

Petersburg Advisory Committee
December 9,10,13,14 2021
6:30-9:30pm OBI Cookhouse

I. Call to Order: 6:30pm by Chair Max Worhatch

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 9-12 at various times

Ben Case

Bob Martin

Clyde Curry

Don Spigelmyre

Eric Grundberg

Jerry Dahl

Paul Menish

Kirt Marsh

Max Worhatch

Megan O'neil

Ted Sandhofer

After election: Anthony Taiber

Members Absent (Excused):

Frank Neidiffer

David Benitz

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7 at start, 8 once Anthony Taiber voted in.

List of User Groups Present:

Sport, Personal Use, Subsistence, Commercial Troll, Gillnet, Seine, Longline, Crab, Pot Shrimp, Herring Roe on Kelp, Herring buyer/processor

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: At various times: Patrick Fowler, Joe Stratman, Tom Kowalske, Paul Salomone, and on Zoom, Katie Taylor
- IV. Guests Present: Joel Randrup
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Public Comment
none
- VII. Old Business
none
- VIII. New Business
Consideration of BoF proposals
- IX. Adjourn

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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>			
80	Amend regulation to address payback provisions when the State of Alaska king salmon fisheries exceed Alaska’s annual king salmon all-gear harvest ceiling, as follows:		
NA			
81	Allocate any Alaska all gear-allocation king salmon remaining after September 1 to the commercial troll fishery, as follows:		
NA			
82	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to align with the provisions of the 2019–2028 Pacific Salmon Treaty annex, as follows:		
Oppose	1	8	With action plans in development, this seems like a bad time
83	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for an average sport harvest of 20% of the sport/troll allocation with commensurate regulations addressing sport fishery overages in the commercial troll fishery, as follows:		
Oppose	0	8	
84	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to ensure no closure of the resident king salmon fishery due to allocation concerns, as follows:		
Support	8	1	Our committee supports longer periods of resident fishing opportunity rather than compressing the season into a short competition with non-resident anglers for fish.
85	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing closed periods and reducing bag limits for nonresidents, as follows:		
NA			
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NA			
87			Make numerous changes to management of commercial troll and sport fisheries for king salmon in Southeast Alaska, as follows:
NA			
88			Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a sliding sport allocation between 16 and 24 percent with commensurate commercial troll fishery allocation modification under commercial regulation, as follows:
NA			
89			Allow the use of two additional fishing lines during periods of king salmon nonretention in all of the Southeast-Yakutat area if there is more than one CFEC power troll permit holder on board the vessel, as follows:.
Oppose	3	7	Majority felt the potential for unintended drawbacks was not worth the gain. Minority thought the use of a second permit for a little more gear was better than competing with another boat on the water.
90			Change trigger to from an annual abundance index (AI) number to a District 13 early-winter power troll CPUE tier, as follows:
NA			
91			Reallocate the annual troll harvest allocation between the winter, spring and summer troll fisheries, as follows:
Support	11	0	
92			Allow retention of king salmon greater than 26 inches in hatchery terminal harvest areas by commercial trollers, as follows:
Support	6	5	Most could sympathize with the proposer’s reasoning. Ultimately, a sizable minority thought it was not worth the increased risk of recording a Unuk River King on the books.
93			Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan by reducing the maximum nonresident annual limit to three king salmon, as follows:
NA			

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94	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to manage for a resident priority by implementing specific closed periods and reducing annual limits for nonresidents, as follows:		
NA			
95	Amend the Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan to provide for inseason liberalization of management measures when the sport fish allocation will not be met, as follows:		
NA			
96	Expand waters of Herring Bay Terminal Harvest Area open to commercial troll fishing, as follows:		
NA			
97	Establish waters closed to commercial purse seine and drift gillnet gear but open to commercial troll gear in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area when spring troll areas in District 6 and 8 are closed, as follows:		
Oppose	0	7	This would be a significant loss of net opportunity in a tight THA in exchange for very little catch to the troll fleet.
98	Change the ratio of drift gillnet to purse seine openings from 2:1 to 1:2 in the Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area, as follows:		
NA			
99	Establish a gear rotation between purse seine and troll gear in the Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest area, as follows:		
NA			
100	Remove drift gillnet gear from allowed gear to participate in the Southeast Cove THA common property fisheries, as follows:		
Oppose	0	6	No need to permanently exclude gillnet. Hatchery association and ADFG can already do this as needed. 1 abstention did not want to get into allocation squabbles.
101	Modify management plan to further consider potential effect of hatchery-produced salmon on wild-stock salmon, as follows:		

