

Kenai Soldotna Advisory Committee
01/29/20
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	6:45pm		
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		
Cody	Rutter	X		
Scott	Miller	X		
Eli	House			X

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brian Marston, Colton Liptka

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

Discussion on 2020 King Forecast of 22,500 Large Fish
Sockeye 4.3 million for entire upper cook inlet
Kenai River is 2.2 Million → lowest tier
Kasilof is 723,000

Susitna River - 571,000
Fish Creek - 121,000

Break from 7:40 to 7:45pm

XI. Set next meeting date

XII. Other

XIII. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:28pm

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<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>			
197	Provide waypoint locations for landmark names and modify waypoint locations in Chinitna Bay (ADF&G)		
Support	13	0	Unanimous Consent
198	Amend waypoint descriptions and provide coordinates for landmark names (ADF&G)		
Support	13	0	Unanimous Consent
199	Amend the Northern District King Salmon Management Plan (Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission/Mike Wood)		
	10	3	Think that the burden of conservation should be shared equally Managers should be able to keep flexibility as there are already lots of restrictions on the commercial fishery. There are other sport resources available with in the watershed. 1 abstention – Not sure this is creating truly paired restrictions or share of the burden.
200	Close the Northern District commercial king salmon fishery when the sport fishery in the Susitna or Knik Arm drainages are restricted (Ben Allen)		
No action			No Action based on 199
201	Amend paired restrictions in the Deshka River king salmon sport and commercial fisheries (Northern District Set Netters Association of Cook Inlet/Stephen Braund)		
Opposed	3	11	The reduction is not equal as there is no harvest opportunity for sport, but Commercial would still have the opportunity to harvest.
202	Amend the Northern District King Salmon Management Plan to allow operation of one set gillnet per permit (Northern District Set Netters Association of Cook Inlet/Stephen Braund)		
Support	14	0	Average number of dual permit holders has been 4 over the last 10 years. This would allow those permit holders

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203	Provide additional fishing periods in the Northern District king salmon commercial fishery when the Deshka River king salmon sport fishery is liberalized (Betty Gilcrist)		
Support	14	0	If there is enough fish to allow fish, they should be able to share in the surplus of the fish in both fisheries.
204	Amend the Northern District Salmon Management Plan to specify management priority of sockeye, pink, and chum salmon includes inriver users (Kristine Ogonowski)		
Opposed	1	12	<p>This would change the pre-amble without any direction on how to proceed. The thought</p> <p>Proposer is trying to point out that there are may in-river users that should be recognized beyond the commercial fishery.</p> <p>This could affect multiple commercial fisheries</p> <p>1 Abstention – Unclear proposal</p>
205	Clarify the definition of “minimize” in the Northern District Salmon Management Plan (Howard Delo)		
Opposed	4	9	<p>Before a definition is defined, would like the board to confirm the numbers in the proposal. But would like to see the definition done with quantifiable numbers.</p> <p>The proposal does not offer a definition or his idea of what “minimize” should be.</p> <p>Drift fishery has already been minimized from historically harvest numbers.</p> <p>We currently have a definition of “minimize” by in-river regulation</p> <p>1 Abstention – Not sure the proposal has any validity.</p>

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206	Amend the Northern District Salmon Management Plan to allow for regular amounts of set gillnet gear in the Northern District commercial sockeye salmon fishery during times of reduced effort in the Central District (Northern District Set Netters Association of Cook Inlet/Stephen Braund)		
	2	12	Current regulation says "may" and this could already be done by the fisheries manager.
208	Modify description of waters open to fishing (David Chessik)		
No Action			No action based on 209
209	Amend the waypoint location for Light Point on Kalgin Island (ADF&G)		
Support	13	1	Concerned about traditional fishing areas. This is regulatory issue that need to be cleared up from a discrepancy on old map data.
210	Close waters to drift gillnetting on the west side of Cook Inlet within one mile of shore from the West Forelands to Sea Otter Point (Mel Erickson)		
Opposed	2	12	This would eliminate the entire Area 3 drift fishery. This is a long-time traditional fishery, fished by only a few local fishermen. Long time harvest has been consistent Hard area to enforce 1 mile is too far, would like to encourage the board to define the boundaries better, so everyone can have a better definition of where to fish. Supporting vote - Defiantly not being enforced within the current written rules
211	Eliminate the four set gillnet per person limit (Tyonek Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
0	0	13	This would disrupt what is considered an orderly fishery. 1 No Vote – left room

