



**Icy Straits AC
February 15, 2021
Teleconference**

I. Call to Order: 5:16PM by Casey McConnell

II. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Ken Meserve

Ian Johnson

Mark Ortega

Calvin Casipit

Faith Grant

Bill Miller

Fagan Skaflestad

Casey McConnell

Andy Savland

Bob Hughes

Jeff Skaflestad

Members Absent (Excused): Bill Mills,

Members Absent (Unexcused): Aaron St. Clair

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

a. Daniel Teske – Sport Fish and Game

b. Dave K Harris – Fish and Game

IV. Guests Present:

a. Sean Williams

V. Approval of Agenda

a. Update on Letter regarding [HR 8828 Public Safety & Wildlife Protection Act](#)

i. Calvin – add in closing. In the case that there is a similar legislation that is introduced in the 117th congress please let us know where to submit testimony

ii. Mark – this has been in congress 3 times. Has not gone for a vote. This could get attached to another bill as a rider and not be seen by ACs.



- iii. Ian – add some relevant statistics to the letter
- iv. Casey – work on the final draft in the next week or so. Next meeting approval for RAC.
- b. Develop plan for submitting AC comments on 2020-2021 Board of Fisheries cycle proposals
 - i. Next meeting? Need to determine the timelines
 - ii. After March 8th we'll know when our next comments are due
 - iii. Casey – makes a motion to postpone to next meeting, Bob Hughes – second
 - iv.
- c. Discuss BOF Proposals
 - i. Proposal 151 was identified as important
 - ii. Proposal 231 which includes length for non-residents catching lingcod
 - iii. Prop 143 and 144 are related.
 - iv. Dan Teske – Everything done so far is correct. BOF meets regionally 3 years. They meet for SE. Those proposals were due last spring. Board is postponing to next Fall or Winter. Our comments on these proposals are due next fall or winter. The only time we can submit out of cycle:
 - 1. Fishery conservation
 - 2. Correct Error in regulation
 - 3. Correct impact on fishery that were not foreseen
 - v. There will be more information on the proposals
 - vi. Casey Prop 151 – There is very little info on this for stock reassessment. These are the end of year surveys? Dan – yes these are from the fishing license purchasers and confidential information from the freshwater logbook program. There was only 1 registered guide on Salmon river – if it's less than 3 they can't provide more information for anonymity. Need funding and time to do the survey for the Salmon River Stock survey.
 - vii. Can that correspondence be shared out? Casey will forward out.
 - viii. Mark – Dan, are there any old stream surveys for rearing and spawning habitat. Dan, not aware of any. Would have to look at any data < year 2000.
 - ix. Calvin – there were survey completed mid to late 80s and there were habitat surveys as an inter-agency process.
 - x. When we add our weight to this.
 - 1. Dan – when BOF adopts a regulation it takes a bit of time for it to be codified. Department of law has to weigh in the process. If BOF is taking on a regulation that is cost prohibitive. If the regulation doesn't have direct cost to fisher person or the department.
 - xi. Dan – department has 3 programs. They recently added 1 metric.
 - 1. Mail out survey. Statewide harvest survey. This goes out to a portion of fishing license purchasers. Get an estimate of harvest and effort based on response.
 - 2. Charter logbook program for guided anglers for.



3. Creel program – people on the docks gathering effort. Gustavus and Elfin cove have creel samplers. Hoonah does not have that.
4. Shrimp permit – required for personal, sport. This was recently reestablished.
5. These programs give a pretty good estimate
6. Casey – there is still a hole for the rental vessel business. We currently do not have a way to capture that. P144 suggests there are a lot of rental businesses
7. Cal Casipit. Staff Subsistence Biologist for FS. 25 years of experience. This issue has come up from all communities . They report “staggering” amounts of sockeye and halibut. Non-residents can exceed the limit of the Neva permit. This happens in every community. Effort can focus on community-specific resources. What were the reasons that it’s been rejected? “Not enough information”. The rental boat business model has been a known issue for awhile.
8. Fagan – Agrees with Cal. You can subsistence fish in Neva – 10 per year. Sport fishers can take 6 . That system is being devastated by sport fishers. We should submit a new proposal.
9. Bob Hughes – Has 145 been repeated multiple years? Cal – 143 and 144 are new proposals. Has spent a lot of time in Neva, Surge, Tacanus, Hoktaheen. East of Excursion – has seen the abuses that were brought up by Cal. We have restrictions (drift nets, tides) it’s hard to see that there is no monitoring. How can you justify 145 without 143 and 144.
10. Casey – as an advisory committee we can weigh in whether we can support the idea and concept.
11. Cal – prepared to support the proposals at this time.
12. Bob – moves that the AC support 143.
 - a. Cal – second
 - b. Ken Meserve Y
 - c. Ian Johnson Y
 - d. Mark Ortega Y
 - e. Calvin Casipit Y
 - f. Faith Grant Y
 - g. Bill Miller Y
 - h. Fagan Skaflestad Y
 - i. Casey McConnell Y
 - j. Andy Savland Y
 - k. Bob Hughes Y
 - l. Jeff Skaflestad Y
13. Casey – Motions to approve proposal 144
 - a. Bill Miller second



