

**Kodiak Advisory Committee
February 3, 2020
ADF&G BLDG Chiniak Conference Room; 351 Research Court**

I. Call to Order: 1:05pm by Paul Chervenak

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Ron Kavanaugh, Paul Chervenak, Julie Kavanaugh, Oliver Holm, Alexis Kwachka, Patrick O'Donnell, Kevin Adkins, Tyler Schmeil, Rolan Ruoss

*Nathan Rose at @1:30 prior to discussing proposal #37

Members Absent Theresa Peterson, Melissa Berns, Randall Swain, Andrew Finke, Kevin Thomet, Conrad Peterson, Danny Clarion

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: Guide/Outfitter, Concerned Citizen, Small boat, Transporter, Large Boat, Trawl Set, Port Lions

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tyler Polum, Taryn O'Connor-Brito

IV. Guests Present: Ernie Weiss

V. Approval of Agenda Move to amend Agenda to add "8) select an AC representative to travel to UCI" Julie K; Second Tyler S

VOTE 9-0 PASS

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes NA

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report: This meeting is being held to address proposals for Upper Cook Inlet that have overall management implications that may interest Kodiak and the State as a whole. Letter from Upper Cook Inlet Drift Assoc

b. ADF&G N/A

c. Others N/A

VIII. Public Comment N/A

IX. Old Business

- 1) Discussion of proposals #14,15 & 37
Proposal 14 refer to 10/21/19 minutes
Proposal 15 refer to 11/18/19 minutes
Proposal 37/RC 9 Motion to Adopt Nate R/Rolan R
VOTE 0-10 FAILED

X. New Business

- 1) UCI Management Proposals
Proposal 38 Motion to Adopt Julie K/ Second Alexis K
VOTE 0-10 FAIL
Proposal 78 &79 Motion to Adopt Julie K/ Second Alexis K
VOTE 0-10 FAIL
Proposal 81 Motion to Adopt Rolan R/ Second Alexis K
VOTE 10-0 PASS
Proposal 82 Motion to adopt Julie K/ Alexis K
Repeal- Take no action
Proposal 84 Move to Adopt Alexis K/ Second Roland R
VOTE 6-4 PASS
- 2) UCI Finfish
Proposal 9 Move to adopt Alexis K/ Second Tyler S
Repeal- take no action
- 3) UCI Commercial Finfish
Proposal 89 & 90 Move to Adopt Julie K/ Second Alexis
VOTE 0- 10 FAIL
Proposal 93 Move to Adopt Julie K/ Second Alexis K
Repeal- take no action
Proposal 124 Move to Adopt Nathan R/ Second Alexis K
VOTE 0-10 FAIL
- 4) Discussion of additional Proposals as requested
- 5) Approval of minutes to meet deadline of Feb 7 for RC submission. "Move to have chairman Paul Chervenak approve 02/03/2020 minutes for timely submission as an RC by 02/07/2020." Alexis K; Second Oliver H
VOTE 10-0 PASS

- 6) Set meeting date for Statewide King Crab & Tanner Crab proposals
- 7) 7) Committee comments
- 8) Representative for UCI meeting. Move to send Alexis Kwachka- Oliver H; Second Julie K

VOTE 10-0 PASS

- XI. Set next meeting date: TBA after a poll is taken
- XII. Other
- XIII. Adjourn Move to adjourn at 3.38pm Oliver H/ Julie K
VOTE 10-0 PASS

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Upper Cook Inlet Proposals

February 7-20, 2020

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
<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>			
14	Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	10	Please refer to Kodiak AC minutes of Oct 21, 2019. Our committee does not support professional hookers
15	Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides (Mel Erickson)		
Oppose	0	10	Refer to Nov 18/19,2019 minutes. Question board's authority/ability to enforce
37	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Kodiak and Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		
Oppose	0	10	<p>King Salmon runs in Kodiak/ Cook Inlet do not have the same run timing. June King salmon run is 80% Hatchery fish. And could adversely affect and or eliminate Kodiak's early sockeye run. Only speaks to seine fleet & doesn't speak to the set net catch. Sport Fish Harvest table is not factual, and the Board should request actual data from Department. Recent study/report on deprecation of King salmon by Killer Whales and their specific targeting of large fish. The seine fleet does not report discards- therefore numbers are unsupported extrapolation and estimates lack scientific data to support. Using available numbers and catch Data the King salmon Harvest in Kodiak of Cook Inlet salmon are less than 300. In RC 9, managing all species and multiple areas would sacrifice the management of one or multiple areas for another. Unanimously opposed to the language in RC 9 No measurable conservation benefits and up until July 6, there is NO retention of King salmon over 28" in Kodiak which allows Kings traveling to Cook inlet to pass</p>
38	Create a king salmon management plan with paired restrictions in Upper and Lower Cook Inlet commercial fisheries (Donald Johnson)		

