



Craig AC Meeting Dec. 6, 2021

Call to Order: 6:05pm

Roll Call:

Members present:

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All members present!

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Fish & Game Staff present: Craig Schwanke (sport fish), Bo Meredith (Commercial fish-phone)

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No action.

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Meeting Adjourned: 8:32pm



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Guests present: Doug Rhodes

ADFG Staff present: Craig Schwanke (sport fish), Adam Messmer (ADFG crab-phone)

Moved and seconded to approve the agenda for 12.8.2021

Moved and seconded to adopt the meeting minutes from 12.6.2021

New Business:

Proposal 110:

Mike Kampnich: A lost gill net is a navigation hazard, kills animals and pollutes the water. Doug Rhodes agrees.

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes.

Proposal 111:

No action

Proposal 112:

No action



Proposal 113:

Doug Rhodes: If the proposal is approved then the mesh size will be restrictive.

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.

Proposal 114:

Craig Schwanke: Hand trollers can use down riggers during the winter season but currently can not use them in the summer. This proposal wants to use a down rigger year round. Enforcement can be an issue.

No action

Proposal 115:

This proposal wants the start date of winter troll to start Oct. 1.

Mike Douville: Is not in favor of changing the dates.

Ray Douville: Gave background info.

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.

Proposal 116:

No action

Proposal 117:

No action

Proposal 118:

No action

Proposal 119:

Doug Rhodes: This passed the BOF six years ago but was later sunsetted. This proposal clearly denotes a boundary line that is currently confusing.

Mike Douville: He's in favor because it doesn't change anything but rather clarifies/cleans it up.

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes.

Proposal 120:

This proposal is the sister proposal to prop 119.

Move and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes.

Proposal 121:

Move and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.

Proposal 122, 123, 124:

No action

Proposal 125:

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes.

Proposal 126, 127

No action

Proposal 128:

No action

Proposal 129:

Mike Kampnich: The sockeye are showing up later and later into September so there's a potential to catch sockeye while fishing for coho.

Mike Douville: The potential of harvesting sockeye is very real which would be a bad thing since there is a conservation concern for them.



Fred Hamilton: He said he supports more fishing for coho and a higher annual limit for coho but th harvesting sockeye if allowed to fish earlier. He is in support if we have an amendment. He supports a higher annual coho limit but there is no need to fish above the bridge and risk catching sockeye. There are plenty of coho below the bridge to catch. We do not support changing the dates.

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.

Proposal 130:

Moved and seconded to support.

Discussion:

Mike Douville: Klawock River and Klawock Lake are federal waters so the motion is removed.

Mike Douville and Fred Hamilton are in support of the proposal but without seeing the lat/longs and not knowing if it goes into federal waters prompted them to remove the motion.

No action.

Proposal 134:

Mike Douville doesn't support this proposal because if you are using a gill net this makes sense but in small areas like Sarkar, when using a beach seine net this doesn't make sense.

No action

Proposal 135:

No action

Proposal 136:

No action

Proposal 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142

No action

Proposal 143:

Craig Schwanke: ADFG gets good info from surveys but ADFG is content with the overall response with current regs. ADFG would have a big job getting this proposal in the works.

Mike Douville: The RAC has looked at limiting the non-resident anglers.

Joel Steenstra and Kurt Whitehead: Are all in favor of making unguided non-res start being regulated.

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes. We just need to add the word unguided in front of nonresidents having to report since guided non-residents already report.

Proposal 144:

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes.

Proposal 145:

Joel Steenstra: The way it's written now it would affect the guided non-residents as well.

No action

Proposal 146, 147, 148, 149

No action

Proposal 152

Craig Schwanke: This summer is the last return of fish for the hatchery so many are worried that overfishing of 108 creek will happen unless this prop is approved. The way this prop is currently written would close most of the creek but the intent of the prop at the East POW meeting was to close 300' above and 300' below the LOWER falls because the fishing pressure is intense in low water years since the fish are trapped in the pool and/or cannot get about the falls. Released fish also suffer a high mortality due to the low water and the closure of the Whale Pass fish hatchery/poor run returns has and will continue to shift fishing pressure to 108 creek.



Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no. We would support the proposal if the above and 300' below the lower falls.

Proposal 153

Craig Schwanke: This will close all of the fishing at the falls.

Mike Douville supports it to protect coho but said its a good spot to fish cutthroat during other times of the year. He suggests closing it in July, August and September.

Discussion ensued to close it when the coho are there and leave it open the rest of the time.

Doug Rhodes: The way the proposal is currently written will effectively close the whole stream.

Craig Schwanke and Kurt Whitehead stated that the proposals intent was not supposed to close it year round but rather to protect the returning salmon since there is more fishing pressure from the Whale Pass hatchery closing/ having poor fish runs.

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no. We support the concept and a closure of 300' upstream and 300' downstream of the falls during the months of July, August & September to protect salmon but leave it open the rest of the year to catch cutthroat.

Proposal 154

No action

Proposal 155

No action

Proposal 156-161

No action

Proposal 162

Discussion: Mike Douville and Fred Hamilton agreed the total amount should to be raised.

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes.

Proposal 163-169

No action

Proposal 170

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes.

Proposal 171

Area A is all of SEAK.

Mike Douville: Is opposed to this proposal. The quality of the shrimp is poorer in March due to them molting.

Fred Hamilton: This would impact the commercial fishermen simply from a timing standpoint. The current season works best for them.

Ray Douville: Is not opposed to it for the resource but he's opposed to it because the quality of the shrimp in the spring isn't as good as the fall and every year shrimp die off in the summer so by having a fall season you could actually catch the shrimp before they die.

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.

Proposal 172

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.

Proposal 173

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.

Proposal 174

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.



Proposal 175

Ray Douville: Currently, you need 2 buoys if fishing 5 or more pots.

No action

Proposal 176

Ray Douville: It would be bad for the resource because it will force guys to double pick the gear. Currently the regs are good for normal sized boats.

No action

Proposal 177

Ray Douville said the lat/longs in the proposal are confusing. He also said to leave it to ADFG to choose which area to close. There doesn't seem to be a stock of concern in that area.

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.

Proposal 178

Craig Schwanke: There has historically been a concern of commercial fishing in front of Kasaan for several years.

Ray Douville: The area seems to be pretty large and he's says ADFG should be the one to close an area.

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-no.

Proposal 179

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Proposal 180-182

No action

Proposal 183

No action

Proposal 184

Moved and second to support. Unanimous vote-no. We like the regulation the way it is currently written.

Proposal 185

Craig Schwanke: There is no regulation prohibiting the use of light in sport fishing.

No action

Proposal 186-188

No action

Proposal 189

No action

Proposal 190-199

No action

Proposal 200

Kurt Whitehead: He is in support of this since is a small area creating a subsistence use area in front of Klawock and he will directly be affected by it but still supports the closure.

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes

Proposal 204

Kurt Whitehead: Is in support of this citing the safety of floatplanes and how a floatplane hit a navigation buoy in the cove because it was dodging crab pots.

No action

Proposal 205



Kurt Whitehead said he's in support of this if the lat/longs are the same as 204 closing just the Co appear they are the same.

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Craig Schwanke: Showed the closure is just the cove and doesn't extend past it.

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Proposal 208

No action

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Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes.

Proposal 210

No action

Proposal 211-216

No action

Proposal 217

We support our proposal.

Proposal 218-223

No action

Proposal 224

Discussion:

Mike Douville, Fred Hamilton, Kirk Agnitsch, Craig Schwanke: You can set a longline for rockfish currently with no permit. We would all like to use a pole but we don't want to get a permit to catch a rockfish. Personal use is allowed despite conservation concern. Personal use fishing is just for alaska residents.

Moved and seconded to support. Unanimous vote-yes.

Proposal 225

No action

Proposal 226

Craig Schwanke: Gave background.

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Proposal 227

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Proposal 229

No action



Proposal 230

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Proposal 231-233

No action

Craig Schwanke said the Board of Fish meeting in Ketchikan is Jan. 4-15

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Minutes recorded by: Kurt Whitehead

Minutes approved by:

Date:



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