- b. Ken Meserve Y
 - c. Ian Johnson Y
 - d. Mark Ortega Y
 - e. Calvin Casipit Y
 - f. Faith Grant Y
 - g. Bill Miller Y
 - h. Fagan Skaflestad Y
 - i. Casey McConnell Y
 - j. Andy Savland Y
 - k. Bob Hughes Y
 - l. Jeff Skaflestad Y
 - xii. [Proposal 143](#): Require in-season reporting of nonresident sport fish harvest
 - xiii. [Proposal 144](#): Establish a logbook program for rental vessels used in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries
 - xiv.
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- a. Bill Miller motions to approve
 - b. Ian Johnson - seconds
- VII. Reports
- a. Chair's report
 - b. ADF&G
 - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business
- X. Other business
- a. Sean – Next month in HIA we are working with UAS to offer a fisheries technology course. Doing salmon, halibut, crab. Can reach out to Sean sean.williams@hiatribe.org
 - b. Website development – does the fish and game have a standard on that? Annie can follow up about that. Would be a good community portal.
 - c. Dan Teske 907 465 8152 (w) 907 209 9901 (c)
- XI. New Business
- XII. Select representative(s) for board meeting
- XIII. Set next meeting date – not set



XIV. Other

XV. Adjourn – 6:20PM
Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Ian Johnson
Minutes Approved By: _____
Date: _____



**Icy Straits Advisory Committee
November 28, 2021
Teleconference**

Phone Number: 1-800-504-8071
Access Code: 4654046

- I. Call to Order: 6:25PM by Casey McConnell
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: 10

Members Absent (Excused):
Members Absent (Unexcused):3

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
List of User Groups Present:
ADFG, Public
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
 - a. Daniel Teske – Area Management
 - b. Dave Harris – Commercial Fish , ADF&G
 - c. Dan Churchwell – ADFG
 - d. Annie Bartholemew – ADF&G
- IV.
- V. Guests Present:
 - a.
- VI. Approval of Agenda
 - a. I don't think we got to this
- VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- VIII. Minutes from 01/11 meeting were not distributed prior to this meeting. Will get to this on next meeting.
- IX. Reports
 - a. Chair's report



- i. None provided
 - b. ADF&G
 - i. No general report provided. Provided reports for each action item.
 - c. Others
- X. Public Comment
 - a. None
- XI. Old Business
 - a. None
- XII. New Business
 - a. Board of Fisheries proposals
 - b. [172](#) - Change the pot shrimp fishery from a fall/winter season to a spring/summer season
 - c. [173](#) - Change the pot shrimp fishery from a fall/winter season to a spring/summer season
 - d. [174](#) - Change the pot shrimp season in Districts 2 and 6 from a fall/winter season to spring/summer season
 - e. [175](#) - Limit the number of shrimp pots that may be deployed on a longline to 10
 - f. [184](#) - Clarify the practice of long-lining shrimp pots in the sport fishery
 - g. [185](#) - Allow the use of artificial lights as an attractant when taking squid
 - h. [186](#) - Allow the take of squid with hook and line gear with an unlimited number of hooks
 - i. [187](#) - Allow the department to modify weekly fishing periods by emergency order during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Southeast and Yakutat Proposals			
January 4-15, 2022 Ketchikan, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/Support as amended/ Oppose/No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
<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>			
172	Change the pot shrimp fishery from a fall/winter season to a spring/summer season		
	9	1	Council supported initiatives that didn't put an undue burden on fisherman and looked at long-term stock viability
173	Change the pot shrimp fishery from a fall/winter season to a spring/summer season		
	9	1	
174	Change the pot shrimp season in Districts 2 and 6 from a fall/winter season to spring/summer season		
	--	--	Voted to modify agenda to remove this item from agenda.
175	Limit the number of shrimp pots that may be deployed on a longline to 10		
		10	
184	Clarify the practice of long-lining shrimp pots in the sport fishery		
	10		
185	Allow the use of artificial lights as an attractant when taking squid		
	Motion was for no action on this item		
	10		
186	Allow the take of squid with hook and line gear with an unlimited number of hooks		
		10	Opens too many options to abuse the rule and is not clear on hook size or other constraints.
187	Allow the department to modify weekly fishing periods by emergency order during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day		
	10		