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Oppose	0	10	Refer to comments above on Proposal 37/RC 9 Oppose language from UCIA within the Seward AC minutes tying in additional management areas
78	Amend the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon Management Plan to include weighted criteria for the allocation of fishery resources (Kenai River Sportfishing Association)		
oppose	0	10	Proposals 78&79 does not meet the needs of the commercial sector and ignores the potential immediate negative effects to individual and regional economics. Last years attempt to reorder and weight criteria failed because of these issues. Limiting the application of a precedent setting management scheme to Upper Cook Inlet is an attempt to limit the number of affected stakeholders and reduce the opposition. As seen in several proposals, other actions seek to tie management regions together effectively requiring the use of this criteria to additional management plans. This a slippery slope that guts Cook Inlet commercial fish and eventually guts all commercial fisheries. It slams open the door to reallocate fish from Area M, Kodiak, PWS, and Chignik- to Urban Alaska. It gives preference to populated areas over rural and defies the “equal protection under the law” provided in the constitution. Cost to Dept is unknown. If passed, staffing priorities would shift and management changes would be necessary to address priority of urban Alaska over rural.
79	Establish a personal use priority for Cook Inlet salmon fisheries (Walt Arthur)		
Oppose	0	10	See 78. Does not account for the unlimited increase in number of users and the unchanged bag limit. The Board has allowed a new and emerging fishery to occur and expand. (1996 personal use was 14,536 fish and in 2018 it was over 24,000 fish) Subsistence use is available to residents in areas that have limited access to modern food markets/sources. Subsistence hunting and fishing as sources of nutrition and cultural practices in these areas and making personal use on par with subsistence is a bad precedent and poses a threat to the health of fish and game in populated areas. This growing fishery has damaged habitat and lacks a structure that is easily tracked or enforced. Personal use

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			fish is shipped out of state alongside sport caught fish and or used for barter. This weighted priority removes the individual Board's ability to use their best judgement and make decisions based on current facts and issues. Additionally, commercially caught salmon are a valuable food source for many Alaskans.
81	Manage fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet by designating types of salmon habitat (David Chessik)		
Support	10	0	Maintains high quality areas for habitat. Emphasis on existing management restrictions. The proposal cites concern for foliage, brush, and lack of sanitary options. Habitat protections are good basics to have in the current discussion. Also need to address anchoring in river- a practice that allows for skiffs to drag anchor down river while fishing. This wreaks havoc on habitat.
84	Clarify the requirement of immediately releasing king salmon over 20 inches (Joe Hanes)		
Support	6	4	Fishers are dragging their catch to the shore for photo opportunity. This is not "immediately" releasing the catch. While the current regulation is written in a manner that allows an officer to ticket the behavior, this proposal would better define and provide additional context. Minority (opposed) already in regulation, Unnecessary-enforce it!
89	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to manage primarily for sport, personal use and guided sport anglers and increase the sustainable escapement goal range to 1,300,000-1,750,000 salmon (Mike Adams)		
Opposed	0	10	Discussed 89 & 90 concurrently. See previous comments (78 & 79) regarding priority of user groups, lack of "equal protection under the law", prioritizing upstream use would result in utter disadvantage of commercial fisheries and over escapement.
90	Amend the Kenai River Late-Run Sockeye Salmon Management Plan to manage primarily for sport, personal use and guided sport anglers; increase the sustainable escapement goal; and limit commercial fishing periods (Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Opposed	0	10	See comments on #89

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124	Amend the purpose of the Central District Drift Gillnet Fishery Management Plan to include inriver users (Alaska Outdoor Council)		
Oppose	0	10	New and expanding fisheries should not be the single feature in a reallocation action and are to be controlled by the BOF. The mixed stock fish policy that was adopted was intended to apply to all users. This is a yield problem that cannot be fixed with more fish. Problems that are currently ongoing; Northern Pike predation, Lost Habitat; infiltration of Elodea Grass

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Vice Chairman, Julie Kavanaugh

Minutes Approved By: Chairman, Paul Chervenak

Date: 2/6/2020