

Whittier AC Meeting, 1-22-22

Teleconference

Present

Kyle Campbell	Board Support
Jon Van Hying	
Brad von Wichman	
Jody Mason	
Gordon Scott	
Dave Pincush	
Jim Morris	
Darryl Melamcon	
Elisa Russ	ADFG
Jim Meyers	
Jan Rumble	ADFG
Brett Roth	
Bruce Bowman	
Brett Willbanks	
Brittany Blaine Roth	SF ADFG

Appears quorum

All current members terms have expired
8 seats 2 alternates

Elections were held

Now members are:

Jon Van Hying	
Brad von Wichman	
Jody Mason	
Gordon Scott	
Dave Pincush	
Jim Morris	
Brett Willbanks	
Brett Roth	
Darryl Melamcom (sp)	Alternate
Bruce Bowman	Alternate

Jon	Chair
Dave	Vice Chair
Jim	Secretary

Discuss BOF Proposals

234 re reporting harvest statewide
NEUTRAL

We do not have enough information.

Of concern is the Dept says that many things are data deficient, which does not help management

235 meet PFD requirements to get resident licenses
NEUTRAL

Not enough information

237 shrimp fishery, deny eligibility next year for failure to report (FTR)
SUPPORT. Unanimous

238 Covid Closure
OPPOSE Unanimous ridiculous

239 To allow Non com to have extra pots
ADFG says you already can. You will not be cited.
If you had a baited pot, it may be suspicious..
Technically you can carry what you want.
Current regulation says “no more than 5 pots per vessel can be fished”
Brett W — asks what is the intent of the regulation.
OPPOSE AS WRITTEN
SUGGEST AMENDMENT such that max pots on vessel is 5 or what is set by EO to be fished.
SUPPORT Unanimous as amended

240 Tiered allocation at any TAH
Initially Dave and Jody oppose. SAYING THE going down to 2 pots does not seem like we have a bigger allocation
Jan states it went down to 2 pots because of the success of the non-com fleet in this period of high abundance. Non comm has higher CPUE than commercial.
Gordon says the biggest thing this allows is more equitable Burden of conservation.
Jan says Dept will likely be neutral - Allocative
Brett R Having a commercial fishery in times of lower abundance would provide the Dept good data about the health of the resource.
We did not have a vote, but good discussion

241 Define Shrimp
Is a SE issue per ADFG
SUPPORT. Unanimous

242 Put a threshold on non com fishery

Dave says there is a lot of opportunity to manage the non-com with pot reduction if the population is down

Brett W says that he has never heard a biological reason for the 110,000 threshold for Commercial.

Gordon stated it was an arbitrary number put in at the 2009 meeting, and thinks its was the previous years catch.

Jan said it was passed at a BOF meeting. She says that she has heard it was from historical data.

SUPPORT 4, OPPOSE 3, UNSURE 1.

243 To open Columbia Bay, Heather Is to Commercial
aligns to stat boundaries

Jan this is allocative.

Gordon when the new fishery was created, it was covered by Glacier
was not really a part of the either area because of that

SUPPORT. 5

NEUTRAL. 1 — does not know harvest. (ADFG does not have numbers)

244 & 245 adjust harvest due to previous year catch

Dave concerned that the catch would be allotted to a different area

Jan We calculate the numbers each year, do not want to catch more than what the model says

Gordon It has worked for halibut and blackcod.

I think the numbers would average out.

to answer Dave's question, the TAH is created sound wide, not by the 3 different areas or for the non-commercial areas. It would all average out.

Jon says that some people may just not fish Area 3 one year, so they could catch it next year in a good fishing area.

Dave says that it is nitpicking management, the fishery is being measured and adjusted annually. What if you have a bad year and the biomass crashed. Then you get to catch twice as much next year.

Brett W. This is a 6 or 7 year species. Not like salmon where they swim by, spawn and die....
37% overage one year. Bad. What other measures does the Dept have to manage to a GHL.

Gordon. Last cycle, there were proposals to give them management tools. The dept defended that things are under control. Caught large %'s over GHL 2 of 3 years since, average 22% over.

The dept is not effectively managing to the GHL. These proposals will fix this problem.

Brett W. The first 3 years, the wrong conversion factor in retrospect shows Serious over GHL non com. But that was not known so much then.

So if you say that the first 3 years everything went according to Hoyle, then the management to GHL since has been going seriously downhill. Topped by 3 of the last 5 years, considerably over: 45.6%, 27.8%, 37.6%. Thats not the way to manage the fishery. Thats not Proper.

(Brad checking out of recording)

SUPPORT 4

OPPOSE 1

NEUTRAL 1

- 246 Eliminate Comm threshold
Gordon It's a Burden of conservation issue
SUPPORT 4
OPPOSE 3
NEUTRAL 1
2 Supporters state that if we SUPPORT this, then they want to be neutral on Prop 240
- 247 Minimum of 50 pots, manage for 2 week season
Dave P It would be unmanageable mayhem
all agree
OPPOSE. Unanimous
- 248 Earlier start date for Trawl
Jon very opposed to this
egg bearing season, softness of the shell. Dept was along and agreed
OPPOSE. Unanimous
- 249 Boundary alignment in Port Nellie Juan
Makes lots of sense
SUPPORT Unanimous
- 250 Earlier spot shrimp start
OPPOSE Unanimous
- 251 Floating processor Regs
Jan Hard to account for these shrimp.. Problematic for GHJ targeting.
To get timely data. We have had good relations with the folks doing this. We would just like to have it in regulation.
SUPPORT Unanimous
- 252 to allow tenders to operate gear
OPPOSE unanimous
- 253 increase pink shrimp harvest
SUPPORT 4 basically if it supports possibly marketing
NEUTRAL 2 not enough info, confusing
Brett W. . It is unclear. What is documented as to landed pounds or caught pounds.
Elise. Wrong. No you are right the way it is written. The dept may have comments about that.
Thanks for your observations.
- (Jan departing meeting)
- 254 Allow beam trawl for shrimp
Jon History. Dept in the past concerned beam trawl catches crab.
In my opinion beam trawl will be just as bad or worse
This proposal implies that a otter fishes dirtier than a beam trawl. And that's baloney - for anyone who knows how to adjust it.
OPPOSE. Unanimous

Jody interested. In 274 for SCALLOPS
Have to say yes to anything that increases training
GS Support but not sure why the dept does not provide this training
Elisa They use Crab observers. It is complex, but the bycatch species re the same.
Generally SUPPORT no actual vote

Brett W 261 in Dungeness fishery POP UP gear for Alaska
Elisa says it is for SW for Dungeness
Brett W It is expensive gear, has a 20% failure rate
OPPOSE Unanimous