



Call to Order: 2:13pm by Perry Olson

**Roll Call:**

East POW AC Members	Officer	Designation	Present	Absent	Unexcused	Expiration
Perry Olson	Chair	Coffman Cove	x			June 2024
William Pattison	Vice Chair	Whale Pass	x			June 2024
Kurt Whitehead	Secretary	Big Salt	x			June 2022
Jim Beard		Coffman Cove	x			June 2023
Matt Beck		Whale Pass	x			June 2023
Della Colburn		Kasaan	x (phone)			June 2022
Dave Egelston		Thorne Bay	x (phone)			June 2022
Amy Jennings		Thorne Bay	x			June 2022
Kim Redmond		Thorne Bay	x			June 2023
Doug Rhodes		Craig	x			June 2024
John Ryan		Hollis	x (phone)			June 2024
Ray Slayton		Craig	x (phone)			June 2024
Dick Stewart		Coffman Cove	x (phone)			June 2023

**Number needed for a quorum: 7**

**ADFG Staff Present:**

Craig Schwanke (sportfish), Henry Lesia (board support-online)

**Guests present:** Russ Holbrook, Mike Warner, Frank Wetherbee (left after 5 min)

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion made to approve the agenda.**

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

**Moved and seconded to approve the minutes from 3.15.2020.**

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Motion made and seconded to approve the 11.29.2021 minutes.**

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Reports:**

**Chair:** None

**ADFG:** None

**Other:** None

**Public Comment:**

None



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**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**Elections:**

Can Ray Slayton be elected tonight? Henry said yes we can hold elections. Terms expire in June.

**Moved and seconded to have elections.**

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Elections:**

**Motion made and seconded to elect Ray Slayton.**

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Motion made and seconded to elect Amy Jennings.**

**Unanious vote-yes.**

**Motion made and seconded to set expiration terms as notified via email.**

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Proposals:**

Everyone agreed to go through the proposals as notified via email.

**134:**

**Motion made and seconded to support.**

Discussion:

Doug Rhodes: It you are using a beachseine this proposal doesn't work easily. For a gill net it make perfect sense.

Amy Jennings: You could shorten it up.

John Ryan: This regulation is already on the books is several locations. Currently this happens all the time in the Karta, Red Bay and one other location.

**Vote:**

**Unanimous vote-Yes.**

**152:**

**Motion made and seconded to support.**

Discussion:

Craig Schwanke: Fish spawn above the falls, there are no conservation concerns. There will likely be higher effort due to the closing of the hatchery. Craig has never seen anyone sportfishing there but there could be personal use fishing.

**Vote:**

**No-Doug Rhodes**

**Yes-All others**

**Motion passes.**

**153:**

**Motion made and seconded to support.**

Vote: Doug Rhodes objects.

Discussion:

Doug Rhodes: This will close the entire creek. There are two sets of falls on this creek. The way this is written it doesn't define the falls.

Jim Beard: He thought we were thinking of the lower falls. Asked if we need to clarify our proposal.

Craig Schwanke: No conservation concerns. Craig said he measured the proposed closure of 300' below the falls this past summer and this will still leave the first big hole below the falls open. There is no conservation concern for Log jam creek. Craig said you can not use rod and reel for subsistence.

John Ryan: Write in our comments to add the language in our comments. We should not be voting down our own proposal. He suggests to support it with a comment.

Ray Slayton: He is opposed to closing the lower pool.

Amy Jennings: Are there dip netters at Log Jam?

Mike Warner: Who is Steve McCurdy? He is a retired fish biologist. Why are we closing this due to evidence? His concern is we are closing this to locals.



**Motion to amend to limit this motion to closing log jam from 300' above to 300' below the lower falls during the months of July, August, September.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**174:**

**Motion made and seconded to support.**

Discussion:

John Ryan: There was a "shrimp" meeting in Sitka after our proposal and it was pointed out that the resource will benefit.

Doug Rhodes: In support due to conservation concerns.

**Vote:**

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**178:**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion:

John Ryan: Gave background on the proposal and how the numbers of shrimp caught have been going down. Shrimpers should not be fishing directly in front of the communities.

Della: We don't have enough shrimp and we don't want to compete against commercial shrimpers.

**Vote:**

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**179:**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion:

This will expand the area that's closed in Hollis.

Doug Rhodes: Asked John about the background for this proposal.

John Ryan: The commercial guys are catching double when they open it then it gets shutdown for years.

Russ Holbrook: Asked why the proposal is worded the way it is.

Amy Jennings: Does this include the entire 12mile arm? Yes it does.

**Vote:**

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**183:**

**No action**

**204:**

**Perry Olson: Jim Beard was online and voting for this proposal and wasn't being counted so he would like to bring this back up for discussion.**

**Motion made and seconded to support.**

Craig Schwanke: This would close non res sport fishing.

Discussion:

Doug Rhodes: We are considering a closure to limit the locals that are living here. The sea otters are the problem. We need to think long and hard about closing this as it would affect many locals.