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Oppose	0	10	The state permitting process is extensive and addresses the biological issues
102	Change the ratio of drift gillnet to purse seine openings from 2:1 to 1:2 in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area, as follows:		
Oppose	1	4	4 abstentions not wanting to weigh in on gillnet/seine allocation.
103	Modify net gear allocation guidelines to further consider potential effect of hatchery-produced salmon on wild-stock salmon and wild-stock salmon management, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	The state permitting process is extensive and addresses the biological issues
104	Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Burnett Inlet, as follows:		
Support	10	0	
105	Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Port Saint Nicholas, as follows:		
Support	10	0	
106	Modify boundaries of the Port Saint Nicholas Special Harvest Area and allow use of drift gillnet gear for cost recovery operations, as follows:		
Support	10	0	
107	Create a management plan for hatchery returns to Port Asumcion, as follows:		
Support	10	0	
108	Create a special harvest area for Port Asumcion, as follows:		
Support	10	0	
109	Establish a hatchery special harvest area in Carroll Inlet, as follows:		
Support	10	0	
110	Require reporting and recovery of lost drift gillnet gear, as follows:		

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Oppose	5	5	Lively discussion about a rare issue. Lack of markings did not seem to be a driver in the specific instance which motivated this proposal. Concerns about unintended enforcement consequences emerged, such as “what would constitute a ‘portion’ if someone tore up on a rock or a nasty log” Maintaining markings could be a burden and complicate existing practices of loaning and selling gear another person.
111	Change the maximum drift gillnet mesh size during periods established by emergency order from 6 inches to 6 and one-eighth inches, as follows:		
Support	10	0	There is a potential problem at the exact 6 inch dimension that calls for common sense. The spirit of a minimum or maximum mesh size restrictions can be met with a little grace on either side of 6”. Otherwise, fishermen may need a dedicated net for minimum and for maximum size rules. So far, enforcement has been reasonable.
112	Provide the department authority to allow drift gillnets of up to 90 meshes in depth to be used in the District 11 drift gillnet fishery beginning in SW 34, as follows:		
Support	9	1	Was seen as a tool for the Department to manage the fishery. It might work, but if not they do not have to use it.
113	Change the maximum mesh size during periods established by emergency order from 6 inches to a range of five and one-quarter to 6 inches and define dates in Districts 6, 8 and 11 when the mesh size will be implemented, as follows:		
Oppose	1	9	The Department is adequately dealing with mesh size in this fishery.
114	Allow the use of fishing rods in conjunction with downriggers by hand trollers, as follows:		
NA			
115	Modify the start date of the winter troll fishery, as follows:		
NA			

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116	Require retention of king salmon caught during periods of nonretention to be retained if they are deemed too injured to be released and set price at one dollar for selling retained fish, as follows:		
Oppose	1	8	The waste issue is troubling but overridden by the even more important issue of keeping bycatch at a minimum.
117	Allow trollers the use of two additional fishing lines in designated chum troll fishing areas in August and September, as follows:		
Support	8	1	
118	Modify the boundaries of Districts 6 and 8 in Sumner Strait, as follows:		
Support	8	0	It was seen as little more than a housekeeping proposal and would not degrade the ability to manage the fishery. Historical fish ticket data assigning a portion of the catch to district 6 or 8 in this heavily fished but very small area on the district 6/8 border was viewed with skepticism. As there has been nothing at stake, reporting practices during a busy fish delivery were viewed as rather lax, subjective, and arbitrary by the gillnetters with extensive experience in the area. The data “lost” by this small change is probably very sloppy anyway.
119	Create a new section in District 6 and reimplement the Section 6-D Pink Salmon Management Plan, as follows:		
Support	6	2	The confusion is real, and should be alleviated. Even experienced gillnetters are often unsure what is open in the area. Some members perceived allocation issues and voted against or abstained because of this.
120	Remove Section 6-D closure to fishing with drift gillnet gear during the month of August, as follows:		