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212	Eliminate the requirement to obtain a commissioner's permit for the Cook Inlet Smelt fishery (Teague Vanek)		
Opposed	0	14	Fishery has a quota, and without the permit the department could not track the fishery. Not limited entry and this permit allows you sell the fish.
213	Allow anglers to use 5 lines while fishing for northern pike through the ice (ADF&G)		
Support	14	0	Unanimous Consent
214	Prohibit live release of northern pike in the Anchorage Bowl and Knik River drainages (ADF&G)		
Support	14	0	This just helps keep pike populations down and killing of pike.
216	Create a Deshka River large king salmon optimum escapement goal (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Opposed	0	14	Large King goal is not recommended for the deshka. The Deshka is counted by weir and the department has the ability to manage this as it currently is being managed. 1 abstention – Don't know about it
222	Allow fishing for resident species on days closed to king salmon fishing in Unit 2 (ADF&G)		
Support	12	1	This would clarify regulation, there is a possibility that some people may take advantage of the open fishery. Opposed vote is worried about king salmon harassment 1 Abstention – does not know enough about it.
229	Extend the hours of the Ship Creek youth fishery (Dustin Douglas Slinker)		
Supported as Amended	14	0	Motion to make Amendment to 11pm or when the fishery closes. Vote on Amendment Support 14 Opposed 0

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230	Allow retention of snagged sockeye salmon in the Big River Lakes and Wolverine Creek (Adam Housh)		
Opposed	0	14	<p>Allowing this could set precedence for other fresh water snagging opportunities.</p> <p>There is a good amount of pressure, which could increase if this proposal were to pass.</p>
231	Establish limits in the Big River Drainage of two salmon 16" or greater in length (Danny Brewer)		
Opposed	7	7	<p>Could create a little more orderly fishery as well as help possible fishing congestion. Conservative bag limit could be useful.</p> <p>The decrease in the bag limit could cause an economic hardship as people may not want to participate in the flyout fishery.</p>
232	Close a section of the south fork of Big River to sport fishing (Danny Brewer)		
Supported	10	4	<p>Department Supports this as spawning protection</p> <p>Not the only spawning bed, and one of the only fishing areas when water clarity is bad.</p>
234	Create a personal use salmon dipnet fishery on the Susitna River (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Opposed	3	11	<p>Would love to see the pressure removed from the Kenai and Kasilof to the Valley.</p> <p>The Susitna would not support this fishery and opening this fishery would be</p>
235	Create a lower Susitna River personal use dip net fishery (Kristine Ogonowski)		
No Action			Based on 234
236	Create a Susitna River personal use dip net fishery (Frede Stier)		
No Action			Based on 234
237	Create a Susitna River personal use dip net fishery (Richard Sanderlin)		
No Action			Based on 234

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238	Create a personal use dip net fishery in Unit 1 of the Susitna River Drainage (South Central Alaska Dipnetters Association)		
No Action			Based on 234
239	Establish a personal use northern pike gillnet fishery in the Mat-Su valley (Brent Lannen)		
No Action			Based on 240
240	Create a personal use northern pike gillnet fishery in the Susitna River drainage (Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Opposed	1	12	Anything to help get rid of pike is good and worthwhile. Department could Opposed to any type of gill net in any freshwater. This would cause a lot of incidental catch of multiple species. 1 Abstention – Like the concept but not the methods
243	Allow the harvest of other salmon in place of king salmon in the Tyonek Subdistrict subsistence fishery (Tyonek Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
			Motion to table Support to table 8 Opposed to table 6

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 01/29/2020 _____