Amy Jennings: We are having the same issues in Thorne Bay due to so many pots. Float plane traffic is affected. It would make it easier for the locals. The cove is a small area. The lodge owners can go a short ways out of the cove and around the corner so their clients can fish. We just need to push them out a short ways.

Perry Olson: Crabbing in Coffman Cove and also Lake Bay have not been good crabbing.

Matt Beck: Has the same issues in Whale Pass. There are so many pots and fishermen that its difficult for the locals.

Jim Beard: There are so many pots in the cove that it is very difficult for us.

Russ Holbrook: All the logs that were dumped in the waters is possibly damaging the habitat.

Ray Slayton: Had similar comments of support.

John Ryan: This proposal should be supported for all the reasons previously stated.  
Kurt: Asked John Ryan, Did the floatplane that crashed into the navigational marker this summer because he was dodging crab pots? John had no comment.



**Vote:**

**No-Doug Rhodes**

**Yes-All others, motion passes.**

**205:**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Kurt: Asked Henry if it's true we have to make motions in the positive. Henry said that is correct.

Perry Olson: Read the proposal verbatim.

Doug Rhodes: Charted these lat/longs and said none of the proposals have good lat/longs. 205, 206 and 207 all have the exact coordinates. The coordinates are wrong. 5.8 million lbs of crab were caught in AK by commercial crabbers last year and its more than double the 10yr average, so crabbing in good in AK.

Matt Beck: The coordinates are correct for the Whale Pass proposal.

Adam Messmer: These coordinates are wrong for this proposal. They are in Whale Pass.

John Ryan: We should submit a proposal with the correct lat/longs.

Adam Messmer: What is the crab population in this area. Do you have specific info for Lake Bay and Barnes Lake.

**Motion to table moved and seconded.**

**Vote:**

**Yes- 4 in room plus Dick, Ray, Della total 7 yes votes.**

**No-Dick, Perry, Kim, John, total 4 no votes.**

**Motion to table passes 7-4.**

**207:**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Doug: This will affect one commercial fisherman. It is already closed in the summer so this affects just the fall season. By talking about closing these small areas, we are concentrating these commercial guys. Closing it down in the summer is a good compromise.

Matt Beck: There are people that fish it year round but there is less fishing pressure in the fall. He only took 5 legal crabs. They would like the same things as Perry asked for which is just a small area for the locals so the small resident boats can get their crab.

Will: Gave background and how he represents the city of Whale Pass and how they just want a small area to catch crabs. We have more and more people moving in and after the commercial guy fishes it in the fall, most folks don't fish during and after the commercial anglers because there aren't any crabs for many weeks afterwards.

Perry Olson: Asked if these proposals go through, where else can the commercial guy fish? He went over to Etolin and found several areas that were carpet bombed. Locals report that crabbing is poor around Coffman Cove and wants to push the commercial boats back a short ways in front of the cove for the residents.

Russ Holbrook: Commercial crabbers fish differently from year to year based on the fishing. The boat he fishes uses 300 pots. In general it is self regulatory since they move around. There are other smaller areas to fish if this is closed. They are looking at other areas.

John Ryan: There is no reason why a small area shouldn't be shut down just for locals.

Amy Jennings: She was a commercial shrimp and she agrees that the commercial guy can go further out.

Kurt: The sea otters are what's driving the issue, they are eating us out of house and home so that's what's going on in these proposals. Closing a small area around the communities is reasonable.

**Vote:**

**No-Doug Rhodes**

**Yes-All others**

**Motion passes.**

**208:**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion:

Della: The bay used to be very rich in crab. That is not the way it is now.

**Vote:**

**Unanimous vote-yes.**



**235:**  
**No action**

**241:**  
**No action**

**119:**  
**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion:

This was previously adopted in 2015 but later got sunsetted. It was supported by other commercial anglers.

**Vote:**  
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**120:**  
**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion:

This is the sister proposal that clarifies the boundary.

**Vote:**  
**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**155:**  
**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion:

Kurt: Not in support of this proposal because it would be very difficult for saltwater anglers to release fish without removing the fish from the water. This works in a river but not on saltwater.

Doug: Support the part about not using table hooks but very hard to release with out removing the fish from water.

Jim: Supports not using treble hooks but doesn't support not being able to remove fish from the water.

Will: Supports no treble hooks.

**Vote:**  
**Unanimous vote no**  
**Motion fails. Add comments in support of no treble hooks.**

**129:**  
**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion:

John: The wording of it being C&T is wrong since it's a hatchery. Hatcheries are never C&T.

Will: SSRAA barely met the cost recovery this year.

**Vote:**  
**Yes-Ray, Dick, Della total of 3 in support.**

**No-All others**

**Motion fails**

**214:**  
**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion:

John: There are new commercial pots that are square. This proposal will eliminate them from using that manufacture.

**Vote:**  
**Yes-Doug**  
**No-All others**  
**Motion fails.**

**130:**  
**No action**

**117:**  
**Moved and seconded to support.**



Discussion:

Doug: This proposal will allow trollers to fish six lines in inside waters. Enforcement will be an issue. Fishing in tight areas with other boats will be difficult to fish. If the trollers don't catch them, the seiners will catch them since they are hatchery fish. He is opposed to it. Trollers with 4 lines will be conflicting/tangling with trollers with 6 lines in small areas.