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Oppose	2	7	We were confused. Does this create additional gillnet area? If so, we were unwilling to contribute to another seine-gillnet conflict.
121	Establish waters closed to commercial drift gillnet fishing in and around Coffman Cove, as follows:		
Oppose	0	9	Inexperienced boaters need to learn how to navigate among gillnets and many other boating hazards on the water. Pushing the nets farther out does not really solve the problem. Maybe encountering a net close to town is the safest learning experience. We support education and signage to warn boaters.
122	Northern Southeast seine salmon fishery management plans -- Remove sunset date so regulation remains in effect, as follows:		
Oppose	3	4	Also 2 abstentions on this allocative proposal
123	Remove the sunset date so regulation remains in effect and change effective end date of the plan from July 22 to July 15, as follows:		
Oppose	3	4	2 abstentions not wanting to weigh in on allocation
124	Establish additional guidelines for the department to manage the District 12 purse seine fishery north of Point Marsden, as follows:		
Support	5	2	2 abstentions not wanting to weigh in on allocation. Those willing to vote felt this was the least controversial and would restore what was in effect before the sunset changes.
276	Allow for the retention of salmon during periods of commercial nonretention when the sport fishery in the area is open for that species, as follows:		
NA			
125	Clarify language for subsistence take of coho and king salmon, as follows:		

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126	Repeal net tending requirement in Yakutat Bay, as follows:		
Oppose	0	8	We feel that attending a net is a reasonable requirement. Unattended nets are more likely to cause problems that make nets look bad.
127	Repeal net tending requirement in Yakutat Bay, as follows:		
NA			Dealt with by opposinig 126
128	Allow use of set gillnets in all Southeast Alaska area subsistence salmon fisheries, as follows:		
Support	8	0	A drifting net will probably hang up on bottom eventually, so it might as well be anchored initially to keep things orderly for the benefit of subsistence uses sharing a small or difficult area.
129	Modify closed waters and remove coho salmon annual limit for the Klawock River, as follows:		
NA			
130	Modify fishing times and locations for subsistence salmon fishery in the Klawock River and Lake, as follows:		
NA			
131	Modify fishing area and add hand purse seine as legal gear for the Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence salmon fishery, as follows:		
Oppose	3	5	

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132	Prohibit the use of spears in Redoubt Bay and Lake subsistence fishery from June 21 to August 1, as follows:		
Oppose	0	8	We were not convinced that there was really a problem, or if there was, that both methods could not co-exist somehow.
133	Allow the use of seine and gillnet gear in the waters of Redoubt Bay that are open to commercial salmon fishing, as follows:		
NA			
134	Prohibit obstructing more than half of the stream, creek, or river when personal use fishing, as follows:		
Support	8	0	We felt the spirit of the proposal was good, but wondered about unintended enforcement beyond fresh water. After amending to strike the word “bay” which seemed out of place and vague in the context of a “stream, creek, or river,” it was found acceptable.
135	Allow permits to be issued for the personal use taking of king and coho salmon, as follows:		
Oppose	0	8	
136	Include commercial harvested salmon to fish that may not be possessed on the same day sport or personal use salmon are taken, as follows:		
Oppose	0	8	We don’t think there is a problem to warrant this restriction. Someone might want to fish recreationally after ending a commercial trip and unloading their catch earlier in the day.
137	Prohibit personal use proxy permits at Sweetheart Creek, as follows:		

