchia Creek, Nakwasina Sound, Fish Bay, Lake Eva, and Hanus Bay, which would all lose their Roadless protections under the proposed full exemption alternative; and

WHEREAS, salmon and other marine resource populations are facing increased challenges from changing ocean conditions, climate change, ocean acidification, rising water temperatures in streams, and ocean warming events in the Pacific Ocean, and freshwater habitat development in the contiguous United States; and

WHEREAS, Sitka black-tail deer populations are an important subsistence resource for community members that depend on the intact, old-growth forests and the large canopy they support for winter habitat; and



WHEREAS, inventoried Roadless areas support healthy fish and wildlife habitat and protect some of Sitka's highly productive streams and original intact forest areas that were not logged by the pulp mills; and

WHEREAS, Roadless areas on the Tongass are essential to Southeast Alaska's way of life and represent some of the most spectacular and unique Roadless areas anywhere in the National Forest System and support hunting, fishing, customary and traditional uses, unparalleled outdoor recreation opportunities, and opportunities for businesses; and

WHEREAS, the amount of carbon stored in the intact old-growth forests and soils of the Tongass National Forest represent one of the highest carbon stores in the world, and the conservation of intact Roadless areas and old growth forests on the Tongass are essential for maintaining local and national climate resilience and slowing down climate change throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Tongass provides a wide range of ecosystem services beyond carbon sequestration to residents and visitors alike on a 24/7 basis naturally and at no cost to the taxpayer; and

WHEREAS, increased logging of old-growth forests in the existing Roadless areas of the Tongass would seriously impact the ability of the forest to provide these vital ecosystem services, such as clean water, clean air, stream temperature regulation, and healthy salmon and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the commercial fishing industry and visitor industries that provide the economic backbone of Southeast Alaska depend on pristine, scenic vistas and healthy, productive watersheds; and

WHEREAS, opening up Roadless areas for future development industrial-scale logging will actively work against the Tongass Transition and the 2016 Tongass Land Management Plan Amendment, which was created after years of collaborative work between a diverse group of stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, during the scoping process for the Alaska Specific Roadless Rulemaking process that was initiated by the Secretary of Agriculture in August 2018, Sitka and other communities throughout Southeast Alaska spoke out in strong support of the 2001 Roadless Rule, along with over 90% of the official scoping comments received strongly in support of maintaining the 2001 Roadless Rule on the Tongass National Forest; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska invested time, staff, and money to convene a stakeholder-led Citizen Advisory Committee in 2018 that provided recommendations and perspectives from different interest groups in Southeast Alaska on what a workable compromise for an Alaska Roadless Rule could look like; and

WHEREAS, the proposed alternative of the Forest Service for a full exemption from the 2001 Roadless Rule goes contrary to public opinion, the recommendations put forward by the Citizen Advisory Committee, the input from tribal governments, and input from local commercial fishermen and guides; and



WHEREAS, the draft environmental impact statement does not sufficiently analyze the potential impacts to fish and wildlife populations or reductions in carbon sequestration and increased occurrence of climate change-driven events that would result from increased ground disturbance activities that would become possible following a full exemption from the 2001 Roadless Rule.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that given long-lasting, fiscally irresponsible, and environmentally damaging impacts of any reduction in current Roadless Rule protections on the Tongass, the Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee strongly supports lasting protection for all inventoried Roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest as provided for in the 2001 Roadless Rule; and

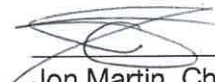
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the economic livelihoods and subsistence harvesting of Sitka residents would be irreparably harmed by the effects of a full exemption from the Roadless Rule on the Tongass, which would lead to increased climate change, increased threats to fish habitat, and development occurring in pristine natural areas that contribute to the tourism potential and natural beauty of the Tongass National Forest; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee encourages the USFS to invest in programs, workforce development, and employment opportunities for Southeast Alaskan residents to restore the health and productivity of the Tongass National Forest's degraded watersheds and streams, as a means of supporting vital ecosystem services and economic opportunities such as carbon sequestration, small-scale selective timber harvest, fish and wildlife populations, natural vistas, visitor amenities, subsistence, hydrological resources, and more; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee asks that the Forest Service and Secretary of Agriculture adopt Alternative 1—the NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE--and keep the 2001 Roadless Rule in place on the Tongass National Forest.

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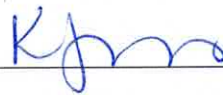
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