John: Enforcement will be difficult but if they want to fish 6 lines then let them decide. This is the only area in the state that it isn't legal.

Will: It will be self regulating.

**Vote:**

**Yes-5 in room, 5 on phone**

**No-3 in room**

**Motion passes 10-3.**

**176:**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion:

John: The quota will be the same but this only make the fishery last longer. Why do we want to reduce the commercial guys even more.

**Vote:**

**Yes-Della**

**No-All others in room**

**Motion fails.**

**125:**

**No action**

**143:**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

John: Enforcement issues will be very hard to implement.

Kurt: Asked Mike Warner what he thinks of this proposal since it will affect his unguided clients: Mike said this will be very difficult for them and the creel surveys already cover this data.

Craig: ADFG gets this info on a broader scale through mailed surveys but this will be very burdensome to enact.

**Vote:**

**Unanimous vote-no**

**Motion fails.**

**144:**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

John: He opposes it for the same reasons he opposes prop 143 as it will be very hard to enforce.

Doug: He agrees on the intent of the prop but it is very difficult to expect the non res to log this when there is no cell service and no app from ADFG.

**Vote:**

**Unanimous vote-no**

**Motion fails**

**145:**

This will reduce the bag limits for the non res. There are several of these proposals that have the same intent.

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion:

Dave Egelston is opposed to this due to annual bag limit being requested is very restrictive.

John: Asked Craig Schwanke if there is any biological concern? Craig said no. John does not support.

**Vote:**

**8 votes in support-**

**5 votes against**

**Motion passes**

**10 min Break**





**184:**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion:

House keeping proposal. Non res cannot longline pots. This proposal seeks clarification.

John: This is clear in regulation that non res cannot longline.

ADFG: Wants the clarification but John says they currently cannot longline and it is very clear in the regs so he doesn't understand the proposal.

**Motion to amend:**

**Keep the reg as is with one pot per buoy for non res.**

**Vote:**

**Unanimous vote-yes**

**Motion to support as amended:**

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Motion passes**

**209:**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion:

Kurt: Is in support for limiting non res on the W side of PoW even though it will affect him directly.

**Vote:**

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**189:**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion:

John Ryan: Seacucumber divers are limited to 2 per vessel and Geoduck divers are limited to 2 divers. This is permit stacking largely driven by WA divers coming up here to get as many as possible.

Matt Beck: Puget Sound used to be a good area for geoducks but overfishing down there has many divers coming up here.

**Vote:**

**Unanimous vote-no.**

**226:**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion:

Kurt: Asked Craig Schwanke his thoughts. Craig said DSR are not a conservation concern.

**Vote:**

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**227:**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion:

Kurt: Asked Craig S. his thoughts. Craig said there is clear data showing yelloweye rockfish decline.

Doug: Would hate to catch anymore yelloweye but there are lots of other species available.

John: Very poorly written, the yelloweye should be separated out but we should be able to keep the other non pelagic species.

Will: There are lots of non pelagic species out there and we should be able to retain a quillback.

**Vote:**

**Yes-7 in support**

**No-6 opposed**

**Motion passes 7-6.**

**186:**

**Moved and seconded to support**

Discussion:



Jim Beard: In support of this proposal but would like a limit placed on it.

Doug Rhodes: Agrees with the proposal but would like a limit. You need to fish at least 60-70 fath so having multiple hooks would be beneficial.

John Ryan: Enforcement views one squid jig as one hook. Five to six squid jigs are now illegal.

Craig Schwanke: Squid doesn't have a bag limit.

Dave Egelston: 15 hooks

**Vote:**

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Moved and seconded to amend this proposal with a limit of 15 hooks so it matches the number of hooks in other baitfish regs.**

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**203:**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion:

Doug Rhodes: Not in support.

John Ryan: Not in support.

**Vote:**

**Unanimous vote-no.**

**203:**

**Moved and seconded to support.**

Discussion:

Doug Rhodes: Not in support.

John Ryan: Not in support.

**Vote:**

**Unanimous vote-no.**

**205:**

**Vote to bring 205 back to discussion.**

**Motion passed unanimously to bring 205 back for discussion.**

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Motion to support to amend to prohibit the commercial crabbers from fishing inside Coffman Cove proper.**

Jim Beard: Thought we agreed to only closed it in the Coffman Cove proper.

Will Pattison: Thought we agreed to only closed it in the Coffman Cove proper.

**Vote:**

**Motion to support 205 as amended.**

**Unanimous vote-yes.**

**Next meeting: Tentatively January 26, 2022**

**Select Representative for board meeting Jan 4-15, 2022 in Ketchikan:**

**Moved and seconded to have Kurt Whitehead represent East PoW at the BoF meetings in KTN.**

**Adjourned: 6:10pm**

**Minutes recorded by: Kurt Whitehead**

**Minutes approved by: Perry Olson**

**Date: 12.20.2021**