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138	Create salmon personal use fisheries in marine waters of the Juneau Management Area, as follows:		
Oppose	0	8	Concerns about pink bycatch. Current personal use opportunity was seen as adequate.
139	Modify where personal use fishing can occur in the Taku River to include all of Section 11-B and remove dates when the fishery can occur, as follows:		
Oppose	0	8	Concerns about pink bycatch. Current personal use opportunity was seen as adequate.
140	Add section 11-B as a personal use salmon fishing area when the area is closed to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, as follows:		
Oppose	0	8	Concerns about pink bycatch. Current personal use opportunity was seen as adequate.
141	Add section 11-B as a personal use salmon fishing area when the area is closed to the commercial drift gillnet fishery, as follows:		
Oppose	0	8	Concerns about pink bycatch. Current personal use opportunity was seen as adequate.
142	Establish bag and possession limits and lawful gear for smelt fishing in the Ketchikan area, as follows:		
NA			
143	Require inseason reporting of nonresident sport fish harvest, as follows:		
Support	8	0	More timely data is needed to manage the fishery.
144	Establish a logbook program for rental vessels used in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows:		
Support	8	0	We would like to know what is going on in this growing sector of sport fishing.

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145	Establish nonresident bag, possession, and annual limits for coho and sockeye salmon in the fresh and salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows:		
Support	7	0	We did not think this would be an undue burden on non-resident sport fishermen. It is still a lot of fish.
146	Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for coho, sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows:		
Support	5	3	
147	Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for coho salmon in the fresh waters east of the longitude of Cape Fairweather, as follows:		
Support	4	3	
148	Establish nonresident bag and possession limits for sockeye, chum, and pink salmon in fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area, as follows:		
Support	4	3	
149	Reduce saltwater coho salmon bag and possession limit in Puget Cove to two fish, as follows:		
Support	8	0	
150	Repeal rainbow trout size limits in Crystal, Glacier, and Moraine lakes, as follows:		
Support	8	0	
151	Prohibit guided sport fishing on the Salmon River near Gustavus, as follows:		
NA			

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152	Close sport fishing in a section of 108 Creek, as follows:		
NA			
153	Close sport fishing in a section of Log Jam Creek, as follows:		
NA			
154	Allow the use of bow and arrow in Southeast Alaska sport fisheries, as follows:		
Oppose	4	4	Considerable interest in this as a fun and selective way to harvest fish for food, but lost out due to several fish size and species regulation concerns centered around the inability to release a fish and expect it to live.
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, as follows:		
NA			
277	Align bag limits for non-resident unguided halibut harvest from rental vessels in Southeast Alaska with NOAA bag limits for guided anglers in Halibut Management Area 2C, as follows:		
156	Modify harvest rate control rule for Sitka Sound sac roe herring fishery, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	
157	Modify harvest rate for Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery based on forecasted age structure, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	

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158	Incorporate forecasted age structure into Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery spawning biomass threshold, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	
159	Repeal this regulation related to management of the commercial sac roe herring fishery in Sitka Sound, as follows:		
Support	9	0	We felt that repealing these regulations was warranted because they were being used to attempt to shut down the commercial herring fishery and that was not their purpose.
160	Reduce closed waters in the Sitka Sound commercial sac roe herring fishery, as follows:		
Support	10	0	The closures do not seem to be helping anyone.
161	Require a subsistence fishing permit to harvest herring roe on branches in the Sitka Sound area, as follows:		
Support	10	0	A free registration to monitor harvest participation is reasonable, especially when there is so much controversy about this particular subsistence fishery.
162	Increase the possession limit for subsistence spawn-on-kelp harvest, as follows:		
NA			
163	Establish equal share quotas for the Sitka sac roe purse seine fishery, as follows:		
NA			
164	Establish equal share quotas for the Sitka Sound sac roe herring purse seine fishery, as follows:		
NA			