- a. Proposals to be discussed at later meetings
- II. Set next meeting date
 - a. 12/15/201
- III. Other
- IV. Adjourn

Adjournment: 8:18PM

Minutes Recorded By: _____ Ian Johnson _____
Minutes Approved By: _____
Date: _____

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	Attendin g	Vote to modify agenda removing 174	Propos al 172	Propos al 173	Propos al 175	Motio n 184	No actio n on 185	Suppor t 186	Suppor t 187
Ken Meserve	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Casey McConne ll	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Jeff Skafelsta d	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Calvin Casipit	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Andy Savland	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Fagan Skafelsta d	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Mark Ortega	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Faith Grant	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bob Hughes	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aaron St. Clair	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bill Miller	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Ian Johnson	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Bill Mills	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Number Yes	10	9	9	9		10	10		10
Number No	3	1	1	1	10			10	



**Icy Straits Advisory Committee
December 8, 2021
Teleconference**

Phone Number: 1-800-504-8071

Access Code: 4654046

I. Call to Order: 6:25PM by Casey McConnell

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Cal Casipit

Mark Ortega

Bill Mills

Andy Savland

Jeff Skaflestad

Bill Miller

Fagan Skafelstad

Casey McConnell

Ian Johnson

Faith Grant

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Bob Hughes

Aaron St. Clair

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present:

ADFG, Public

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

a. Dave Harris

b. Dan Teske – Fish and Game Sport

IV. Guests Present:

a. Sean Williams



- V. Larry Landers
 - a.
- VI. Approval of Agenda
 - a. I don't think we got to this
- VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. Meeting minutes from previous meeting to be presented at 12/16 meeting
- VIII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report
 - i. None provided
 - b. ADF&G
 - i. No general report provided. Provided reports for each action item.
 - c. Others
- IX. Public Comment
 - a. None
- X. Old Business
 - a. None
- XI. New Business
 - a. Board of Fisheries proposals

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Southeast and Yakutat Proposals			
January 4-15, 2022 Ketchikan, AK			
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128	Allow use of set gillnets in all Southeast Alaska area subsistence salmon fisheries		
	2	8	Members felt there were too many loopholes in the net tending language to support this proposal.
138	Create salmon personal use fisheries in marine waters of the Juneau Management Area		
		11	Proposing a fishery just because it can exist is not good enough to have it exist. Conservation concern and by catch concerns with the proposal.
145	Establish nonresident bag, possession, and annual limits for coho and sockeye salmon in the fresh and salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area		
	11		SERAC has been working on this for years. Over 10 years from folks from villages saying that this catch is getting out of hand. It doesn't seem fair when compared to subsistence limits for village.
155	Prohibit the removal of salmon from the water when nonretention regulations apply and prohibit the use of a multiple hook in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries		
		11	<p>Lots of discussion about the fact that this proposal has two distinct parts that are not related. Took the action of sectioning them into two votes. "Section 1" was a motion to support the clause ". It is prohibited to remove from either freshwater or saltwater a salmon for unhooking, if it is unlawful to retain such a salmon by a sport fisher."</p> <p>This was opposed. Too hard to regulate and not practical in almost any circumstance. Fish often need to be removed from water for measuring, too many loopholes to avoid it, and boat height makes it impossible not to remove fish from water.</p>
155	Prohibit the removal of salmon from the water when nonretention regulations apply and prohibit the use of a multiple hook in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries		