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165	Allow unharvested Sitka sac roe quota to be harvested for food and bait by herring sac roe purse seine permit holders, as follows:		
NA			
166	Create an open pound herring spawn on kelp fishery in Sitka Sound, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	It would change the rules in a game already in play, and could have a huge effect on the roe-on-kelp market.
167	Redefine the boundaries of the Hoonah Sound spawn-on-kelp fishery (13-C) and the Sitka sac roe fishery (13-A/B), as follows:		
Oppose	0	9	
168	Repeal commercial set gillnet sac roe herring fisheries in Section 1-F, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	The Department already has the ability to keep this fishery closed. If there is a sound biological justification to open it, then it should be able to do so in the future.
169	Repeal commercial set gillnet sac roe herring fisheries in Sections 1-E and 1-F, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	The Department already has the ability to keep this fishery closed. If there is a sound biological justification to open it, then it should be able to do so in the future.
233	Remove districts 13-A and 13-B from Northern Southeast herring spawn on kelp pound fishery administrative area, as follows:		
Oppose	0	6	4 abstained to avoid allocation preference. Majority felt the status quo was fine.
170	Establish a positive customary and traditional use finding for shellfish and plants for all intertidal areas of Southeast Alaska and Yakutat, as follows:		

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Oppose	4	4	Not as much interest in this as the split vote implies. The customary usage was not disputed, but some opposition felt that making this an official finding could blow up into something larger that could negatively affect non-indigenous users. There seems to be plenty of beach food for everyone.
171	Change the start of the pot shrimp season from October to after March, as follows:		
NA			
172	Change the pot shrimp fishery from a fall/winter season to a spring/summer season, as follows:		
Support	10	0	Seems to make sense biologically
173			
NA			
174	Change the pot shrimp season in Districts 2 and 6 from a fall/winter season to spring/summer season, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	A season change should affect all areas at once in order to keep effort spread out.
175	Limit the number of shrimp pots that may be deployed on a longline to 10, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	The constant tweaking of gear regulations burdens the fleet.
176	Reduce the number of shrimp pots that a vessel may fish, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	The constant tweaking of gear regulations burdens the fleet.

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177	Establish closed waters in the Hydaburg area of Section 3-A, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	We oppose closing areas without a biological concern.
178	Expand waters closed to commercial pot shrimp fishery in Kasaan Bay, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	We oppose closing areas without a biological concern.
179	Expand waters closed to commercial pot shrimp fishery in Twelve-Mile Arm, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	We oppose closing areas without a biological concern.
180	Repeal observer coverage requirement, as follows:		
NA			
181	Open a directed sidestripe beam trawl fishery in District 8 for remainder of November-February season once the directed shrimp beam trawl fishery has closed, as follows:		
NA			
182	Divide the District 15 GHR into two fishing areas with distinct GHRs for the new areas, as follows:		
NA			
183	Establish tunnel eye size requirements for ridged mesh shrimp pots in the personal use and sport fisheries, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	
184	Clarify the practice of long-lining shrimp pots in the sport fishery, as follows:		

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Support	10	0	
185	Allow the use of artificial lights as an attractant when taking squid., as follows:		
NA			
186	Allow the take of squid with hook and line gear with an unlimited number of hooks, as follows:		
NA			
187	Allow the department to modify weekly fishing periods by emergency order during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day, as follows:		
Support	10	0	We saw no downside to giving this management flexibility to the Department.
188	Change the start of the sea cucumber fishery from October 1 to the first Monday or Tuesday of October, as follows:		
Support	10	0	
189	Allow the department to increase the number of divers allowed to fish from a vessel from two to four by emergency order, as follows:		
Oppose	1	7	Would result in advantages to larger vessels that could change the character of the fishery.
190	Amend the Red King Crab Management Plan to include trip limits and equal share quotas when harvestable surplus is below threshold, as follows:		
Support	7	2	Most were open to creative solutions to make this fishery workable during lower but sufficient abundance. Minority was not confident that fishing on weak stocks was justified.
191	Amend the Southeast Alaska Red King Crab Management Plan to base harvestable surplus on historical fishery performance information when surveys are not available, as follows:		

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Support	8	1	Seems better than not having a fishery due to budget cuts.
192	Establish minimum guideline harvest level and guidance on inseason adjustment of guideline harvest levels in the Southeast Alaska golden king crab fishery, as follows:		
Support	9	1	More flexibility should lead to a better fishery.
193	Extend northern boundary of the Southern management area, as follows:		
Support	10	1	
194	Remove Glacier Bay from the list of blue king crab fishing areas within Registration Area A, as follows:		
NA			
195	Extend Tanner crab fishing season in exploratory areas, as follows:		
Support	10	0	We see potential benefit to the fleet and in data gathered by allowing more time to explore these areas. Waiting for good weather and tide conditions would be more more possible.
196	Reduce the commercial golden king crab pot limit in waters of Registration Area A from 100 pots per vessel to 80 pots per vessel, as follows:		
Oppose	1	8	The status quo seems to be fine.
197	Modify Tanner crab harvest strategy definition of core, non-core, and exploratory areas, as follows:		
Oppose	0	9	Little harm is likely come from a poking around in the lightly fished areas.
198	Establish fixed start date for the Registration Area A commercial Tanner crab fishery, as follows:		

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Oppose	2	7	The proposal seemed quite specific to individual circumstances and not compatible with 195 & 197
199	Allow operation of personal use, subsistence, or sport Dungeness crab and shrimp pot gear during the commercial king or Tanner crab fishery, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	There does not seem to be a problem requiring this change which would allow a loophole in prospecting for commercial crab with non-commercial gear. It could give more advantage to users on commercial pot boats who are fishing in the winter to harvest personal use resources that are not readily accessible by most local residents during those times due to bad weather and short days.
200	Close the Dungeness crab commercial and nonresident sport fisheries in the vicinity of Klawock, as follows:		
Oppose	0	9	The real problem is sea otters, and this just pits users against each other.
201	Expand closed water boundary lines for the Dungeness crab commercial fishery in the Sitka Sound Special Use Area during the summer season, as follows:		
Oppose	0	9	
202	Reduce waters closed to Dungeness crab commercial fishing in Tenakee Inlet, as follows:		
Support	9	0	We generally oppose closing commercial areas unless there is a biological need. Everyone wants their own exclusive area. Some small communities have been successful in getting one. If this type of thing were scaled up to all of Southeast, there would be few areas left for commercial fishing. This proposal seeks to reduce one of these ill-advised closures.
203	Repeal closed waters for Dungeness crab commercial fishing in Merrifield Bay and Port Protection, as follows:		

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Support	9	0	We generally oppose closing commercial areas unless there is a biological need. Everyone wants their own exclusive area. Some small communities have been successful in getting one. If this type of thing were scaled up to all of Southeast, there would be few areas left for commercial fishing.
204	Close the Dungeness crab sport fishery in the vicinity of Coffman Cove, as follows:		
Oppose	0	9	We oppose allocative area closures not based on biological concerns.
205	Close waters in Coffman Cove to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab, as follows:		
Oppose	0	9	We oppose allocative area closures not based on biological concerns.
206	Close the Dungeness crab sport fishery in the vicinity of Whale Pass, as follows:		
Oppose	0	9	We oppose allocative area closures not based on biological concerns.
207	Close waters in Whale Pass to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab, as follows:		
Oppose	0	9	We oppose allocative area closures not based on biological concerns.
208	Close waters in Kasaan Bay to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab, as follows:		
Oppose	0	9	We oppose allocative area closures not based on biological concerns.
209	Reduce the number of crab pots allowed and the Dungeness crab bag limit for nonresident anglers in District 3, as follows:		
NA			