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	6	5	<p>As noted above, this proposal was put to two votes. This Section two motion was to support the clause “. It is prohibited to remove from either freshwater or saltwater a salmon for unhooking, if it is unlawful to retain such a salmon by a sport fisher.”</p> <p>The council supported this vote because they believe treble hooks result in a higher mortality rate in sub-legal king salmon. They want to put measures in place that increase the likelihood of a live-release.</p>

b. Proposals to be discussed at later meetings

- XII. Set next meeting date
 - a. 12/15/201

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn

Adjournment: 7:57 PM

Minutes Recorded By: _____ Ian Johnson _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

	Attending	Support 128	Support 138	Support 145	Support 155.1 (the first section of the proposal)	Support 155.2 (second section of proposal)
Ken Meserve	N/Y (late to call)	-	N	Y	N	N



Casey McConnell	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y
Jeff Skafelstad	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y
Calvin Casipit	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
Andy Savland	Y	N	N	Y	N	N
Fagan Skafelstad	Y	N	N	Y	N	N
Mark Ortega	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y
Faith Grant	Y	N	N	Y	N	N
Bob Hughes	N	-	-	-	-	•
Aaron St. Clair	N	-	-	-	-	•
Bill Miller	Y	N	N	Y	N	N
Ian Johnson	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
Bill Mills	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y
NUMBER Y	11	2		11		6
NUMBER N	3	8	11		11	5



**Icy Straits Advisory Committee
December 15, 2021
Teleconference & Hoonah City Hall**

Phone Number: 1-800-504-8071
Access Code: 4654046

- I. Call to Order: Just after 6pm by Casey McConnell
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Calvin Casapait, Mark Ortega, Andy Savland, Faith Grant, Bill Miller, Ken Meserve, Fagen Skaflestad, Bill Mills, Jeff Skaflestad, Casey McConnell

Members Absent (Excused): Ian Johnson
Members Absent (Unexcused): Bob Hughes, Aaron St. Clair
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Dave Harris and Daniel Teske, Annie Bartholomew
- IV. Guests Present: Sean Williams, Jay Erickson, and Jennifer Nu, all on phone
- V. Approval of Agenda – Andy S. moves agenda, 2nd bill Miller
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - no prior minutes available for approval
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair’s report – no report
 - b. ADF&G – no report
 - c. Public Report - no report
 - d. Others
- VIII. Public Comment – held until specific proposals
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
 - a. Board of Fisheries proposals – Andy Savland makes motion to take no action on Proposals 156, 157, 158 on grounds that these proposals, being allocative and



modifying harvest decisions are outside the scope of Icy Straits AC, and have been thoroughly discussed by Sitka AC. Defers management decisions to ADF&G. Motion seconded by Bill Miller. Calvin comments that he agrees that all three proposals are similar and has no problems taking no action on 156 and 157 but would like to voice support for proposal 158. Ultimately, Icy Strait AC voted to take no action on 156,157,158 with 8 yes, 1 no.

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156	Modify harvest rate control rule for Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery		
No Action			
157	Modify harvest rate for Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery based on forecasted age structure		
No Action			
158	Incorporate forecasted age structure into Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery spawning biomass threshold		
No Action			
159	Repeal this regulation related to management of the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Sitka Sound		
	0	9	Several AC members commented in agreement that it is not good/wise to delete management plan that provides path for subsistence while leaving open ends without providing alternative. Most if not all AC members are strongly against this proposal.
160	Reduce closed waters in the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery		



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	0	10	Multiple AC members voice opposition to reducing access to closer and important subsistence areas. Reducing this core area would create additional tension between subsistence and personal use users and industry/ADFG. Vote number discrepancy: Jeff Skaflestad arrives mid vote on 159 but listens to discussion and votes on 160.
161	Require a subsistence fishing permit to harvest herring roe on branches in the Sitka Sound area		
	0	10	Public comment against instituting permits when current regulations don't limit roe on branch harvest and other harvest reporting already occurs. AC members agree that this proposal trying to fix something that is not a problem or an issue in our eyes; additional permit is unnecessary.

b. Select representative for Board of Fisheries Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish meeting January 4-15, 2022 in Ketchikan – no AC members volunteered and several that may have interest in attending the meeting already have obligations.

XI. Set next meeting date – Next meeting date sometime in February after conferring with ADFG about future proposal deadlines and after BOF meets and makes decisions on current proposals, especially ones commented on by our AC.

XII. Other – Thanks public input and attendance by ADFG staff to provide context and information about proposals.

XIII. Adjourn

Adjournment: 7pm

Minutes Recorded By: Casey McConnell, Chair

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____