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210	Establish waters closed to commercial fishing for Dungeness crab in Sukwaan Strait, as follows:		
Oppose	0	9	We oppose allocative area closures not based on biological concerns.
211	Repeal and amend Dungeness crab fishing season in Sitka Sound Special Use Area, as follows:		
Support	9	0	
212	Extend pot storage allowance after fishery closure, as follows:		
Support	10	0	The consistency argument is reasonable.
213	Extend pot storage allowance after fishery closure, as follows:		
NA			
214	Clarify that Dungeness crab pots are circular in shape, as follows:		
Oppose	0	10	We feel that crab pot volume is what should be regulated, not shape. Shape can change from round with with normal use and damage. Some people have invested in square pots. In this case a diagonal instead of diameter measurement or a length times width maximum would preserve the spirit of the regulation without making someone's investment in gear illegal for an arbitrary reason.
215	Align state waters sablefish fishing season with federal sablefish fishing season, as follows:		
NA			

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216	Extend sablefish fishing season to December 15, as follows:		
NA			
217	Adjust lingcod bycatch allocations between groundfish and salmon fisheries, as follows:		
NA			
218	Establish registration requirements for the Pacific cod directed fishery, as follows:		
NA			
219	Clarify lawful gear for rockfish retention, as follows:		
NA			
220	Allow pot gear in the Northern Southeast Inside Subdistrict sablefish commercial fishery, as follows:		
NA			
221	Reduce the minimum inside diameter of circular escape rings from four inches to three and three fourths of an inch on pots used to take sablefish, as follows:		
Oppose	3	3	
222	Require CFEC permit holders fishing for groundfish or halibut using hook-and-line, pot, or jig gear in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area to retain and land all rockfish, including thornyhead rockfish, as follows:		
NA			
223	Establish and clarify gear specifications of a groundfish pot for the subsistence and personal use sablefish fisheries, as follows:		

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Support	8	0	
224	Allow rod and reel as lawful gear to harvest rockfish for personal use, as follows:		
Oppose	1	7	
225	Modify sablefish bag, possession, and nonresident annual limits based on sablefish abundance in NSEI and SSEI sections, as follows:		
Oppose	0	8	
226	Establish bag and possession limit for slope rockfish, as follows:		
NA			
227	Reduce the nonpelagic rockfish bag and possession limits and prohibit retention of yellow rockfish, as follows:		
Oppose	0	8	Stock concerns
228	Reduce the nonpelagic rockfish bag and possession limits and prohibit the retention of yelloweye rockfish by nonresidents in the SSEI Section, as follows:		
Oppose	0	8	Stock concerns
229	Establish lingcod bag, possession, size, and annual limits for nonresidents in the Central Southeast Outside Waters section, as follows:		
Oppose	0	7	Since the fishery is fully allocated, this would just trigger some other restriction to adjust for the increased retention, possibly reducing resident opportunity.
230	Amend the Demersal shelf rockfish delegation of authority and provisions for management to provide a resident priority, as follows:		

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Oppose	0	8	?
<u>231</u>	Amend harvest record recording requirements for lingcod, as follows:		
NA			

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Minutes Approved By: __Max Worhatch_____

Date: _____12/22/21



Petersburg AC Comments

DRAFT-Stikine River and Andrew Creek King Salmon Stock Status and Action Plan, 2021

The Petersburg AC met December 9, 2021. The proposed Stikine River and Andrew Creek Salmon Action Plan was our first agenda item after elections.

Chair Worhatch and ADF&G representative Patrick Fowler gave an overview of Action Plans, how they are triggered and the time they encompass, as well as requirements for dropping them. The complexities of the Pacific Salmon Treaty, and the fact that Stikine River King Salmon are co-managed with Canada in accordance with this treaty was also discussed. It was noted in the DRAFT plan posted on the Board of Fisheries Meeting Information website did not contain 2021 data. Worhatch was able to obtain that preliminary data, and presented it to the committee for reference shortly before the meeting.

The consensus of the committee was Option A for both commercial fisheries and sport, status quo. It was generally agreed the department had the necessary tools at their disposal to reduce impact. The actions taken since 2017 to reduce harvest in the terminal area as well as non-terminal have been successful. Further actions, if necessary, would be implemented through Emergency Order. We believe a formal Action Plan would likely prove cumbersome, being another layer of management that could possibly complicate treaty obligations or vice-versa.